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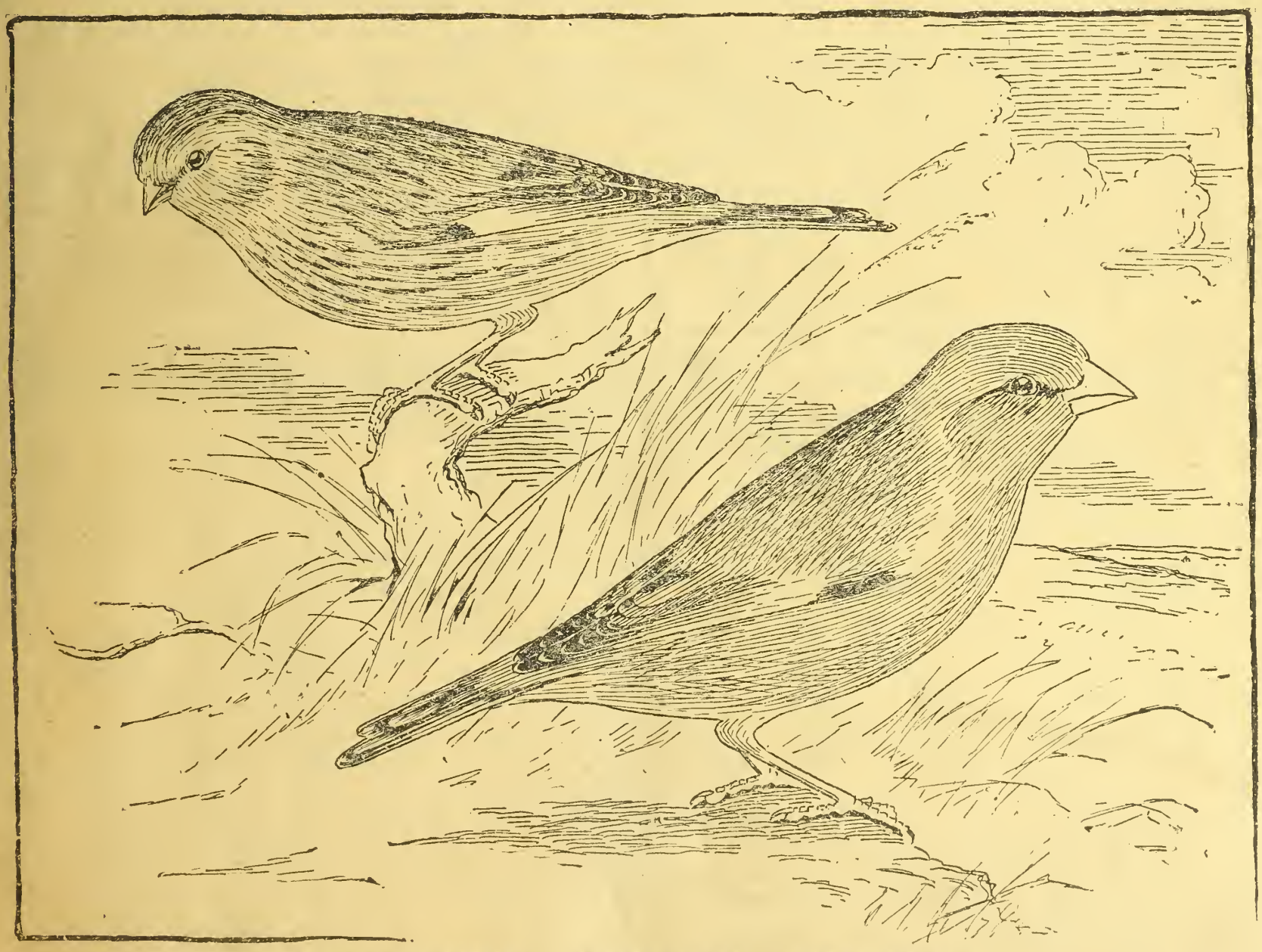
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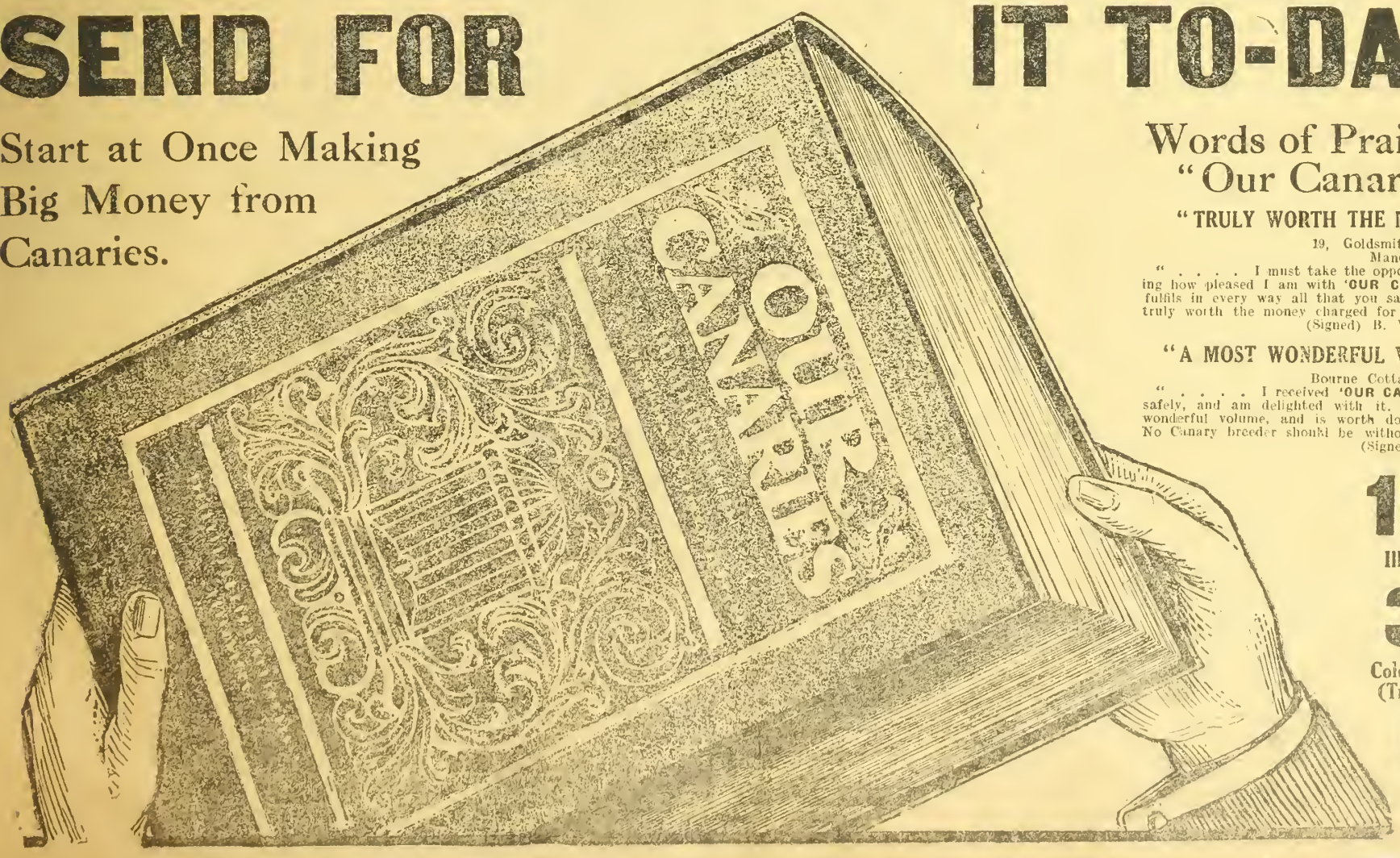
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ADVERTISEMENTS

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet Contest Club Sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair July 8, 31 entered four minutes' time singing: 1, Blackshear; 2, Beard; 3, Plows. Open sing, July 9, three minutes' time singing: 1, W. Nelson; 2, 3, Plows.—J. Beard, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

July 9, Linnet contest, members' sing, Dove Inn, Doncaster Road, Shepherd timer, Brushy chalker; for 4 minutes' time: 1, Norman, 2min. 51 sec.; 2, Wright, 2-47; 3, Dooley, 2-31.

July 22.—Open Linnet Contest, Melbourne Hotel, Sheffield Road. Landlord will give 10s. towards 6d. entrance. First bird in window at 3.30. Mr. J. Norburn will give 2s. 6d. nearest 1min. 30sec.—J. Hardman, Hon. Sec. (Advt.)

LEEDS.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, July 9. 23 birds sang: 1, Marshall; 2, Atkinson; 3, Watson; 4, Shaw. Judges, J. Smith, W. Lacy; timekeeper, J. Bamfield.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane. Linnet singing contest, July 8, and some very good singing was heard. 1, 2, shared Marshall and Chippingdale; 3, Kipling; 4, Playforth. Judges, Butterfield and Ryan. July 9, 19 sang. 1, 3, Wigfield; 2, Binner. Judges, S. Butterfield and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, Open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 8, 14 birds sang: 1, 4, Ward; 2, Sisson; 3, Mrs. Tennant; judges, Parker and Sisson. July 9, 19 sang: 1, Mrs. Tennant; 2, J. Ward; 3, Silssons; 4, B. Smith; judges: Hardcastle, Butler, Hayes.—W. Naylor, Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, 18 birds entered in an open contest July 9: 1, Turner; 2, Chipindale; 3, Walker; judges: B. Dearlove, B. Ridgard; time-keeper: H. Reeder.—J. Wright, Sec.

Club Reports.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

At next meeting, Deansgate Hotel, July 17, we are having a Nest Feather Table Show and Judging Competition. Two classes for Yorks; yellow and buff. Mr. T. Atkinson, one of our old members, will judge Yorks., and offers 2s. 6d. for most entries, not less than three, in Yorkshire section. Mr. F. Wilkinson will judge Norwich classes, yellow and buff; and Mr. A. G. Smith British, A.V. A hearty invitation is given to anyone who would like to be with us at 8.30.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

On July 6 at the Trafalgar Inn, King's Cross, Mr. M. J. Chittenden, Manningham, gave a lecture on Yorkshire Canaries. There was a splendid attendanee of members and friends to hear a very interesting and instructive lecture. He dealt with all points from buying stock, keeping and feeding through the winter, pairing up, sitting, hatching, rearing, showing, moulting, and ailmente, and how to treat. All which were given from his own experience. Many questions were put and all were quickly and satisfactorily answered. Best thanks were accorded to the lecturer who returned thanks to all.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting, July 8, to elect a judge for N.F. show, July 29. Sec. shifted our show date from July 15 to 29 to suit South Moor, and all were in favour of alteration. For our annual schedule we are running a yellow hen and buff, if there are five in each section; if not they run together; also young Mule or Hybrid, Redpoll, £1 selling pair, and 10s. single, without cage, and a cinnamon or green foul hen. Last year we had 46 classes, and we are now putting on 11 more. There is a novice class in each section, and a novice pool. All the sections go together. One of our members has gone to the front as chaplain, and his birds will be shown in his name at Pelton. We have three members now at the front. Our N.F. in the last issue of "Cage Birds" was timed at 2 o'clock instead of 12. Anyone wishing to become a member can have a schedule by applying to Sec. Subs. 5/- year.—J. Stanger, Sec. 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, S.O., Co. Durham.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A

General meeting July 4, St. Thomas's School, Ardwick. Rev. J. W. Wragg presided over a good muster. After the usual business, which included the nomination of two more new members. A paper was read on the "Norwich Canary," by Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport). Commencing with the novice starting in the Fancy, the kind of birds to purchase, cages, etc., the general management through the winter months, during breeding season, moulting, and colour-feeding, he dealt with the Norwich when he started in the Fancy 22 years ago and the present-day Norwich. At the conclusion of the paper many questions were asked and he answered them as only those that have had a great amount of experience in the Fancy can do. Not only the novice gained useful information, but the older fanciers were being educated in the lecture. Those who did not attend missed an opportunity of learning something that would have greatly assisted them in their hobby. A vote of thanks concluded a very interesting and instructive evening.—J. Spencer.

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SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting headquarters June 26. Mr. H. Norman chair. Owing to so few members attending very little business could be done. The Club's patronage bas so far been given to Cheltenham, Crystal Palace and Penge, Cardiff and Llanelly. It is hoped we shall bo able to fix up with one more London and one more provincial club. Further particulars and list of specials to be competed for will appear shortly. I thank those members who have subscribed to the Specials Fund, and hope to hear from more. Members please let me have their advertisements for the Manual, which must go to the printers within the next few days. I also beg to remind members that subs. are due, and that if not paid before Aug. 1 members will be debarred from competing for specials. Next meeting will be announced in CAGE BIRDS.—Geo. Burton.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, July 1, Griffin Hotel, Mr. F. Heaton presiding over a full house, every seat being occupied, which goes to prove that we have only to make our meetings interesting to get members to attend, even in the summer time. After the ordinary business had been got through the members settled down to hear the translations from prominent German breeders, kindly lent by Mr. T. W. Walton and ably read by Mr. A. E. Montague, on the training of the Roller Canary for contest singing, after which the meeting resolved itself into a debate in respect to certain things mentioned in the paper. Many questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of all present, and a vote of thanks was proposed to the two above mentioned gentlemen for services rendered. Agreed to have the August meeting on the last Saturday in July on account of the holidays.—H. Best, Sec.

Y.C.C. PATRONAGE, 1916-17.

Committee meeting, July 8, Mr. H. H. Towers, president, in chair. New members admitted, Mr. G. S. Williams, Hawarden, and Mr. J. Lunn, Bradford. Competitions for 1916-17, The Ogden Trophy, value 10 guineas; Dykes' competition, value 7 guineas, as 1st prizes. The Club will, in addition, give prizes value 30s., 20s., and 10s. and 2nd and 3rd and 4th prizes in each competition. Amateur competition value 21s. 1st, 15s. 2nd, 10s. 3rd, 6s. 4th prizes; Junior novice competition, value 21s. 1st prize, 15s. 2nd, and 10s. for 3rd. Cash prizes at each show for most points gained by 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th birds. The following shows were successful in the draw for Club's patronage:—Oct. 14, City of Bradford, judge not yet decided; Oct. 21, Bradford (West), judge Mr. F. Self; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 3 and 4, W. A. Cowgill; Ardwick and Manchester, Nov. 11, C. A. House; Huddersfield, Nov. 18, J. W. Metcalfe; Windhill, Dec. 2, E. Clegg; Bradford (East), Dec. 16, H. J. Chittenden; Halifax C.B.A., Dec. 23, A. Radley; Shipley O.S., Jan. 6, 1917; T. Bennett; and Skelmanthorp, Jan. 13, A. Hirst. The following generously contributed towards the club's prize lists: Mr. H. H. Towers (president) 21s.; Mr. W. A. Cowgill, 15s.; Messrs. Myers and Thornton, 15s.; W. B. Atkinson, 10s. 6d.; C. Morrison, 10s.; L. C. Casey, 10s.; E. Clegg, 10s.; H. J. Chittenden, 6s. Fanciers desiring to become members of the Y.C.C. should send name and address along with 2s. 6d. annual sub., to the Sec. as early as possible for inclusion in the list of members in the Club's Handbook, which will be issued shortly.—John Greaves, Sec., 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, July 1. Mr. A. Forman (Vice-chair) presided over an extra large turn-out. The principal business was fixing up the classification for Annual Show. It was decided to allow the Norwich classes to remain as before, and to add four novice classes to that section. Borders get 1 class extra and 2 novice classes, Yorks. 1 extra and 2 novice classes, British 4 extra, Mules 1 extra. All other confined classes to remain as before. This brings the confined classes up to a total of 67. Decided to allow novices to compete in champion classes with same exhibit as entered in novice sections. This is a very extensive classification for novices, but a much needed one, and it is hoped that beginners in the hobby will appreciate same. Mr. Robert Jeffrey promised to give a gold medal for the best young bird bred by a novice, and Mr. J. Urquhart a silver medal to runner up. New member admitted: Mr. George Ingles, 62, Florance-st., S.S. During the meeting our F.F. Show birds were being judged in another room by Mr. Peter Houston, and a very big task he had before him, especially in Norwich, where the classes were very large and some very fine birds were exhibited. Mr. Jas. Kerr's clear yellow cock carried off the premier honour and club special for best bird in hall. This is a very nice youngster and should take some stopping. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (10): 1, 2, spls., Jas. Kerr; 2, spl., Hardie; 3, Mason; 4, Forman; vhc, spl, Hunter; hc, Knox; c, Gilmour. Buff (15): 1, 2, 4, Cairns; 3, hc, spl., Halliday; vhc, Ross; c, Gilmour. Variegated or Green Yell. (12): 1, spl., Hardie; 2 Hamilton; 3, Stewart; 4, hc, spl., Urquhart; vhc. spl., Robertson; c, McLuskie. Buff (19): 1, Kerr; 2, spl., Stewart; 3, 4, spl., Hardie; vhc, Jeffrey: hc, spl., Gilmour; c, Fulton. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (2): 1, spl., Kerr; 2, Carter. Buff (4): 1, spl., Kerr; 2, McLuskie; 3, 4, Carter. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, spl., Morras. Yorks., Yell. (4): 1 2, spl., Steel; 3, Ross; 4, Peters. Buff (4): 1, 3, spl., Peters; 2, Steel; 4, Ross. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl., Steel; 2, Foss. A.O.V.: 1. spl., Steel. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Forman. Next meeting Aug. 30, 7.45.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

CITY OF BELFAST NORWICH, CREST, & Y.C.C

Third Annual N.F. Show, July 1, Clarence-place Hall, May-st. Entries were a long way down from last year, but what was short in quantity was fully made up in quality. Some very nice youngsters were staged, and these should give a good account of themselves after the moult. Mr. Carson judged, and seemed to give entire satisfaction. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Browne; 2, Young; 3, Kane; 4, Clawson. Buff: 1, Young; 2, Lavery; 3, Carleton; 4, Alexander. Yell. Var.: 1, Alexander; 2, Gibb; 3, Browne; 4, Lavery. Buff: 1, Stewart; 2, Lavery; 3, Browne; 4, Gibb.—Jas. Stewart, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Second F.F. show, Railway Hotel, July 8; judge, Mr. J. Horsfield (Bradford), who gave every satisfaction. Forty-seven birds were staged, and some real nice birds amongst them. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (10): 1, Gledhill; 2, Chippindale; 3, Parker; 4, Swaine. Buff (9): 1, Chippindale; 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, Swaine. Uneven Mkd. (8): 1, Parker; 2, Chippindale; 3, Hodgson, junr.; 4, Chippindale. Cinn. Mkd. (10): 1, 2, Hodgson, junr.; 3, Pownall Bros.; 4, Parker. Cl. or Tkd. Yll.: 1, 2, Booth; 3, 4, Firth. Buff: 1, Booth; 2, Firth. Uneven: 1, 4, Firth; 2, 3, Booth.—L. Hodgson, Junr., Sec.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PARK.

F.F. Show, July 1, Reed Hall. Judge, Mr. McLean, Bonhill. Nor., Yell. (7): 1, 2, 2 spls, Crawford; 3, Fyfe; 4, spl., Melville. Buff (5): 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, 4, Crawford. Buff and Ben (3): 1, 2, Taylor 3, McNeish. Yell. (3): 1, Swan; 2, Taylor; 3, Hamilton. Yell., Bar. (5): 1, 2, spl., McNeish; 3, spl., Crawford; 4, Melville. Crests (2): 1, 2, spl., Lindsay; C.B. (2): 1, 2, Lindsay. Yell., Bord., C. or T. (3): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Swan. Buff (4): 1, McNeish; 2, 3, 4, spl., Brown. Yorks., Yell., C. or T.: 1, spl., Pinnock. Buff: 1, Pinnock. Mule or Hyb.: 1, spl., Fyfe.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas. [Please see notice above.—Editor.]

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Members' Show, headquarters, July 8. Mr. J. Chambers, Leeds, judged and gave every satisfaction. Linnet (7): 1, Alexander; 2, Walton; 2, 3, 4, A. Bedford; vhc, Summers; hc, D. Bedford. Greenf. (7): 1, Walton; 2, 3, Pyrah; 4, vhc, Alexander; hc, Kendrew; c, Summers. Goldf. or Bullf. (6): 1, 3, Alexander; 2, vhc, D. Bedford; 4, Pyrah; hc, Walton. Redpoll, Etc. (9): 1, c, Alexander; 2, Summers; 3, Crossley; 4, Walton; vhc, D. Bedford; hc, Pyrah. A.O.V. (7): 1, Alexander; 2, c, Summers; 3, A. Bedford; 4, vhc, Pyrah; hc, Walton. Mules (3): 1, 3, Kendrew; 2, A. Bedford. Mr. Alexander takes honours for most points.—A. Walton, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Sixth Annual N.F. Show, July 1, King's Head Hotel, with a good entry of 63 birds, considering we have nine members serving with the colours. We have made three new members this year, and they did well at their first venture. Messrs. Boyd and Bates judged Canaries, and Mr. R. Ward the British. Nor. Yell.: 1, Arnold; 2, Bailes; 3, Briggs. Buff: 1, Kendal; 2, 3, Bailes. Yorks Yell.: 1, 2, Bates; 3, Ward. Buff: 1 Bates; 2, 3, Towere. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Marron; 3, Towers. Buff: 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Marron. Cinn: 1, Stanger. C.B.: 1, Stanger. Crest: 1, Stanger. A.O.V.: 1, Stanger. Mule: 1, Boyd. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Stanger; 2, Boyd. Greenf.: 1, Boyd; 2, 3, Wild. Linnet: 1, Boyd; 2, Bates. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Bailes. For.: 1, Bates. Redpoll, Etc.: 1, 2, Wild; 3, Bates. Nov. Can.: 1, Arnold; 2, Kendal; 3, Evans.—R. Ward, Sec.

W. BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH.

F.F. Show, June 17. Ivy House, Handsworth. Mr. Weaver, of Wolverhampton, judged and gave great satisfaction. Nor., Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, spl., Collier; 3, Viles. Buff: 1, Viles; 2, Collier; 3, Taylor. Tkd.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Collier; 4, Viles. Mkd.: 1, Viles; 2, Collier; 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, Derry. Yorks., Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, Cowley. Tkd.: 1, spl., Cowley; 2, Beck. Mkd.: 1, Beck; 2, Cowley. A.O.V. Yell.: 1, Derry. Buff: 1, Derry. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 4, Tonks; 2, Ward; 3, Derry; vhc, Barron; hc, Raby. Linnet, etc.: 1, Ward; 2, Raby; 3, Barron. A.O.V.: 1, Ward; 2, Viles; r, hc, Raby; vhc, Beck. Mule or Hyb. (Old Bird): 1, Matthews. Nov., Cl. Buff Nor.: 1, Ward. Mkd.: 1, Ward. Cl. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Saxon. Buff: 1, Saxon. Tkd. Yorks.: 1, Saxon. Mkd.: 1, Saxon. Special winners: Collier, best Nor. and best bird in show; Cowley, best Yorks.; Ward, best Brit.—P. T. Cowley.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Open Show, Red Lion Hotel, July 8, birds numbered 70, a few more than last show. British were a nice lot. Mr. E. Fox, of Longeaton, judged, and gave satisfaction. Champ. Nor. Yell. (3): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Vardy; hc, c, Smedley. Green or Var. (7): 1, Evans; 2, Vardy; 3, c, Smedley; vhc, Butler and Barlow; hc, Admitt. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Vardy. Buff: 1, Vardy. Nov. Nor. Yell. (7): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Spencer; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Cook. Nor. Buff (7): 1, hc, c, Spencer; 2, Newton; 3, Taylor; vhc, Cook. Yorks, Yell. (6): 1, Abbott; 2, vhc, hc, Cook; 3, Sawer Bros.; c, Spencer. Buff (7): 1, 2, Abbott; 3, vhc, c, Cook; hc, Sawer Bros. Light Mule and Hybrid: 1, Admitt; 2, Holt. Dark: 1, 2, Evans. Goldfinch or Bullfinch: 1, 2, Lilley Bros.; 3, Butler and Barlow. Greenf., Etc. (7): 1, 2, Lilley Bros., Bramble leading, closely followed by a nice Greenf.; 3, Sawer Bros., Greenf.; vhc, H. Mossendew; hc, c, Abbott. Linnet, Etc. (7): 1, Sawer Bros., Linnet, nice shape splendid condition; 2, vhc, Lilley Bros., nice Linnet, close up; 3, Newton. Redpoll, good colour, steady; hc, c, Mossendew.—Geo. Sawer, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

F.F. and Britisb Bird Show, July 8, Village School, Alexandria. There was a large attendance of members and friends, and included in the 100 birds staged were many very promising specimens. Spl. best Canary was won by W. Nelson; best British, T. Trotter. The judges were: Canaries, Mr. R. H. Livingston, Ruthenglen: and Mr. A. Steel, Pollokshields, the rest. The judges were awarded a hearty vote of thanks for the able manner they had performed their duties, which gave entire satisfaction. Yell. Cl. or Tkd. (6): 1, Nelson; 2, McLean; 3, McMartin; vhc, hc, McKinnon; c, McInnes. Yell., Varieg. or Green (1): 1, McMartin. Buff, Cl. or Tkd. (7): 1, spls. best Nor. and best Canary in show, Nelson and McMartin; 3, McInnes; vhc, Meikle; hc, McEwan. Buff, Varieg. or Green (1): 1, McLean. Bord., Yell., Cl. or Tkd. (9): 1, spl. best Bord, vhc, c, Dow; 2, hc, Campbell; 3, Livsey. Yell., Varieg. (4): 1, 2, Campbell; 3, vhc, Gillies. Buff, Cl. or Tkd. (8): 1, Hay; 2, 3, vhc, Campbell; hc, Gillies. Varieg. (5): 1, Livsey; 2, Dow; 3, vhc, Campbell; hc, Hay. Green or Cinn. (7): All in tickets, Gillies. Yorks., Buff (2): 1, spl., 2, McKinnon. Goldf. (5): 1, spl. best Brit., Trotter; 2, spl., McLean; 3, Campbell; vhc, McInnes; hc, Begg. Bullf. (3): 1, Trotter; 2, McKindie; 3, Campbell. Linnet (4): 1, Trotter; 2, Crowe; 3, Barclay; vhc, McKindy. Greenf. (5): 1, McNeal; 2, Trotter; 3, McLean; vhc, Campbell; hc, McInnes. Siskin (1): Trotter. Mealy Redpoll or Twite (3): 1, McLean; 2, Trotter; 3, McKindy. Lesser Redpoll (9): 1, McNab; 2, McLean; 3, McEwan; vhc, McKindy; hc, McInnes; c, McInnes. Bramble or Chaffinch (4): 1, McLean 2, 3, spl., Trotter; vhc, McKindy. Bunting (1): 1, Trotter. A.O. Finch (1): Trotter. Hen (1): 1, Campbell. Softbill (1): 1, McKindy. Foreign (2): McLean; 2, McKindy. Hyb. (1): 1, Trotter. Mules (3): 1, spl., 2, Trotter; 3, McLean. —A. H. McLean, Sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

Members' F.F. show, July 8; judge, Mr. C. Pickup. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. (12): 1, Firth; 2, c, Bartle; 3, Ackroyd; 4, vhc, Widdop; hc, Oldfield. Buff: 1, Fisher; 2, hc, Ackroyd; 3, vhc, Warburton; 4, Widdop; c, Bartle. Mkd. Yell. (2): 1, Widdop; 2, Warburton. Buff (2): 1, Warburton; 2, Widdop. Most points for cup and specials: Widdop 25, Ackroyd 23, Bartle 17, Warburton 11, Firth 7, Fisher 7, Oldfield 2.—A. Firth, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

Meeting and Table Show, July 5, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle. Mr. F. Smith presided. As there were only three entries in the Novice Section it was decided to include these with the champions. Cl. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Greenwell; 3, Snaith. Buff: 1, Farrer; 2, 4, Smith; 3, 6, Snaith; 5, Render. Green or Cinn.: 1, 3, 4, 6, Render; 2, Greenwell; 5, Farrer.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec. [Please see notice above.—Editor.]

KENDAL C.B.S.

Young bird show, July 6. The entry totalled 68. Border Fancies were the feature of the show, some beauties being on view. Mr. Thompson (Kendal) judged and gave every satisfaction. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Wells; 3, Dixon. Buff: 1, 3, Dickinson; 2, Higginson and Heywood. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Higginson and Heywood. Buff: 1, 2, Higginson and Heywood; 3, Allen. Bord. Yell. (16): 1, Hill; 2, Newby; 3, 4, Forth. Buff (21): 1, Allen; 2, 3, Newby; 4, Hill. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Dickinson; 3, Wells. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Forth; absent, Wells.—W. Heywood, Hon. Sec.

RYHILL C.B.S.

First N.F. show, July 8, 48 birds being staged, and some very good birds faced the judge, Mr. E. Norton, Leeds, who gave entire satisfaction; visitors were plentiful, and we have bright prospects of having a good society. Specials were won by Messrs. Smith, Kemp, Govier. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Smith; 2, Govier; 3, Thompson. Buff: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Govier; vhc, Thompson. Variegs.: 1, Govier; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Thompson. Yell. Nor.: 1, hc, Clark; 2, Kemp; 3, Billings; vhc, hc, Haines. Buff: 1, Kemp; 2, Clark; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Thompson. Linnet: 1, Kemp; 2, Govier; 3, Dr. Cummings; vhc, Thompson. A.V.B: 1, 2, 3, Dr. Cummings.—J. Govier, Hon. Sec.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Second F.F. Show, July 8, Barley Mow Hotel, Wakefield Road. Fifty-one birds were judged to the satisfaction of all by J. Bailey, Allerton. Champion Section: Class 1 (8): 1, 4, Hudson; 2, 3, Casey. Class 2 (12): 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Pownall Bros.; 4, Casey. Class 3 (1): 1, Casey. Class 4 (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Padgett. Class 5 (2): 1, 2, Hudson. Class 6 (1): Pownall Bros. Novice Section: Class 7 (8): 1, 2, Nicholl; 3, 4, Robinson. Class 8 (8): 1, 2, Nicholl; 3, Robinson; 4, Wood and Mirfield. Class 9 (3): 1, Robinson; 2, J. G. Hodgson; 3, Wood and Mirfield. Class 10 (6): 1, J. G. Hodgson; 2, 4, Robinson; 3, Nicholl.—J. Nicholl, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

First N.F. show, June 24. Mr. Rowlands judged. Cl. Yell., etc.: 1, Taylor; 2, Barr; 3, Hall; vhc, Fitzsimmons; hc, Corbett; c, Wakem. Buff, etc.: 1, Browse; 2, Hall; 3, Hall; vhc, Greatrix; hc, Fitzsimmons; c, Corbett, Gr. or Cinn. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Wakem; 2, Young; 3, Fitzsimmons. Buff: 1, Greatrix; 2, Stott; 3, Corbett; vhc, Wakem. Greens, Yell.: 1, Jones; 2, Browse; 3, Browse; vhc, Jones; hc, Wakem. Buff: 1, hc, Jones; 2, Young; 3, vhc, Cooper; c, Browse. Nor.: Hall and Browse; Linnet: Barr, Hall, Peers. One of the finest small shows held in Birkenhead and district. Everything at its best, even the weather, and we are hoping our next show will be a success. We have made 12 members in our last three meetings. A. E. Lloyd, Sec., 84, Rodney Street, will oblige anyone with a schedule. Drop a postcard; give name and address.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 5, in large room lent to society through kind offices of Mr. E. Chandler, who also procured tables and fitted up staging. Mr. Foyle acted as judge's steward, and other officers and members rendered every assistance. 67 birds faced the judge, which, under all circumstances, was considered very good. The challenge cup was won by Mr. A. A. Winter with a yellow Yorks, the winner of medal for runner-up being Mr. Love's yellow Nor. There was a good array of British, some extra awards having to be given in one class. Spl. best British went to Mr. W. J. White's fine Goldfinch, a typical Linnet taking second best for Mr. Fellows. Mr. G. T. Webb judged, and gave general satisfaction. Nor. Champ. Yell: 1, 3, Love; 2, hc, Foyle; vhc, c, Fellows. Buff: 1, 3, Foyle; 2, Fellows; vhc, hc, Alderslade; c, Sullivan. Nor. Nov.: 1, 2, Bagg; 3 Vale. York. Champ. Yell.: 1 Gentry. Buff: 1, 2, Gentry. Yorks Nov. Yell.: 1, 3, A. A. Winter; 2, c, A. C. Winter; vhc, hc, Gear. Buff: 1, 3, A. A. Winter; 2, vhc, Gear. Young Mule: 1, Alderslade; 2, Vale; 3, Love. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, White; 3, Best; vhc, Foyle; hc, Vale; c, Fellows. Linnet, etc.: 1, Fellows; 2, A. A. Winter; 3, Sullivan; ex. 3, Alderslade; vhc (2), Vale; hc, c, Best. Greenf. or Chaff: 1, Alderslade; 2, Vale. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, Best; 2, Alderslade. Light Mule: 1, Best. Dark Mule: 1, Best; 2, 3, White. Waxbill, etc.: 1, 2, Slade. A.O.V. For.: 1, 2, 3. Slade.—G. J. Slade, Hon, Sec.

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SHOWS.

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BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Notwithstanding the fact that many of the local fanciers have been working heavily on munitions, and have had little time to attend to bird matters, the show of the Barrow C.B.S., held in the Dalton Road School, July 8, was a great success, the entry totalling just over 200, the quality being exceedingly good, and the attendance very gratifying. Last year the society contributed £24 to the war funds from its two shows, and the members are hoping to do as well again this year. Yorks. were a fine upstanding, well-drawn lot, without a single coarse exhibit, whilst the Borders were really wonderful, especially the buffs. Twenty-five young buff Borders was a class to test any judge, and Mr. House felt it a bit stiff. Mr. Shackley should be proud of his 1st and 2nd in such a class. Mr. Higgins won the cup for best in the show bar Borders, with a topping Yorks., and the Border cup went to Mr. Large, the president, with a sweet little four-pointed hen. Mr. Morgan won the special best novice with his 2nd yellow varieg. Yorks.; we congratulate him on his luck, and wish him further success. Points special in British went to Messrs. Morello and Son, who staged a grand team. All the arrangements were well carried out by the committee under the superintendence of Mr. Large, the president, whilst Mr. McFarlane as secretary is just the man for the job. We were pleased to see Mr. G. Wilson about again, and to hear that he is feeling much better; still we thought he looked far from strong. Mr. C. A. House judged Canaries except Cinnamons and A.O.V., and Mr. G. Wilson the remainder.

YORKS., YELL. (15): 1, cup, Higgins, grand head and neck, long, well-tapered body, rare legs and style; 2, Henderson and Crosbie, wing tkd, nice style, lovely eol. and feather; 3, hc, Woodward, capital shape, length and style; vhc, Large; c, Miss E. Winder. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Henderson and Crosbie, wing and neck ticked, grand shape, plenty of nerve, rare shower, lovely feather, 2nd clear, good body and shape; 3, Woodward, hardly so slim, but very showy; vhc, Large; hc, Miss E. Winder; c, Currie. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Currie, eye, cheek, and wing marked, very slim, grand length and style, rare legs; 3rd, head, eye, and wing mkd., very shapely and grand feather; 2, hc, sp., Morgan, heavy mkd., capital shape and style, grand feather; vhc, Henderson and Crosbie; c, Woodward. BUFF (10): 1, Higgins, heavily mkd. cinn., rare shape and length, neat head, well balanced wings and tail; 2, 3, Henderson and Crosbie, head, eye, and wing mkd., very shapely and stylish, capital eol. and feather, 3rd shapely and stylish, not so close in feather; vhc, Miss E. Winder; hc, c, Morgan. BORD. YELL. (16): 1, vhc, Morello and Son, neat head, slim, erect body, grand legs, lovely quality, rare wings and tail; 2, Shackley, gem for col., qual., head, style, just a bit hollow in back; 3, hc, Edmundson, very sweet body, rare carriage; c, Gill. BUFF (25): 1, 2, Shackley, neck tkd., a beauty, rare shape and carr., sweet head, in grand form; 2, clear, hardly so good in front of skull, magnificent body and style; 3, Edmundson, shade stouter in body, rare col., qual. and style; vhc, Hudson and McFarlane; hc, Gill; c, Large. VARIEG, YELL. (8): 1, cup, Large, eye and wing mkd. hen, a wonder for pos, wing and tail carr., nice shape; 2, Hudson and McFarlane, head, eye, and wing mkd., rare feather, shape and style; 3, Shackley, very smart in body, not quite so neat in tail; vhc, he, Allen; c, Lancaster. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Shackley, heavy mkd., grand head, wings and tail, rare style and shape; 2nd, eye, neck and wing mkd., rare shape and feather; 3 Smith, heavy mkd., shapely and good carr., hardly as fit; vhc, Allen; hc, c, Large. GREEN (16): 1, 3, hc, Gill, lovely jonque, rare shape and style, beautfully feathered; 3rd, buff, grand shape and carr., rare col.; 2, Willison, very pretty pied tail buff, grand feather and shape, full of style; vhc, c, Smith. CINN. (8): 1, 2, 3, Edmundson; 1st, grand little yell., rare shape and style, sound col. and feather; 2nd, nice headed, shapely, well feathered yell.; 3rd, pied tail buff, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Shackley; hc, c, Mossop. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, hc, c, Hudson and McFarlane, very chubby eye tkd., capital chest and back, neat wings and tail, rare qual; 2nd, stout bodied, well feathered cl., not so smart in wing carr.; 3, vhc, Johnson, wing and neck mkd., nice style and feather. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Hudson and McFarlane, heavy mkd., a Nor. all over, rare shape, short wings and tail, lovely feather and col.; 2, 3, Johnson, head and wing mkd., nice qual. and col.; 3rd, cl., nice stamp, loses in wing carr.; hc, c, Plumb. CINN. (8): 1, Willison, very smart, stylish, well feathered Cinn. Green, should not have been in this class, but in A.O.V.; 2, 3, vhc, c, Plumb, lovely yell., grand shape, fine feather, sound col., in grand form; 3rd, good yell, hardly so sound in col., nice size and shape; hc, Wagstaff. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, hc, c, Cinn.-mkd. of Yorks. type; 3, vhc, Wilkison, neck tkd. Yorks. These birds we were told were cross-bred Yorks.-Belgian, and as cross-breds were shown in this class. MULES (3): 1, Shellicorn, very smart dark jonque Lin.-Can., grand shape, size, col. and feather; 2, 3, Brown, two promising dark Goldie-Cans. SELL. (3): 1, Tranter; 2, Large; 3, Saul and Hill. OLD BIRDS, MULES (5): 1, 2, Wagstaff, big bouncing six-point Goldf.-Can., rare feather, shape, and col.; 2nd, magnificent dark yell. Goldf.-Can., full of col. and qual.; 3, Johnson, very grand Goldf.-Bullf., grandly mkd., rich col.; vhc, Tyson; hc, Brown. GOLDF. and BULLF. (4): 1, 2, Morello and Son, Goldf., rich col., grand blaze and wings, good size and shape; 2nd, well feathered, shapely Bullf., nice chest and back; 3, Shackley, shapely Goldf., not so rich in blaze, and hardly so steady; vhc, Brown. LINNET (11): 1, 2, Morello and Son, rare shape and size, sound nutty col., lovely feather, beautifully mkd.; 2nd, hardly so sound on throat and chest, but grand otherwise; 3, Johnson, capital shape, size, and feather, hardly so nutty in col.; vhc, Miss E. Winder; hc, Shellicorn; c, Tyson. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Morello and Son, very fine Mealy Redpoll, grand col. and marks, rare shape and feather; 2, Shackley, rich col., grand qual., neat shape, well mkd. Lesser Redpoll. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Morello and Son, grandly mkd. Chaffinch, lovely head, neck and breast, rare col. and feather; 3rd, good Bramble; 2, Miss E. Winder, large barely Hawfinch, capital head, bib, and wings. F.M. GOLDF. or BULLF. (3): 1, Morello and Son, grand little Goldf., rare col. and feather; 2, Kent, shapely Bullf., nice col. and style; 3, Tyson, another good Goldf., but smaller. LINNET (9): 1, Saul and Hill, a gem, wonderfully pencilled, rich nutty col., lovely feather; 2, Tyson, smaller, and not quite so rich in col., neat feather; 3, vhc, Miss E. Winder, more size, but failing in feather and marks; hc, Morello and Son; c, Brown. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Morello and Son, well mkd. Twite of good col. and feather, and a smart Lesser Redpoll; 2, Johnson, bonny bird, good all round; vhc, Saul and Hill; hc, c, Tyson. A.O.V. (5): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Tyson; vhc, Morello and Son.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 18, Lecture by Mr. Schofield.—A. E. Thorpe.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—July 18, Abletts Cafe Rooms, Market Street, 8. Business for final N.F. show; judge, Mr. Hy. Mallinson, Liscard; show to be held at Trade and Labour Council Room, corner of Argyle Street and Market Street; birds staged 2.45.—A. E. Lloyd.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—F.F. show, etc., July 19, at 8. Judge, Mr. W. Swaysland; Headquarters, Cheapside. Schedules posted to all members.—W. H. Gibb.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 18, Carlton Hotel, 8. Important business, and to receive entries for young bird show.—E. Thomas.

Cambridge and County C.B.A.—July 20, White Ribbon, East Road. 3rd F.F. show; judging at 4 sharp; 15 classes, 6d. cage.—C. G. Taylor.

Coventry O.S.—July 19, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8.—J. Kent.

East Ham F.S.—July 15, Central Liberal Club, opposite Town Hall, East Ham. Monthly show, 6.30 to 10.—W. A. Harwood

East Ham C.B.S.—July 15, 4. Young stock show, at the Boys' School, High Street South (opposite East Ham Town Hall); judge, J. Dewhurst.—F. Onslow.

Falkirk C.B.S.—July 22, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Business important.—J. Moreland.

Garston B.B.A.—July 19, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Most important business.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Glasgow and W. Counties' Club.—July 15, ramble to Bridge of Weir, meet at corner of Dunlop and Argyle Streets, 2.45; train leaves 3.5. Good turnout desired.—J. H. Adam.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 13, White Hart hotel, 7.30. Closing night for the guarantee list for 2nd F.F. show, July 29. Judge, Mr. Mundell, of Bradford.—A. Lawford.

Halifax O.S.—July 15, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' N.F. show; classification as per syllabus; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford.—J. J. Dunn.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—July 22, Brewash Hotel (Station Road). F.F. show; birds staged at 5. Fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Idle C.B.S.—July 15, Springfield Hotel. F.F show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries on day of show.—J. Chippendale.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 19, Railway-Hotel, 7.45. Entries close finally 9 p.m. for N.F. show, Thursday morning post not accepted; birds staged 1.30, Saturday.—R. Charleson.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—July 17, Deansgate, 8. October show business and table show of young birds; classification as previous one. Judges, Messrs. Atkinson and Wilkinson.—F. Wilkinson.

Mannington C.B.A.—July 15, Headquarters, 8. Yorks. Union rules and classification for open show.—H. Grange.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—July 22, Princess Alice Hotel, 3. N.F. show; stage at 3. Judges, Mr. Cook and Mr. Hood, Guisbro'. Final for cups and medals.—T. C. Deans.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—July 15, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7.30. Adjourned general meeting; patronages; rule re starring, etc.—J. Chambers.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.—July 22, Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, 6.30. General business. Societies wanting the club's patronage please apply on or before July 22.—Sam Wilcock.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—July 20, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Young stock show; entries received at Hall, 8 sharp. Judge, Mr. Hazel. Fanciers and friends welcomed; free.—G. H. Maclellan.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—July 18, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Business important.—W. A. Dyer.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—July 15, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 7. To consider schedule and also advertising of schedule for open show. C.B. members and intending members please attend.—Wm. Dodd.

Tong C.B.S.—July 15, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. F. Self, Clayton.—W. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 15, Horse and Groom, 3. 2nd N.F. show; judge, Mr. R. Wilkinson.—W. Chapman.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 22, Church Schools, 2.30 p.m. Members' F.F. show; judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe, of Wibsey; silver cup for best novice bird, winner to hold same one year. Entries, Friday night, 6.30 to 9.30, at Blue Bell Hotel.—Taylor and Halliday.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—July 15, Market Tavern 6.45. Election of sub-committee; novice medals; tenders for Yearbook, etc.—S. Midgley.

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A FINE SHOW IN SYDNEY.

Twenty-second annual show, Waking House, Sydney, May 12 and 13. This year's show proved one of the best for years past; entries were well above the figures of the last year or two, and quality in every section was also a decided improvement. The members have issued a book of standards for the various breeds of Canaries, and all seem very enthusiastic in trying to breed as near the adopted standards as possible, and woe betide the judge who doesn't keep up-to-date and give his awards accordingly. Mr. Earle, Chairman, and Mr. Saunders, Hon. Sec., acting with a hard working and enthusiastic committee comprising Messrs. Moyle, Frevail, Coupland, Lipscombe, Hinckman, and Osborne, all did yeoman service to make the show a great success, and it is very gratifying to record that their efforts met with success. There were many birds of exceptional merit in every section, and the show was better patronised by the public, a good crowd being present on each day. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Crest and C.B., and Self Cinnamons, Mr. T. Inglis; Yorks., and A.O.V., J. Currah; Norwich, H. Dunlop; Brit., H. Piers.

SCOTCH FANCIES, CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Rae, nice reach and drive, shows well; 2, Orr, nice pos., loses in subs. and qual. of feather; 3, vhc, Thew, grand bird, plenty of subs., grand quality, bit slow in getting into position, or might have gone higher. VARIEG. or GREEN YELL.: 1, hc, Orr, heavily var., good snaky head, nice back, travels well; 2, Rae, h. var., not quite so nervy, still a worthy 2nd; 3, Thew, nice head, wee bit slack in neck, good pos., A1 qual. Class 3: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Orr, grand team; leader grand subs., good reach and drive; 2nd and 3rd close up, not much between them; hc, Thew; c, Rae. VAR. or GREEN BUFF: 1, 2, c, Orr, good size, grand type and qual.; 2nd, similar, not quite the subs.; 3, vc, hc, Thew, nice team. CL., ETC., rung 1915 and bred by exhibitor: 1, 2, Rae, cl. yell., rare length, good reach and drive, lovely qual.; 2nd, grand pos., not so neat; 3, vhc, Orr, good type and qual.; hc, c, Thew. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Day, real stormer, grand length, well up to standard, lovely qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Coupland, grand pos., good type and qual.; 3, Lipscombe, not quite the subs., nice head, good wings and tail. TKD. or LIGHTLY VARIEG. YELL.: 1, hc, Lipscombe, tkd. neck, good length, well drawn, A1 qual.; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Coupland, leader eye tkd., good type, nice side, well tapered; 3rd, similar, close up. HEAVILY VAR. or GREEN YELL.: 1, Lipscombe, nice length, neat head, good feather; 2, Frazer, shapely, well up on leg, grand qual.; 3, Thomas, nice type, good feather; vhc, c, Coupland; hc, Barnsley. HEN, YELL.: 1, hc, c, Coupland, shapely, lovely qual.; 2, 3, Lipscombe, gems, not quite the subs. of winner, but equal in type and qual.; vhc, Day. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Lipscombe, leader grand length, straight, well-filled back, well set up; 2nd, grand type, not so close in feather; 3, hc, c, Coupland, grand shape and qual., a bit loose in feather; vhc, Frazer, TKD. or LIGHTLY VAR. BUFF: 1, Day, good model, nicely tapered, well up on leg; 2, Lipscombe, right shape, good long side, A1 qual.; 3, Frazer, good length, well tapered, close up; vhc, hc, c, Coupland. HEAVILY VAR. or GREEN BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, c, Coupland, Cin. Mkd., rare size and shape, feather like wax; 2, Lipscombe, neat head, good neck and back, lovely qual.; 3, Frazer, grand length, nice pos., well tapered. HEN, CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 3, c, Coupland, var., neat head, correct attitude, A1 qual.; 2, Barnsley, cl., typical, good feather; 3rd, Cinn. mkd., right shape, good length, loses in cond.; vhc, hc, Lipscombe. CL. or TKD. YELL., rung 1915, and bred by exhibitor: 1, spl, Frazer, cl., good length, lovely feather, typical; 2, 3, c, Coupland, promising, grand length, well up on leg, A1 qual.; vhc, hc, Lipscombe. VAR. or GREEN YELL.: 1, sp, Lipscombe, var., neat model, A1 qual.; 2, 3, Coupland, leader good length, nice pos.; vhc, Day; hc, Frazer. CL. or TKD. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, hc, c, Coupland, grand cl., rare subs., A1 qual.; 2, vhc, Lipscombe, good type, nicely drawn. VARIEG. or GREEN BUFF: 1, sp, 3, vhc, hc, c, Coupland, grand team, leader stands out on his own, one of the best and most typical Yorks. in the show, will be heard of again; 2, Lipscombe, grand bird, beaten in style and finish. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Inglis, neat and full of qual.; 2, Farrell, better subs., good type, nice wings and tail; 3, Bunham, cobby body, neat head, well finished; hc, Dobson; c, Brown. TKD. or LIGHTLY VAR. YELL.: 1, Brown, good shape, short and clean cut, neat head; 2, Frazer, mkd. head, grand type, A1 qual.; 3, Inglis; vhc, Dr. Franklin-Richards; hc, Moyle; c, Saunders. HEN, CL., TKD. or VAR. YELL.: 1, hc, Saunders, lovely feather, very typical; hc, grand model, might have won; 2, Bunham, grand type and qual.; vhc, Frazer; c, Douglas. CL. BUFF: 1, Saunders, good head, full neck, good chest, neat wings and tail; 2, Moyle, not the subs., but very typical, A1 qual., rich col.; 3, Osborne, nice feather, good size, correct type; vhc, Gawne; hc, Dr. Franklin-Richards. TKD. or LIGHTLY VAR. BUFF: 1, Boyle, good head and neck, round cobby body, good wings and tail; 2, Inglis, smaller, nice type and qual.; 3, Gawne, good shape, A1 qual.; vhc, Saunders; hc, Moyle; c, Douglas. HEN, CL., TKD. or VAR. BUFF: 1, Carter and Glover, lovely type and qual., clean cut; 2, Moyle, good head, nice and round, neck full, and short, nice feather; 3, Saunders, grand subs., good type, perfect wings and tail; vhc, Gawne; hc, Sinclair. CL. or TKD. YELL., 1915, and bred by exhibitor: 1, Carter and Glover, good shape, neat round head, good full chest, lovely feather; 2, Inglis, sweet shape, rare qual., smaller; 3, Moyle, short cobby body, neat, clean cut, A1 qual.; vhc, c, Boyle. VAR. or GREEN YELL.: 1, Boyle, rare subs., round head, full neck, neat wings and tail; 2, Carter and Glover, typical, fine qual.; 3, Thompson, good shape, A1 qual.; vhc, Saunders; hc, Moyle; c, Bunham. CL. or TKD. BUFF: 1, Carter and Glover, good size, typical shape, grand qual.; 2, Sinclair, good size, neat, clean cut, nice feather; 3, hc, c, Saunders, grand shape, tip-top qual., close up; vhc, Moyle. VAR. or GREEN BUFF: 1, Moyle, good size, correct shape, A1 qual.; 2, Inglis, neat all round, good qual.; 3, hc, Saunders, good shape, rare size, lovely feather; vhc, Carter and Glover. CHALLENGE TROPHY: 1, Carter and Glover; reserve, J. H. Saunders. GREEN or HEAVILY VAR.: 1, vhc, Douglas, massive, grand head and neck; 2, 3, Moyle, leader good type, nice wings and tail; hc, Dobson. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Moyle, grand team, leader grand model; 2, Douglas, rare size and shape. AMATEUR: 1, Nattey, cl. buff, rare subs., good shape, neat wing carr.; 2, vhc, Watson, broken green, neat head, good back, short and cobby; 3, Gawne, cl. buff, typical, good feather; hc, Scott; c, Booker. COLOUR FED, YELL.: 1, Dobson, heavily var., grand col., good head and neck, well finished; 2, 3, Saunders, clinkers, rare subs. and shape, grand col.; vhc, Inglis; hc, Carter and Glover; c, Day. BUFF: 1, sp, Carter and Glover, nice model, short cobby body, good wings and tail, grand col.; 2, hc, Saunders, rare subs., good wing carr., typical shape; 3, Douglas, good col. and shape, A1 qual.; vhc, Inglis; c, Dobson. CINN. SELF YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Saunders, gems, grand shape and col.; 3, Smith, good col. and qual.; vhc, Farrell; hc, c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Carter and Glover; 2, Nattey; 3, hc, Saunders; vhc, Smith; c, Dobson. SELF, rung 1915 and bred by exhibitor: 1, 3, Farrell, leader good col., rather small; 2, c, Saunders, grand size, lovely qual. and col., we preferred; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Carter and Glover. VAR. or FOUL YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Saunders; hc, Dobson; c, Farrell. BUFF: 1, Inglis; 2, Carter and Glover; 3, Saunders; vhc, Dobson; hc, Farrell; c, Bunham. CRESTED CL. or TKD. GREY or D.C.: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Earle, grand team, leader a real stormer, massive cl. body wth immense cl. Crest well over beak-end, a knock-out; 2nd, 3rd, Grey Crests, big bodies, leader bigger in crest; vhc, Trevail. LIGHTLY VAR.: 1, 3, hc, c, Earle, winner good body, crest a bit weak at sides; 2, vhc, Pye, leader big body, crest expansive, radiating from a neat centre, might have changed place with 1st. HEAVILY VAR. or GREEN: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Earle, very fine team, leader massive body, big crest, neat centre, lovely droop; 2nd, 3rd, not the substance or size of crest; hc, Pye; c, Freeman. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Earle, grand team, the 3rd the most perfect crest in section, round as a rim, lovely qual. of leafy feather, as near perfection as possible, should have won; vhc, c, Pye. CREST, rung 1915 and bred by exhibitor: 1, sp, 2, Trevail, leader grand subs., lovely expansive crest radiating from a small neat centre, grand youngster; 2nd, good size, not quite so expansive as winner; 3, Saunders, loses in size of crest; vhc, Pye. AMAT.: 1, 2, Best; 3, Keen; vhc, Anderson. CL. or TKD.: 1, sp, 2, 3, c, Earle, bouncing team, leader massive body, grand shaped skull, wide entrance, good lash; 2nd, 3rd, close up; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Pye. LIGHTLY VARIEG.: 1, vhc, Earle; rare subs., ideal broad skull covered with heaps of feather, good entrance and lash; 2, Smith, big body, good head, nice rise; 3, c, Pye, plenty subs., grand shaped head, lovely entrance, well lashed; hc, Trevail. HEAVILY VAR. or GREEN. 1, Stevenson, massive body, broad skull, wide entrance, good lash; 2, hc, c, Earle, big body, grand head covered with heaps of broad leafy feather, must have pressed hard; 3, vhc, Pye, rare size, grand headpiece, lovely entrance, nice rise. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Earle, clinking team, leader grand body, lovely feather, ideally shaped head, good entrance and lash; 2nd, not so dense in head feather; 3, Pye, good body, big skull, clothed with heaps of feather of lovely texture, grand entrance and lash. C.B., rung 1915 and bred by exhibitor: 1, sp, 2, 3, c, Earle, grand promising youngsters, not much between them; vhc, hc, Pye. AMAT.: 1, vhc, Stewart, grand size, good head, nice entrance and lash; 2, Crook, loses in subs.; 3, c, Macgregor, good size, right stamp of headpiece, good eyebrows; hc, Anderson. A.O.V. of CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ellis.—J. CURRAH.

BIRDS, INSECTS AND BIRD-NESTING.

AN article by "Cosmopolitan" in the London "Sportsman" of June 30, under the heading of "Gun, Rod and Hound," furnishes some very interesting reading. Some of the conclusions may be open to controversy, but that does not detract from the general interest of the matter. Referring to migrant birds the author says: "Most of the small British nesting migrants, called summer migrants, fulfil in a remarkable manner the definition already given of an ideal vermin killer. It is true that the best of them live on nothing else but vermin (insects), and so are unable to kill to extermination and still go on living with us. That is the reason why they have to move on, and continue to find new places where their food is in plenty. It happens that just at the time when insects are most plentiful the young of the summer migrants multiply in number in our midst by five to twenty-fold at one nesting, and that which one pair could do to destroy insects is multiplied many times. I cannot say how many, because that would involve considerations of how many times in the season the old birds nest.

"Then, when they have taken all they can for three months, or five, as the case may be, winter comes along and finds them otherwise provided for overseas.

"The birds migrate in their own interests, not intentionally in ours; that is, not unless the great wheel-within-wheel machine which helps the world to go round is all part and parcel of a providential unity of purpose, one which can be mistaken for individual purpose when the purpose is universal and the individual but a part of it.

"If this is so, it does not follow that the destruction of half, or three-quarters, of the migrants in their passage out of this country would be a loss to us or a loss at all. As long as the birds are here in multiplied numbers just when they are necessary to our vegetable products, it does not matter for our material benefit that they should be given safe passage to lands we know nothing of. It would be just the same to us whether they bred here and wintered elsewhere as whether they bred here and died in going elsewhere.

"Nature has no sentiment, and she kills for a utility purpose. If one stops to consider what would happen to the migrants if they did not mostly die on their passages we should have to admit that they would multiply at a rate at which the insect food would give out.

"But they do not multiply; the stock here one summer, and the young stock bred here, are year by year about the same. No man takes toll of these insect feeders; they are marvellously fast breeders, and, having bred and eaten, their work in the world is done, unless they survive the double migration. If they all did that then the insects here would have to multiply in similar proportion.

"Obviously, with the first multiplication of the birds that possibility would be closed down, so that it follows that either the migrants must perish by the dangers of travel or else they must starve when they return to us in these multiplied numbers. They do not starve, and they do not multiply, and consequently I think, it follows that they drown.

"So it happens that when thoughtless boys go birds' nesting, and take the eggs that please them regardless of the species, they are doing as much harm as the insectivorous birds' young ones would have done good. Nor is it any excuse that there are so many of them that the eggs taken will be no loss. If, instead, they allowed the young to hatch and feed and then caught them on the eve of migration the loss would be less and perhaps little or nothing, because something that we know little or nothing about regulates the supply of young birds to our demands for insect killers. To destroy a nest is to permit the multiplication by this time next year of hundreds of millions of insects, the produce of parents that nature intended to be eaten without breeding."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness)

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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LLANRWST.

Open Show, Aug. 16, 1916. Last day of entry, Aug. 2 (postmark). Cage Birds and Rabbits. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool). Also Pigeons, Poultry, Dogs, etc. For schedules (state section).—**J. R. Chambers, Sec.**

Twitterings.

Mr. A. McLean, Larkhall, writes that he has changed his address from Strutherhill to 71, Raploch Street, Larkhall.

Mr. H. Eastwood, hon. sec., writes that Burnley O.S. has decided to introduce some open classes at its annual members' show.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club should apply before July 22 to S. Wilcock, 16, Back Manor Street, Eccleshill, Bradford.

Mr. Geo. Greenwell, Sec. of the Wallsend C.B.A., writes that Northern fanciers will be welcome at the Nest Feather Show of the society at the Co-operative Hall, Carville Road. The show is open from 2.30 till 7.30. Mr. Crawhall, Newcastle, judges.

Societies in the Northern counties of England who are desirous of obtaining the patronage of the Northern Border Fancy C.C. are requested to make their application as early as possible to C. Farrer, Hon. Sec., 222, Jefferson Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

We are sorry to hear of the illness with double pneumonia of Mr. G. Beardall, writes Mr. Geo. Sawer, Sec., Alfreton C.B.S. We hope he will soon recover, and be amongst us again.

Societies wishing for the patronage of the Northern Crested Club should apply to Mr. George Dobson, Hon. Sec., 103, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. Members please note subs. are now due.

The London and Counties A.C.B. is holding its annual young bird show on Saturday, July 15, at Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Admission is free; the show opens at 6.30.

From what we could learn at Barrow on Saturday the breeders of the Furness district have not had a good breeding season. The majority of them have been so busy on munitions that they have not been able to give their birds proper attention, added to which the weather has been most unseasonable. We heard of one fancier who has actually finished the breeding season with nine birds less than the number he started with.

Pray accept my very sincere thanks (writes Mr. M. S. Runchman) for the excellent portrait of my Yellow Cinnamon Yorkshire appearing on the front page of this week's issue of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. The bird mentioned (Marquis) has some very promising youngsters, some of which I trust may one day be considered deserving of the honour now paid to their father. Best thanks to Mr. Norman, and all good wishes to CAGE BIRDS.

Cinnamon Canaries.

In my letter in last issue on this subject the words "Cinnamon Norwich or Roller" in last sentence should be "common Norwich or Roller," writes Mr. Claude St. John.

A GOOD POST VACANT.

THE position of Organising Secretary to the Canary Supply Organisation Association, the committee meetings of which are held weekly at CAGE BIRDS Offices, 154, Fleet Street, has not yet been filled. In view of the fact that details of the scheme were to be published in our issue of this week, it was decided to leave the applications open for consideration at the next meeting, Monday, July 17. Our offer of last week still remains open, therefore, and the Editor will be pleased to receive applications for submission to the committee at the next meeting.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. S. RYDER and Mr. W. PAWLEY (Plymouth).

It is with deepest sympathy, writes Mr. W. A. Dyer, Hon. Sec., Plymouth and W. Counties O.S., that I have to announce the death of two of our members, Messrs. W. S. Ryder and W. Pawley. Fanciers all the time; always on top to lend a hand or to help a good cause; the sort of men who leave a blank which it is hard to fill. Our sincere and deepest sympathy is extended to the widows.

Mr. J. R. LEECH (Abertillery).

It is with deep regret, writes Wm. Newell, Hon. Sec. Abertillery C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the death of Abertillery's oldest fancier, Mr. Joseph R. Leech. Mr. Leech was 58 years of age, a native of Drayton, Shropshire, and came to Abertillery 30 years ago. He was for many years a Lizard breeder, and turned out some of the best. Although he had not kept birds for a number of years, he was always willing to give a helping hand to the Fancy, and gave many silver cups for competition known as the Leech's cups. He was a well-known figure at Crystal Palace shows, and was always willing to officiate as judge at local shows. He will be greatly missed, and I am sure that all who knew him will join with the Abertillery C.B.S. in tendering their deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

The opening article in the July issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the Journal of the Avicultural Society, is a reprint from "Bird Lore" of an article by the Editor, Mr. F. M. Chapman, on the work of Louis Agassiz Fuertes, painter of bird portraits; this is illustrated by reproductions of two paintings by the Greek artist named. Mr. F. E. Blaauw contributes notes on the birds near Oudtshoorn, Cape Colony. Capt. B. E. Potter tells of "Birds in Macedonia," and there is a reprint from "The Emu," entitled Reminiscences of a Field Collector, by Mr. A. J. Campbell, of Melbourne. The item of most practical interest is the "Monthly Notes" by "Secretarius," a new feature of the Magazine.

Pudding Dishes as Nest Boxes.

We are breeding such a lot of birds in Mansfield, writes a Mansfield reader, that a fancier has to use a pudding dish instead of a nest box.

"Cage Birds" in Australia.

Our representative in Australia, Mr. J. Currah, Marian Street, Killara, Sydney, will be pleased to give enquirers any information possible, and will book orders for serial subscriptions, to our journal.

An Open Show for Aberdeen.

At a meeting of the Aberdeen Amalgamated Cage Bird Society, on July 7, writes Mr. R. J. Robertson, Sec., the members unanimously agreed to hold an open show, but the date and nature of show was deferred till the next meeting of the society, Sept. 29.

A NEW FEATURE IN "CAGE BIRDS."

WE have decided to offer weekly a prize of half a guinea for the best answer to a question propounded. The questions will vary from week to week to cover all branches of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the continuance of the idea will depend upon its reception by our readers. What is uppermost in our minds at the moment is the great future which seems to await the Canary industry in our country, and the question this week will be "What do you think of the Co-operative scheme set forth on page 397?"

Opinions for or against may be freely expressed, and suggestions for its betterment, either in detail or as a whole, may be sent. The prize of half-a-guinea will be awarded to the reply which is the best in the opinion of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, and his decision must be accepted as final. CAGE BIRDS reserves the right to publish any or all of the answers sent in.

Replies must be addressed to the Editor CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Sreet, London, E.C., to reach the office not later than the first post on Tuesday, July 18, and must be accompanied by a coupon cut from this issue. The coupon appears this week at the foot of this page.

The next question will be "What is your favourite Canary, and why?" Answers to this question must be accompanied by a coupon which will be published in our issue of July 22, and must reach us not later than the first post Tuesday, July 25.

This competition is quite distinct from the one announced in our issue of last week and for which we are offering six guineas in prizes.

Boy Bird-nester Punished.

At Ashton Police Court a boy of 15 was severely reprimanded by the magistrates and ordered to pay 5s. 6d. costs for having in his possession a Linnet's nest with two young which he said he was "taking home to put in a cage."

Norwich P.H.C. Annual Meeting.

There will be a general meeting of members on July 22 at 3 o'clock at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, and I hope, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, Hon. Sec., as many members as possible will attend as there will be some important business.

When a Rook is Not a Crow.

The London "Times" of June 26 says: "A fledgling Crow, which fell from its nest in a Sheffield rookery, has been fostered by the wounded soldiers at Sheffield Base Hospital as their mascot." This is all right for the fledgling, and we wish the soldiers luck with their mascot. Nevertheless, Crows do not build in rookeries.

QUARRELSOME TRAVELLERS.

THOUGH both in summer and winter Meadow Pipits are among the commonest objects of our countryside, there is an interval, from about the middle of August to the middle of September, when we appear to have none at all; and then suddenly comes a day when, with a strong north wind blowing certain sheltered slopes are covered with a multitude of Meadow Pipits. The air is filled with their piping, and they may be seen chasing each other in every direction. They have evidently come from oversea with the north wind, and have alighted in the first sheltered but open space which they found. Their quarrelsomeness forbids, however, that they should remain in company. Unlike the Skylarks, naturally as quarrelsome as birds can be, the migrating Meadow Pipits cannot afford to sink their differences, because they feed only upon insect food all the winter. The Skylarks' stouter digestions enable them to picnic comfortably upon a field of clover. When the weather is hard they will even devour rye-grass like the wild geese, or turnip leaves like the Woodpigeons; but clover seems to be their favourite vegetable, and when we have weeks of frosty weather, on clover fields that slope to the south, where the mid-day winter sun melts most of the snow away, the farmer would almost need a microscope sometimes to see where his clover grows.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Bucknall Buthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

The Nightingale in Yorkshire.

According to Mr. T. H. Nelson, says the "Newcastle Chronicle," the Nightingale is seen year after year in certain secluded but more or less smoke-begrimed woodlands of the Yorkshire coalfield, in some instances scarcely beyond the hum and racket of the pit bank, as in the neighbourhood of Barnsley, Wakefield, and Ackworth as well as pleasanter habitats in the neighbourhood of the picturesque Abbey of Roche. In the Central Plain, it is regularly noted in the districts of Selby, Goole, York, Harrogate, and Boroughbridge; and in Holderness, in localities between Patrington and the Humber northward and eastward to Beverley.

A Bird of the Mountain Streams.

An interesting article in the "Westminster Gazette" of July 8 concludes as follows:—

"The Dipper is much more constant to streams than even the Kingfisher, for the latter bird will frequently avail itself of short cuts, and will wing its way over land to a new fishing station, but the Dipper will always wing its way along the bed of the stream, no matter how tortuous the windings are, and no matter how small the bridges, it will shoot through with a swift flight that reminds one very much of the Kingfisher's.

"The food is sought for beneath the water in a most extraordinary fashion, for the bird can walk quite a fair distance beneath the surface by clinging to the stones at the bottom of the stream and picking up aquatic insects and soft-shelled molluscs.

"It is not always necessary for the stream to be shallow for him to do this, for he can drive himself through the water with his short wings and can reach the bottom of the larger pools where he can cling and walk about just as easily as in the shallow rapids. He is a thorough adept in this element, and is more expert than the Kingfisher.

"The Kingfisher is a wonderful diver, diving with a surprising accuracy after the small fish, but the Dipper is a surf swimmer in miniature, and a diver as well. He can dive from almost any position, he can float down stream, and can disappear beneath the surface in a flash, or whilst flying over the water he can alight and plunge almost in one movement."

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZE QUESTION COUPON,

15 JULY, 1916.

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The Organisation of the Canary Supply.

Co-operation for Canary Breeders.

A Practical Scheme of Working Suggested.

A MEETING of the Committee which has in hand the question of organising the Canary supply in our own country in order to meet the demand at home and in the Colonies and the United States which has hitherto been largely the monopoly of the World's enemies, the Germans, was held at CAGE BIRDS Offices, 154, Fleet Street, on July 10.

Present: Mr. H. J. Fulljames (Cage Birds League), in the chair, and Messrs. G. Crabb (London and P.O.S.), H. W. Gutierrez (British Roller C.C.), J. Jeffrey (Metropolitan C.B.A.), D. Reeks (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), and W. H. Vale (Clapham C.B.A.).

Correspondence was read from Messrs. Kuhliger, Kybert, Last, and Ramsden.

On the question of the adoption of a title by the Association, the Chairman suggested "The Canary Supply Co-operative Association," and, after a little general discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Reeks, and carried unanimously, to so name the organisation.

The Chairman read a scheme of organisation on co-operative lines, which had been prepared by the retiring Secretary. This was fully considered by the members present, and was agreed to be eminently practicable. It was decided, however, to post a copy to each of the absent members of the Committee for consideration, and to publish the scheme in CAGE BIRDS, in order that the Canary breeders throughout the country should have an opportunity of examining the same, and of expressing their views in the matter by letter.

The scheme, as it stands at present, is purely a tentative one, but it outlines broadly a method by which every Canary breeder may help to forward the work which is in hand, and, at the same time, may join in all the benefits which cannot fail to follow its successful initiation.

It shows how even on a turnover of only 50,000 British Canaries a sound profit may be made after meeting all possible working expenses. Twenty years ago the annual export from Germany to this country and elsewhere was estimated to amount to *five times this number*, and there is little doubt that the demand has been constantly increasing, until half a million annually would probably be well within the number of Canaries for which a market exists at present.

This demand could be supplied by British breeders, not perhaps in the first year, but within a very few years. It is at least certain that a market is waiting for every Canary which Britain can produce. All that is needed is efficient organisation. The first steps toward such an organisation have now been taken, and it is for the fanciers of Great Britain to say whether they will take a share in making our country the World's market for singing Canaries.

They can do this by increasing their own production, spreading the knowledge of Canary breeding among those who do not know of its possibilities, and lending a helping hand to beginners in the hobby which has afforded themselves in the past a pleasurable occupation for their spare time, and which is so easily turned to profitable and patriotic ends.

By taking shares in the Association, which is now being suggested to them, they can place it in a position to get on with the work, their money will come back with a profit such as it would only earn under a system of mutual help and co-operation, the profit will be continuous, and will increase, and purchasers of singing Canaries will be supplied with healthy and beautiful songsters instead of the miserable and unhealthy wasters which they have been forced to accept from the Germans. The members will make an individual first profit on every bird they sell to the Association, and every penny earned by the Association over and above the cost of working will return to them in the shape of dividends.

If the number of members does not almost from the beginning very greatly exceed the one thousand estimated by the scheme as it stands at present, then the Canary breeders of Great Britain do not know a good thing when they see it.

THE SCHEME AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

IN response to the wish of the committee I have drawn up the following notes on the organisation of the Canary breeding supply, which the committee have been considering for some weeks. The object of this scheme, as drawn, is not to make definite and final propositions, but to give the committee some approximate data upon which they may base discussion with a view to the construction of a permanent scheme.

The figures do not pretend to be exact, they are merely suggestive, and must be verified and adjusted to suit the purposes of the committee as discussion develops.

I have come to the conclusion that the only satisfactory way to set about this work is to start a co-operative productive society, operating, in the first instance, entirely from London. Subsequently, as the scheme grows, it will be quite possible to organise branches in the more important centres of the British Isles, but the conclusions given herein deal chiefly with the initial experiment.

The suggestions really embody what may be described as a combination of two systems of co-operative effort—the productive system as practised on the Continent, and the distributive system which has been such a success in England, especially in the Northern counties.

To begin operations, I think it will be necessary to have a depot in London, or, preferably, in the country near to London, with a manager, who should be expert in the handling, packing, and export of birds. The organising secretary should have an office in London, and the depot manager should be subordinate to him. The organising secretary should give his whole time, and devote himself largely to the spreading of the movement throughout the British Isles, and the encouragement of Canary breeding amongst all classes, and especially amongst the working population; he should also devote himself to the discovery of markets, and in this matter he ought to have the assistance of the depot manager.

The question of finance is dealt with below, but the general scheme would involve a membership and membership fees, also a charge of a percentage on the turnover for the benefit of the General Fund. (See Note.) All surplus funds should be invested to the credit of the general association, and be returnable to members, less deductions for depreciation and extension, in the form of annual dividends Members should be allowed to leave their dividends to remain and accumulate at interest if they so desired.

The association should be governed by a Board meeting elected quarterly by members. The members of the Board should be paid a small remuneration and travelling expenses. A balance-sheet should be issued to the members once a year.

Possible First Year's Expenditure.

To arrive at the financial situation I propose to set out the possible expenses involved in inaugurating the scheme, and for this purpose I have allowed what I consider to be a wide margin of safety in every case.

Rent of Office	£50	0	0	per annum.
Rent of Depot	70	0	0	per annum.
Fitting of Office and Depot in first instance	100	0	0	
Salary of Organising Secretary	250	0	0	per annum.
Salary of Depot Manager	120	0	0	per annum.
Assistants, at first ...	100	0	0	per annum.
Incidental Expenses, First Year	500	0	0	
Total, first year	£1,190	0	0	

The incidental expenses have been put at a lump sum to meet all possible contingencies; they would probably be much less.

To meet this expenditure I propose that a membership fee of £1 should be charged; it is quite possible, of course, that poorer members might not be able to find that sum, and to make it easy for them, I would suggest that they should be asked to pay 2s. 6d. on entry, the remainder of the money to be collected from the results of the sales of their birds.

The privileges of membership would include advice, legal and otherwise, market for stock, interest on money contributed, assistance in the purchase of stock in deserving cases, etc.

Preferential Terms to Cage Bird Societies.

In order to increase interest and to stimulate the societies to obtain new members, I would suggest that a society might enter on the following basis:—

Not less than 20 members	£10
Not less than 40 members	15
Not less than 100 members	25

The collection of this money would be made by the Treasurer of the society, and should be paid in bulk to the General Committee, thus avoiding correspondence with the individual members. Under this plan I suggest a case in point: Supposing 15 or 16 members of a society wish to join the association, they would look about and obtain more members to complete the 20, when they would be able to obtain entry at half-price.

NOTE.—The purchase money received on birds of members sent through the depot would be subject to a deduction of 10 per cent.; this 10 per cent would go partly towards the working of the association, and any surplus would be returnable to members in the form of dividend. This subject requires careful discussion—it would be for the committee to decide whether the 10 per cent. should be on the whole of the purchase money or upon the purchase money less packing, etc. It will be possible for the committee to make the percentage such that it would cover all expenses.

A Modest Estimate of Income.

I suggest that the membership, properly worked, should produce £1,000, and the percentage on the sale of 50,000 birds, even at an average price of 5s. per bird, would be £1,250; thus we have £2,250 with which to meet expenses of £1,190, or a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,060 in the first year of working, and on a basis of only 50,000 birds at 5s. each.

I firmly believe that if the association is to be successful it must not confine itself to common singing birds, but must find a market, not only for such birds, but also for the high-class stock which it has been the custom to breed in England. If the high-class stock were excluded you would alienate the interest of a very large proportion of the breeders in this country. It has been clearly stated at a meeting of the committee and in CAGE BIRDS by experts that there is a good market for high-class birds, and that the supply is not equal to the demand. There is, therefore, no reason why the high-class birds should not come within the operations of this association, therefore I think I am justified in placing 5s. as a safe average per bird, because the high-class birds would bring pounds in many cases. The average would probably work out considerably higher; if so, so much the better for the members of the association.

The Trading Question.

In view of the suspicion which has been said to exist in the minds of some traders with regard to the aims of this committee, I think it very important that all organisation should be conducted with a view to include and assist the trade rather than to exclude them. There is absolutely no reason why the trade should not come into this movement and reap the same benefit from it that ordinary members may reap; for instance, it is quite possible that traders might find it convenient in certain circumstances to dispose of surplus birds through the association; on the other hand, it is quite possible that it might be convenient for the traders to obtain birds through the association when necessary. The question of membership should not prevent a tradesman from selling birds in the ordinary way in the open market. Membership would simply entitle him to reap any benefit from the association which might offer itself from time to time. As it has been clearly shown by dealers that the supply of birds in England is far below the demand, the object of the association in promoting the breeding of larger quantities of birds ought to assist the dealers rather than place obstacles in their way.

The essence of co-operation is mutual help—not competition. This association, to be successful, should not aim at competition with dealers, but should aim at mutual help amongst all classes of people who breed or deal in Canaries, and there is not the slightest reason why an association should not be successfully worked on those lines.

(Signed) F. T. USHER,
Organising Secretary.

July 3, 1916.

Correspondence.

Rearing Insectivorous Birds.

SIR,—Do any of your readers know of any softbills which have been reared by their parents on artificial food? I think I have read of Nightingales having been bred in a cage and reared on egg and raw meat.

C. HARRISON.

The Plumage of the Red-beaked Weaver.

SIR,—In your issue of May 13 I see that your foreign bird specialist states of the Red-beaked Weaver, that, "In natural aviaries a few are reared annually." As that is so, the records may elucidate a point in which I am interested. Do the males assume their black face (or in the case of var. russi, the pink front) within twelve months of birth or later?

This particular reply commenced with the words, "I doubt if these birds will attempt to nest seriously in a cage." Might I suggest that the chances of this would, it seems to me, have been much more accurately stated by some such phrase as "It is a million to one against these birds attempting, etc."

E. HOPKINSON.

Gambia, W. Africa.

Another Soldier Fancier Killed in the War.

Sergt.-Major Joseph Bowerbank.

SIR,—It was with much sorrow that we heard of the death of Sergt.-Major Joe Bowerbank. His wife was informed by the War Office that he had been seriously wounded in France on July 2, and she heard, a few days later, that he had died on July 4, and was buried with Military honours in the cemetery at Bailleul, in France.

For some years he was a member of Haltwhistle C.B.S., and during the three last years was our Vice-Chairman. He will be remembered as having been an exhibitor of British and Mules under the name of Bowerbank Bros.

Four years ago he had a trying experience, his house being caught in a fire which originated in a cycle shop, and he lost his furniture, birds, and everything, as he and his wife had only time to escape before the fire reached their rooms.

He was much respected both by fanciers and others in this district, and he will be a big loss to our society, as we could always rely on him to be there if there was any work to be done. He was also much thought of by the men of his Company, and four of them have sent instructions for a beautiful wreath to be sent out for his grave at their expense.

When the war broke out he was a member of the 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorials), and was called to the Colours on August 5, 1914. After spending some time of hard training, he was despatched to France on April 20, 1915, and was rushed into the firing line four days later to help to stop the oncoming hordes of Germany, who had almost broken through the British lines. He was only a Sergeant when he went to France, but had been twice promoted on the field.

This is the second member of our society to pay the supreme sacrifice; he was only 26 years' old, and leaves a widow and one child four years old. The members of our society, and, I am sure, all who knew him, will join with me in expressing our deep sympathy with his widow, his mother, and all his relations.

WM. TALLANTYRE,
Sec., Haltwhistle C.B.S.

A Knotty Point.

SIR,—There is a little problem before the members of our society, and I should like a little advice. Is it fair to the Fancy at large that two fanciers breeding in the same room can show as champion and novice? I may say there are two men living in different houses, but they breed in the same room. One is a champion exhibitor, and the other is a raw novice. Can they breed as partners, and yet show separately as champion and novice?

WM. NEWELL.

[The generally accepted rule is that two or more exhibitors living in the same house must show under the status of the highest, and this rule would seem to cover the point of two people breeding birds in partnership, although they may actually sleep in different houses. They occupy the same premises for the purpose of breeding birds, and in our opinion they should both show as champions. Such points as these find a lucrative employment for lawyers, for of course they may be argued either way, in the letter or in the spirit. The society should pass a rule to meet the individual case.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

(Correspondence continued on page 398.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 397.)

Nesting of the Redstart and Lapland Bunting.

Sir,—Mr Seth Smith has kindly consented to allow me to deposit for a short time in the Zoological Gardens a male and female Redstart, which have been two years in captivity, and a young bird, bred this season in my aviary, with their nest box, nest, and one egg. My object in doing this is, in the first place, to show that even the shyest of our Softbills can be bred in captivity, and, secondly, to induce others interested in Softbills to do the same. In this way they will make a record, help aviculture, and prove their knowledge of the subject more fully than by any number of words. The young bird is a smart little chap, as good as the two young Blackstarts bred here a few years since. I have also some young Laplands not yet fully reared.

W. E. Teschemaker.

The Leeds Roller C.C. and Canaries for Wounded Soldiers.

Sir,—I was very much surprised to receive a letter from you during the week to inform me that you had allotted three pairs of birds from the members of the Leeds Roller Canary Club to three of our wounded heroes. Now I am at a loss to know when I have given the number of pairs that could be expected from the Leeds Club. To the best of my knowledge I have never done so, because I should have been ashamed of the Leeds members only promising so few pairs, and I have not asked each individual member yet, as I thought to let them finish off with the breeding. No, sir, I think the Leeds members will do a lot better than that, or I am very greatly mistaken. Surely it is as little as we can do, especially if the Tommy is a true fancier, to see that something be done to satisfy his craving, and it is surprising that offers have not come forward better from the different Roller clubs. But, as I say, there is plenty of time yet, as we have not finished the present season yet.

H. Best, Hon. Secretary.

[The ex-Organising Secretary made, just before leaving, a list of offers up to date, and allocated them as far as they would go among the applicants on our list. We suppose he thought three pairs of Rollers as many as he could reasonably put down as a gift from the Leeds Roller Club, and we are very pleased indeed to find that this is not by any means as many as may be expected. We have many cases on our list which we have not yet been able to fill, and the larger number so kindly foreshadowed by Mr. Best will be very welcome.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Profitable Canary Breeding.

The Colony v. the Cage System.

Sir,—To give my views on the breeding of Canaries for profit and to compare the cage system with the colony would involve quite a lengthy article, and I will endeavour to be concise as possible in dealing with the subject. As a breeder of some practical experience, I may say I have studied the question in every detail minutely, and in all its branches. Economy has always been my chief object, although, at the same time, to ensure success one must not be too near with the food bill.

Experience has taught me that our feathered pets do not require a lot of messes or coddling, and once the birds are thoroughly used to their surroundings and habitation they will stand almost any weather and climatic conditions; that is, of course, if they are bred to it.

Now in my humble opinion birds are far stronger and more vigorous for being bred in an outdoor building, providing that the building has plenty of ventilation, but you must avoid any trace of draughts. I do not attach much importance to the position of a birdroom so long as it gets a fair position of sun, but for preference I would have a building with a south-east aspect. Opinions differ to a very great extent as to which method would yield the most profit, so far as breeding in cages is concerned. Some fanciers will say any ordinary wooden box will do as long as you can attach a wire-front to it and whitewash it out. Personally I should like to know a fancier that could take the same interest and give the same attention to a room of white-washed soap-boxes as to one furnished with properly made and properly fitted cages. I could not for one, and I go as far as to state that without sufficient attention and interest you cannot ensure good results. I myself have already a large birdroom outdoors, and as I can see Germany being deprived of one of her large home industries, I hope to go in for Canary breeding on a much larger scale next season. The opportunity is ours if we grasp it in time; therefore I say, "Don't wait and see; be up and at it."

I myself would adopt the following methods: I hould not advocate the system of colony breeding, for it has a great many drawbacks attached to it, whilst its advantages would not correspond with the success obtained by breeding in cages. In my opinion the cage system would be the greater producer.

The kind of cage suitable would be 18in. by 15in. by 10in. deep, made of ¼in. pine, and with a three-ply back. To obtain this three-ply wood get a tea-chest from the grocer's; the cost is threepence, and one chest will be sufficient to make half a dozen backs. Place a bar 2in. wide 1in. from the bottom of the front of cage, to allow for a false tray bottom. A 12in. wire front with the supporting wires to go through the top of cage and also into the bottom rail. Have a door 5in. by 5in. in the centre of front, for easy access of a nest-pan, and place a perch on the second wire from each side of the door, and hang the nest in the centre of the back of the cage near the top. Enamel the interior white or any colour you may prefer, about three coats will be sufficient. I advise the bottom of cage to be enamelled at the same time, thus avoiding the moisture from the droppings penetrating into the wood and so preventing any undesirable smell. Now if you stain the outside black you have a cage which is absolutely sanitary, and which will always look nice if occasionally washed, whilst the cost of such a cage at the present time would be about half a crown, that is, of course, to make it yourself. If breeding entirely for profit I should dispense with seed-hoppers and have a glass or earthenware vessel placed near the front of cage, so that each vessel could easily be refilled from the outside with, say, a tin kettle. I should use the two holes usual in made fronts, one at each end, for water, for plenty of clean fresh water in the breeding season is of big importance. Eggs contain about 75 per cent. of water, thus if you do not see that birds have clean water you are minimising your chances of success. As an efficient breeding cage I cannot advise anything more suitable than the one I have described.

As regards the upkeep of a bird per week, this would entirely depend upon how many you were going to keep, as the larger the quantity of seed purchased the cheaper it would work out per bird. I myself have studied every detail for cheapness, subject to getting the maximum amount of success at the same time, and according to my figures the cost of seed, eggs, bread, greenfood, nest linings, cuttle-fish, etc., now runs out at just under one penny per bird per week right through the year; in ordinary times I daresay the cost would be a halfpenny. In conclusion I have no hesitation in advising anyone deciding to adopt Canary breeding for profit to ignore the colony system and to adhere strictly to cage methods. The reasons are: The hens are left to have quiet; there is no quarrelling over nests; steadier youngsters; greater produce per bird; no broken or spoilt eggs; the young are fed and looked after better; better care and attention can be given them; if any eggs are dropped from the hen they stand a better chance of not being broken; and, finally, the birds can be handled much more easily if such is necessary.

Abertillery. A. E. Moule.

Two Kinds of Virginian Cardinals.

Sir,—I have been much interested in the correspondence recently appearing in your columns relating to Red or Virginian Cardinals.

I notice both Mr. Astley and Mr. Teschemaker appear to agree that there are only two races of Virginian Cardinals, viz., a large dark bird from the Southern States of America, and a smaller, brighter bird from Mexico, or thereabouts.

At the present moment, however, I have two pairs of these Cardinals which, while indistinguishable as regards size, show nevertheless such marked differences in other respects as seem to me to suggest that they may be representatives of different races. It struck me, therefore, that it might be of interest if I were to give a description, necessarily rather rough, as I have never actually caught and compared the birds closely, of their characteristics as they appear to me.

Pair No. I.: The cock of this pair is a brilliant coloured bird, one I selected out of a consignment of some 20 or 30 in 1913. The crest of this bird is erectile, and when in repose lies flat on the head; the beak is, as I think Dr. Butler aptly describes it, a bright sealing-wax red. The hen, an old bird, purchased seven or eight years ago, is a dull reddish-brown bird, with a similar crest to the cock. Both these birds were purchased from London dealers, but apart from this fact I have unfortunately no idea of their original home.

The song of the two cock birds varies quite as much as the plumage, and this I will endeavour to describe, though it is always, I think, a difficult matter to furnish a good idea of a bird's song translated into words. As near as possible I render the song variations of both species as follows:—

Song No. I. (bright red bird): First, slowly; "Tú-é," "Tú-é," "Tú-é." Then, very rapidly, "Hughie," "Hughie," "Hughie," "Hughie," this particular stanza being invariably followed by some curious chirping notes which I cannot describe better than by saying that they exactly resemble the quarrelling notes of Java Sparrows.

Song No. II. is difficult to render, but as near as possible I translate it as follows: First, slowly, "P-us," P-us," "P-us." Then rapidly, "Pews," "Pews," "Pews," "Pews."

Song No. III., which has also a variation, sounds to me exactly like the following sentence: Slowly, "You're a beast," "You're a beast," "You're a beast." Rapidly, "Beast," "Beast," "Beast," "Beast," "Beast." The variation sounds like "You're a beast," "Stupid beast," repeated sometimes for an hour or so on end.

Song No. II., until to-day, I had not heard since last year, and then only during the latter part of July up till about the middle of September, the last date I have any record of it being the 20th September.

I never could actually discover the singer. I last season came to the erroneous conclusion that it was my little Black Tanager, but, being followed as it always was by the "Java Sparrow" quarrelling notes, I know now that the singer must have been the Red Cardinal. The following is my rendering of it: Slowly, "Who are-you," "Who are-you," "Who are-you" (the "are-you" run into one). Rapidly, "Whit-ty Dick," "Whit-ty," "Whit-ty Dick" (repeat four times).

The next two variations are common to both birds, and in the first pair to both sexes.

Song No. V.: "Che-ow," "Chow," "Chow," "Chow" (rapidly repeated).

Song No. VI.: "Joey," "Joey," "Joey," etc., commencing at a high key and rapidly descending. (Scales practice!)

Pair No. II.: The cock of this pair I purchased privately last January. He is a much more soberly coloured bird than the other; his general effect above being a sort of pinkish-rose. The crest is rather longer, I should say, and is more or less fixed upright, and can never be depressed to lie flat on the head as in the other. The hen, bought in December, 1914, from a Birmingham dealer, is a much lighter shade than the other hen, more a sort of bay colour, and the crest, which is fixed, or practically so, is of a decidedly reddish tinge.

It would be quite impossible for the most unobservant person to confuse the two birds even if seen apart at different times. The cock of this pair is a far better and more melodious singer than the brighter coloured bird, and its stanzas are more varied. I will attempt to translate some of them as under.

First song variation: Leisurely, "See to it," "See to it," "See to it." Rapidly, and slurring the "I," "It's you," "It's you," "It's you" (usually repeated four time).

Second song variation: Leisurely, "Ho dear," "Ho dear," repeated for a considerable time.

Third song variation: "Ts-é-n," Ts-é-n." Repeat four times, and rapidly, "To-e," "To-e," four times, and follow the "Java Sparrow" notes referred to before.

There are two or three more song variations, but this selection, I think, will suffice here. There are, of course, the call notes proper, common to all four birds, consisting of a kind of metallic "click," "click," very similar to the sound produced by a Robin or a young Thrush.

It may interest readers to know that this latter pair has been at complete liberty since the middle of last June, and the cock (the hen is hardly ever to be seen) makes, as one can readily imagine, a very charming addition to the feathered inhabitants of the garden.

He seldom or ever strays beyond a radius of sixty or seventy yards, turns up regularly to breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with an occasional "apéritif" of fruit in between whiles, all of which is placed ready for him under the cover of a Canary's bath receptacle turned upside down as a protection from the weather, and fixed to the side of his former aviary.

He is by no means shy or difficult of approach himself, though should the hen happen to be feeding when anyone approaches, his warning "click," "click" rings out at once, and she instantly dives headlong into the surrounding bushes, and having apparently seen her to a safe distance, he returns once more. He is a very early riser, and is "afoot" before any, save perhaps the Swifts, and with the exception of these he is also the last to retire to roost. His favourite perch is, I think, a laburnum tree, to which he always resorts early in the morning and last thing at night, but he regales us all day from various parts of his domain, and seems just as much at home in tall Scotch firs, oaks, or thick laurel and other bushes. I have never seen him sing either from the top of a bush or tree, but always from about three parts up.

He is, to sum up, a model bird in every way, and my one haunting fear may be crystallised in the word "Owls"!

But I must not waste further valuable space on matter which has nothing whatever to do with the subject in hand, viz., the varieties of Virginian Cardinals; indeed, I must apologise to the Editor as it is for using up so much of his valuable space.

G. E. Rattigan.

[No apology whatever is needed for occupying space with matter so interesting as that conveyed in the above letter, and we thank our correspondent for a valuable contribution, which we are sure will be read with pleasure.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

The Robin as a Pet Bird.

By FRED CAVES.

This little songster is so common in the country-side that every garden can boast its Robin, and every thicket, hedge, wood, or lane, maintains its dozens. It is a tame little bird at all times, but especially when hunger drives it from the rural districts to the town and suburban homesteads; this, of course, occuring in winter time.

Though very pugnacious where its own kind are concerned, the Robin is quite agreeable when kept in a large aviary with other birds about its own size. With small and delicate birds the Robin is rather a "bully," whilst with larger birds, its impertinence often earns it a blow from a beak stronger than its own.

I strongly recommend the Robin as a single cage bird, and a cock will sing practically all the year round. It is easily caught and will become tame in a very short time. I refer to the majority, there being a few, as with all other birds, which never will become steady. The Robin which I now possess has been caged since last autumn, and has been singing since his first week of captivity.

Many people who are bird lovers know little or nothing about the Robin. Some do not know it has a good song, whilst others aver that in captivity it will surely die. Many superstitious people tell some wonderfully imaginative stories of the Robin.

Certainly it has some strange characteristics. I noticed a large tabby cat, on one occasion, spring upon an unsuspecting Robin and the little bird was quickly slain. Although the cat was lean and obviously hungry it turned and walked away, licking its lips with apparent displeasure. At another time I witnessed a similar incident, and eventually found out the reason. The flesh of the Robin has a distinctly bitter flavour, hence the strange conduct of the cat.

The popular theory that young Robins, when able to take care of themselves, kill their parents, I have never been able to verify. Dead Robins found at this time of the year are probably the results of fights between adult males, or full grown youngsters, and not necessarily relations.

These traits are not disqualifications, and if they were, they are amply made up for by its bold and fearless demeanour when thoroughly tamed, its amusing little ways, and its fine quality song, as well as its beautiful plumage. Altogether this little bird makes one of the finest cage pets that can be named.

A good roomy cage, of the box pattern, a good insectile food, easily procurable at 1s. or 1s. 6d. per lb., a little live food occasionally, and a roomy bath are the essentials. Given these the Robin is ideal as a pet. If foolish prejudice against keeping a Robin were entirely dismissed the little songster would become a very popular cage bird, and would figure largely on our show benches in the British section. Give the Robin a fair trial and the lover of pet birds will never be without one.

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The Greater Lemon-Crested Cockatoo.

How I Keep, Feed, and exhibit this beautiful species of the Parrot tribe.

By W. LIDGETT, Hon. Secretary, Norwich Cage Bird Society.

An entry in the Foreign Bird Section of our Competition announced last week.

ALTHOUGH for many years I have kept birds of all kinds, foreign birds have always had the premier position in my aviary, and the softest spot in my heart. Many and varied have been the foreign birds that have graced my place with their beauty, and some with their tiny songs, but up to the present none has stood so paramount in my estimation as this beautiful large species of the Parrot tribe the Greater Lemon-crested Cockatoo.

I first became the possessor of one of these birds in 1912, and when I first gazed on his pure white plumage, just tinged with yellow under the tail, and his beautiful yellow crest, his massive black beak, and keen eyes, I thought this is indeed one of the most beautiful of God's feathered creatures, although, perhaps, not one of the most gorgeous-coloured of the Parrot tribe.

Of course, being a very large bird, this no doubt deters many aviculturists with limited space from keeping this, or any of the larger foreign birds, as many think they require a large amount of space. If one is blessed with large open-air aviaries to let them fly loose they no doubt do well, but if one procures the largest cage possible they do just as well, and, in fact, if properly kept, even better, as the plumage does not become so dirty; proper attention, of course, being absolutely essential. Mine is kept in a massive wire Parrot cage, the bottom thickly covered with white sawdust, and a tin full of grit always in the cage, and he is now in the best of condition.

How I Cured the Feather-plucking Habit.

After I had had this bird about two years and three months I was surprised to find, one day, it had started feather plucking very slightly. At first I thought perhaps, as it was summer time, it had got a little over-heated in its blood, and a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia would soon put things right. But, alas! I was soon to find I was mistaken. From a few stray feathers at first, very soon there was a large bare patch on its breast nearly as large as the palm of one's hand.

I tried rubbing with a mild solution of bitter aloes, but this had not the slightest effect, the bird simply eating it as if it were chocolate. Being a dog fancier as well as a bird fancier, I knew the value of sulphur as a cure for skin disease, and also as a medicine, so I decided to try what this would do. I also determined to try keeping it outdoors night and day, and, after nearly four months of outdoor treatment, and about a dozen rubbings down with the sulphur (I ought to mention that I mixed this with vaseline and made an ointment), I had completely cured it, and have not had a repetition of this most annoying habit again so far.

Perhaps one may say that it is all very well to talk of rubbing a bird with a beak such as possessed by a Lemon-crest, with vaseline and sulphur, but what about the hand that rubbed it? I might say that although tame, this bird gave me several "playful" nips during these operations, but I accomplished my object in curing it of feather plucking, and this has more than compensated me for those bites.

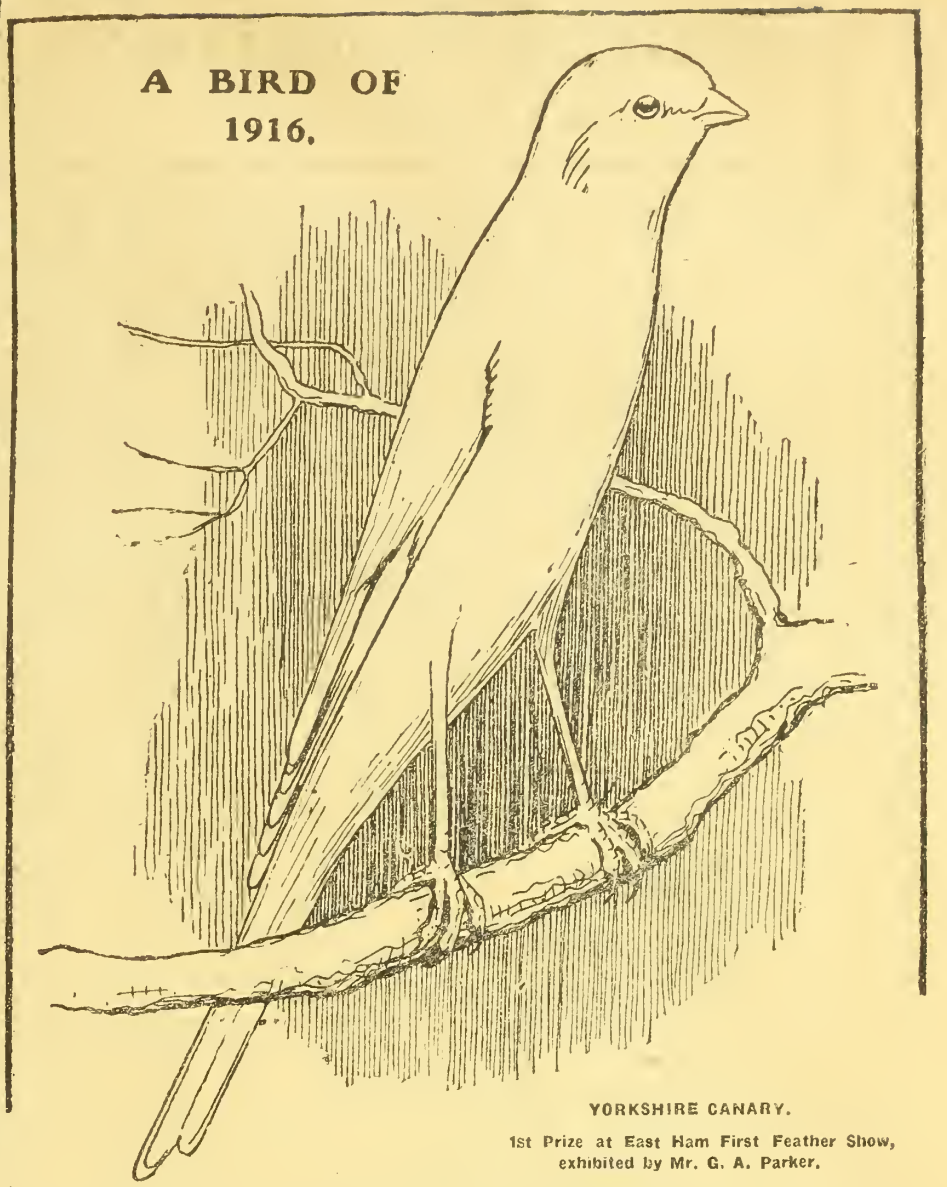
The food I supply is white oats three parts, sunflower two parts, hemp one-eighth. This comprises its stock mixture. In addition I give an occasional good meal of large plain canary seed, as I find this keeps the bird well occupied in cracking the seed, and although one would hardly think so great a beak could crack such a tiny seed, they do it with ease. Monkey nuts are also given three times a week, and a plain biscuit every day. Ripe fruit in season is also given, and green food, such as freshly-gathered chickweed or lettuces, is an eagerly looked-for dainty. It will be noticed that I give an apparently small amount of hemp seed. After having kept this bird nearly two years I found that hemp seed has two rather bad properties as food for this species. Although not wishing to pose as an authority, I always make it a point whenever making a fresh addition to my collection to study its habits, and I found that hemp seed not only darkened the white plumage, and seemed to take the beautiful gloss therefrom, but it also seemed to be even more heating to this bird than sunflower seed.

I have had my Cockatoo nearly four years, as it came into my possession in September, 1912, but I have as yet only exhibited it four times, and each time at the annual show of the Newark C.B.S. The war has somewhat upset all one's calculations and ambitions, otherwise this bird would have tried conclusions at some of the larger open shows, but his record is not bad, for in four attempts he has won three firsts, five specials, one silver cup best bird in show, and one second, then being beaten by another of my own Cockatoos, which also won for me the silver cup the second year in succession, and thus outright.

When I exhibit I always send in the same cage as he is kept in at home after well cleaning and polishing. Of course, when one sends these large foreign birds out of town they have to be securely covered up to avoid draughts, as although they can stand any amount of cold, draughts soon make them lumpy, and then their chance is spoilt.

A Delightful Pet.

Outside of the exhibition world these birds make delightful pets. They soon become exceedingly tame with those they know, and the beautiful whiteness of their plumage makes them an attraction both to their owner, and to the visitors. They are easily kept and catered for, and anyone wanting a delightful and beautiful foreign bird might do much worse than try keeping a Lemon-crested Cockatoo.



YORKSHIRE CANARY.

1st Prize at East Ham First Feather Show, exhibited by Mr. G. A. Parker.

Learning From Enemy Methods.

A paper read before the members of the Leeds Roller C.C. by Mr. Montague, and being a translation from a high Hun authority on the methods of training the Roller Canary for contest singing, as practised by the leading German breeders.

THE development of the young Roller Canary's song is the most important and interesting part of the whole breeding season, a source of delight, but very often a good deal of annoyance too; the general rule is the better the Schoolmasters, and the more harmonious their song, the better is the prospect of excellent youngsters.

Schoolmasters whose songs do not harmonise with one another develop only in exceptional cases good singers, the faults of the old birds being taken by the youngsters. Again, one youngster with a single bad tour can spoil the whole lot in a few days. You will get such youngsters every year, no matter how careful you may be, and youngsters like these you must remove early. Dispose of them as soon as possible, or put them in a dark cage in a cold room, and the song may go back to a formal study; this is a remedy sometimes, but very, very seldom.

It is further advisable to put the Schoolmasters beside one another for mutual support. The better youngsters you put close to them, the inferior ones further away; birds which are staged immediately under one another have very often exactly the same song.

The tours of the young of the first round generally follow the tours of the parent birds they hear in the breeding cage, but as the breeding season wanes you will find that the youngsters are more attentive to their song study, and pay more attention to their tutor, though it is very seldom that a pupil surpasses his tutor.

Whoever disposes of his best youngsters first would be in danger that the rest get more and more reduced in song. The young cocks you have to bring to a Schoolmaster as soon as they start to warble. You may cage them off singly in small wire cages about 7in. wide, 8in. high, and 10in. long, each cage, with bird in it, being put into a song box.

Another way is to use a song cabinet, or song wardrobe, fitted up so as to consist of ten or fifteen compartments. Either each compartment in the cabinet is darkened with a green curtain, or you pull the blinds or close the shutters on the song boxes when you have them on the cabinet. The cheapest way is to fit up a case like a book rack in such a way you can put a good number of cages into same. Between each cage you put a piece of pasteboard or small boards, in order that the birds cannot see each other.

The Schoolmasters should be old cocks of prime quality, in full song, and of the same strain as the youngsters they are intended to teach; otherwise the youngsters would learn nothing, and sometimes would spoil the old birds too. For a big number of youngsters you have to use several Schoolmasters, the whole party perfecting between them a wonderful concerto.

Be careful not to get a poor singer with inferior notes for a Schoolmaster, for the young take far sooner to the poorer tours, because they are easier for them to learn. Every strain will have to be kept separate. Take urgent caution not to put a prime Schoolmaster to a common class of youngsters of poor quality strain, for such birds would not learn much, but spoil the expensive Schoolmaster's song.

In the second year, after the moult, you should not forget to bring each cock to a good Schoolmaster, if possible, but the Schoolmaster must be of his own strain; only in his third year is a Roller a consistent singer. You must not expect the young birds to make up a song between themselves without a teacher; they would never bring themselves to perfection, so you should try and get the best schoolmaster possible.

When you start their apprenticeship you gradually darken their surroundings, for by this method you induce the youngsters to study their song better. The first impression you will get is that it is cruelty to animals, but you will find, upon close inspection, that the youngsters feel quite happy, and are eager to perfect their song. In leaving them in open cages you will get nothing but disagreeable screechers.

Some youngsters will not sing for weeks, or even months, after they are caged off, but that sort generally remain dabblers in song, and are no good on the song bench. The only remedy for youngsters of this sort is to take them into a spare room and hang the cages on the wall a good distance from each other; by these means you can generally induce them to sing.

The best youngsters are those who are continuously at it with swelling throat, closed beak, and which sit quite still while singing. Such birds give promise of becoming good ones, because the deep knorre (bass), the sonorous bent hollow roll, as well as all the deep chest tours, are sung with the closed beak, often, too, with quick motion of same, but high and thin tours will be performed with open beak.

About the middle of November is the best time for the young birds to be expected to be in full song; birds that are not perfect by the end of December are generally not extra-good singers, that is unless they are very late youngsters. Whoever is careful with his birds, and not too sparing with Schoolmasters, should, with ordinary luck, have no cause to complain about his success.

In order to get a bird accustomed to sing at night by artificial light you keep him dark in the daytime, and bring him to full gaslight at night, and he will soon start to sing.

The attempt has been made to use a Nightingale as a Schoolmaster, but the result has not been very satisfactory; only from a good old cock of the same strain as the youngsters can you expect good results. The strophes of the Nightingale the young will heartily perform, but never to such a perfection as the Canary song, and they soon will become mere song dabblers. Therefore you should never give a bird a tutor other than one of his own strain, as to do otherwise is to court certain disaster.

Concerning bird organs for tutors, breeders are sometimes at a disadvantage, as the supposed Schoolmaster sometimes stops his song just at a time when the young are mostly in want of the same, as he may have started to come in the moult. In order to avoid this danger some breeders do not use the Schoolmaster for breeding purposes, or, if so, only for one round. By so doing you can reasonably expect that the bird will not moult as early as if he were in the breeding room all the season.

But even then you will sometimes have disappointments. In that case, but only in that, the bird organ is a remedy for a sudden stoppage in song study, and will save them from going backwards. As a substitute for a Schoolmaster the bird organ will not bear comparison; the best cock you can get is the only proper tutor for finishing the education of young birds which are intended for contest singers.

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NOTES FROM AN OLD DIARY.

By T. H. KINCH.

FROM a child I have always had pets of some kind—either cats, rabbits, rats, mice or birds. I have kept rabbits by the hundred as a boy, and, had I known as much about them as I do now, should have established a new variety—one with black ears, nose and feet, with a fawn body.

But CAGE BIRDS is not a rabbit paper, so I must not trespass. I had a quite young Canary given me as a birthday present, which turned out to be a hen. I was at that time about seven years old. I was advised to get a mate for it, and as I could not get a Canary one given me. I borrowed a cock Goldfinch to put with it. I put them together, never thinking that I should have to put in building materials, so the eggs she laid were all broken at the cage bottom.

Spurred by Misfortune.

Then the Goldfinch died; and that was my first start in Mule breeding. This simple instance left such an impression on my mind that I then began to study birds, and to keep them. In those days there were plenty of people to give me advice, but I am afraid their advice was, like my knowledge, worthless.

I had, the next year, a nest of young Thrushes given me, which I hand reared. I saved three out of four. The food I gave them was milk sop and barley-meal made into a paste, with a few worms daily. Only one was I allowed to keep; the rest I gave away. This one, in spite of all the rough treatment it received, I kept for years; it was a good singer.

I might here state that my parents were very strict, which made me write in a large entry book all which took place respecting my birds, also the food, etc., I gave them. I did not like this task at all, but I had to do it or else give up my birds. Many a time since have I been thankful for this discipline, which I commend to young beginners. Many a good half-hour have I spent going through my old diary, and many a laugh have I had over my simplicity.

When I was first advised to put a large stone in my Thrushes' cage and give them snails to crack I was amazed, and could not credit a bird having that knowledge; but after watching it and seeing the results I found that my adviser's knowledge was superior to mine.

Primitive Bird Traps.

In the earlier seventies no bird papers reached the country, so I had to store up the knowledge gained and note it down for further guidance, which proved very useful as I grew up. The friend who advised me as to my Thrush was an under-gardener in a large establishment. He taught me how to catch birds; he used to set a hollow basket-lid with twigs twisted, and baited underneath. Before long I became quite expert in this mode of capture, but at the present time I cannot think how it was done.

As we had several of these traps about, it was very interesting to go the round of them. They were always placed on the outskirts of a wood, and many a good bird was taken. One morning we had a black and white Blackbird under one of the traps—a cock bird with white wings, which my friend said was worth £5. I doubted that a bird could be worth that amount, but he did sell it to a fancier in Norwich for that sum.

He also caught and sold several Goldcrest Wrens. These were then thought a lot of, but I doubt now if they were exhibited in those days. We soon began clap-net catching. We made a net from old fishing nets, and caught all kinds of birds. My friend, of course, had the pick, and sold them in Norwich; I had what he did not want, and put them in an old outhouse with several thicknesses of net over the doorway, the door being missing. I placed branches of trees for them to perch on.

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The varieties caught were Linnets, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches (in great numbers), Hedge Sparrows, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Redwings. After keeping them through the winter I generally gave them liberty in the spring, and used the outhouse for young Wood-pigeons, Jays, and Hawks, which I used to hand-rear and sell for pocket-money.

I was also a good hand at bird-nesting and collecting eggs. At one time I had a fine collection. At that time I was living with a relative on a large estate, so I had plenty of opportunities of collecting, but nearly always got into conflict with the keepers, as their preserves were my best hunting ground.

Tree'd!

On one occasion I was up a fir-tree, and the head keeper managed to get within a few yards of me. I slid down the branches when he raised his gun as if to shoot me. This did frighten me considerably, for I thought he was in earnest; but when I told my friend he laughed at me, and advised me not to take any notice of the gun, but to run at once if the gamekeeper cut a stick, as that was more like business.

On another occasion I was up a hollow tree, after an Owl's nest, when the gamekeeper again got close to me. In coming down I got my foot in an opening of the tree and fell, and on the arrival of the keeper I was hanging head downwards. He threatened to have his revenge, but the affair ended in a little lecture. I told him what eggs I was after, and he helped me to get them, as he was "death" on all Owls, ignorantly believing that they destroyed the Pheasants.

I have seen over twenty Owls on his "varmint" pole, besides Jays, Crows, and Hawks. This used to be a sight in the spring, and one which he was delighted to show anyone. The pole was also utilised for cats, dogs, polecats, stoats, and weasels, and my one-time enemy was always good enough to tell me the distinction between them, and thus I learned many a lesson in natural history. I believe this gamekeeper was paid so much a head for the "varmint."

I often went with him on his rounds, when I could collect eggs and birds and assist in feeding the young Pheasants. One job he gave me to do was to water the grass with a watering-can with a rose in. He would not explain to me why he did that, but I found out when I began to keep insectivorous birds.

Early Attempts at Hand-rearing.

When I was between twelve and thirteen years of age I used to hand-rear Thrushes, Blackbirds, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, and Linnets. This was always done in my spare time, and before I started to school. Many a morning have I been up at 4 a.m. attending to my pets.

My friend used to sell them to fanciers he knew in Norwich, but I am afraid I did not get my full share of the spoil, for I only received a few pence for each. I found that in one year I had made £1 from those I had hand-reared. I did not go in for raising any insectivorous birds until years after, but I have always found them to be just as easy to bring up as the others.

Soon after I was thirteen or so we left the estate, and went to Norwich, where I soon caught the Canary fever, as several of my schoolmates' parents were breeders. I used, as an excuse, to take them green food, and so got a look at the birds, and saw the way they were managed.

But I was not able to keep a Canary there. I had to be contented with two birds only—a Goldfinch and Bullfinch. My Goldfinch was taught by a fancier to draw up his seed and water. This bird I kept for over ten years—a good ripe age, although I have kept one even longer.

After two years' stay in Norwich we came to the Midlands, to another large estate, and, being older, and having now a considerable knowledge of birds, I was looked upon as an authority by my Grammar School mates, and led them on many an expedition, both for eggs and young.

Many a scrape did we get into over our raids, chiefly over catching with clap-nets, in gardens and grounds in the neighbourhood. Many a net was forfeited; but as we had an unlimited stock of fish netting, and poles could easily be cut, we did not greatly mind.

But these evening raids caused us to neglect night school, singing, and music lessons, and then we had to give an explanation, and were punished, all nets being destroyed which were not hidden. Then we had to sing small for a time.

The birds we caught were of all kinds, and were turned loose into a large stable, fish netting being placed across the door to give light. This stable was made quite artistic with old logs, branches of various trees, and shrubs. This place was never used for its legitimate purpose, and was out of the ken of the authorities. There were three of us in company, and we used to sell our birds to schoolmates and others, and our example caused many a boy to take up birds. We started with British birds, and from them got on to Canaries, and became in time genuine fanciers.

As a boy, nesting was my favourite pastime, and, as I had the run of a large park, I knew well where to find all the nests. A great many of the old trees had holes in them, which were the favourite places for Jackdaws, Owls, Hawks, and Pigeons. Some of the holes were down so deep I could not reach to the bottom of them; but, not to be done, I filled the holes up with stones, turf, etc., so as to get within arm's reach on the next occasion.

As the Jackdaws were so plentiful, I used to gather the eggs and sell them, or rather exchange them for sweets, to a confectioner, who said they made better cake than hens' eggs. Some we used to keep and beat up and fry in an old tin over a wood fire. With two companions as visitors, these teas, with fried eggs and new rolls, went down well; but one day we were caught nearly firing the outhouse where we did the cooking, and then there was trouble.

We soon got tired of this, and collected and hand-reared the young, principally Hawks, Owls, Jackdaws, and Jays. Many a mile we tramped to the woods for these. After getting them to feed and tame they readily sold, but only for a few pence.

A friend and myself were natural climbers. No tree would stop us. We invented a patent in those days, we thought, by using some old "spurs" as climbers. This device acted well, and many a branchless tree have we scaled by these simple means. One year we had sixteen Magpies, all hand-reared. This for a time was a serious drain on our limited finances, but we did manage to sell most of these for 1s. each, which we thought was a good price in those days.

We next collected Blue Rock Pigeons, and hand-reared about twenty. These were sold for shooting purposes. But we could only make 6d. each of them, and so left them for Hawks, several nests of which we reared.

My friend had a book on Hawking, so we tried to train them. We first started to blow a whistle when we fed them. This acted all right for a time, but when it was put into practice his theory was soon exploded, for the Hawks, having their freedom, refused to return. We tried for years to train them, but, as boys, I suppose we had not sufficient patience, although our knowledge was great, or we thought so.

After I left school I started upon Canaries and British birds in earnest, and tried my hand at muling, which knowledge I had to gain from experience, as I had no one to advise me nor any books or papers to run to.

(To be continued.)

THE ROLLER CANARY: ITS BREEDING AND REARING.

An instructive Paper given by Mr. H. G. Hill before the members of the Midland Roller Canary Club.

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AND it is worse in the Canary's case, for this reason: A few weeks after he is nicely on "hard seed," the moult begins, and he has to grow a fresh crop of feathers. Examine these young feathers as they grow. You will find the "quills" full of rich, new blood. Where does it come from Why, from his food, of which blood is the extract, the very quintessence. And the only food he gets to make that constant supply of blood with is—"hard seed."

He soon gets fed up with the hard seed business—mark how reproachfully he looks at you in a morning, and from a slightly sunken eye. The very young novice might think how "fat" he was getting, but alas! it's all feathers and wind. And if you keep it up long enough you'll have to mind how you handle him, or you'll cut your fingers with his breast bone.

A Lesson from Nature.

It's all very simple when you think it out. To take young Canaries from their nourishing diet at from six to seven weeks old is to take away the biggest half of their daily rations just when they need them most—to meet the great demands on their blood supply for the making of new feathers, to say nothing of filling up and developing their frames and internal organs.

Nature is very wise. She knows that the young wild bird must grow his feathers, or perish in the chilly nights of early winter. Hence, she makes him grow feathers first, at whatever the cost to the rest of the bird. So the feathers grow, and your bird starves because he can't get enough out of "hard seed" to keep feathers growing and his body nourished too.

In my second year I gave my young birds egg-food every day right up to the moult, and then a little twice a day. Every day a little crushed hemp, too, and occasionally milk sop alternately to counteract the richness of the egg-food. That year I never lost a bird once out of the nest.

To put it in another way: My cocks have egg-food every day—or very nearly every day—until they go into the training cages, which is when they are moulted excepting around the head. Then, and not till then, do I begin to "wean" them off egg-food, and get them on "hard seed."

Then they get rape-seed only, with egg-food twice a week, and a little sweet apple twice. No hemp, no Canary, and no mixed seeds now. Of course, in these small dark cages they get no exercise, and so require the most moderate food supply. But whilst in the flights they are very active, and this in itself demands an equivalent in food, apart from growth of frame and feathers.

There is another little trouble apt to manifest itself as soon as your young are in the flights and doing for themselves. The birds go loose in their bowels, they go thick, and sometimes die. I believe that some breeders lose many birds in this way. I have had this trouble myself, but have never lost any through it. Hence, perhaps, my method of counteracting it may be useful to know.

It only requires a little thought. Remember that when the birds were mother-fed they were getting cuttle-fish bone mixed with the egg-food, as fed from the crop of the hen. In the flights they eat the egg-food, but at first don't take any cuttlefish. Probably their young beaks are too tender to eat it.

Now, this cuttlefish is rich in lime and other salts which counteract the richness of the egg-food, besides being a valuable bone-building food. Just scrape a little of it into your powdered biscuit before mixing with the egg, and keep it up till you see the chicks eating the cuttlefish themselves, which you will notice when they get from eight to ten weeks old. Crushed hemp is also useful here, I have found. But all hemp used must be sweet and sound.

Green Food, or No Green Food?

It will be observed that in the foregoing remarks I have made no reference to green food as a portion of the diet of my birds. I mate up my birds early, at a time when the use of green food is risky, owing to frost, or its being sodden with moisture, or to chilly and damp weather conditions.

Hence I never use it. I have reared brood after brood of healthy young that have never been sick nor sorry, the mothers of which have never seen green food, and this, to my mind, is a conclusive proof that it is not absolutely necessary, at any rate in the months of March and April.

Later, when the days get hot I give a small quantity of young lettuce, gathered fresh and dry from my own garden, but more as a refresher then because I think it necessary as a food. In the winter I use sweet apple once a week all round the bird room. That is all.

But I do not invite the novice to follow in my footsteps in this particular. Many experienced breeders, I believe, use this food fairly liberally in the breeding season and get good results. I have proved that it is not necessary, but that is not to say that, under proper conditions, and with care in its administration, it is not beneficial.

At the same time it seems to me that the risks in using it in the cold months of early spring are greater than any advantages which can reasonably be hoped for from its use. But in the hot days the risk decreases, and the need increases. So I would say to the novice, "Don't" in the early days, if the weather is frost-inclined, or even cold and damp; but "Do" later, bringing your birds very gradually on to the green food as the season advances so that the sudden change may not upset either the hens or the young.

I have not in this paper the time or space to deal adequately with my own personal experiences in training, and in the tours of our birds; but if my views on these subjects would be of interest to my fellow members, I shall be pleased to give a paper dealing with same later on. At this time I have chosen the above subjects as being of more immediate interest at this season of the year.

In conclusion, let me wish all prosperity to the Midland Roller C.C. and the British Roller fancy in general, and a successful season to novice and old hand alike.

HOW A CARDIFF COBBLER BRED SOME GOLDFINCH-LINNET HYBRIDS.

A Birdy Story Clothed with a few "Frills."

By E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

AMONGST a small circle of Cardiff enthusiasts excitement has run high lately in sympathy with the hopes of a fellow member that he would be successful in breeding a nest of Goldie-Linnet Hybrids. These youngsters, I am very pleased to report, have now come to town.

This is just a bare statement of facts, but I fear that in itself it would be about on a par with the week-old fledglings. To be properly appreciated it needs clothing attractively, and this I will make an effort to do.

Hybrid breeders to-day have a rare choice of authorities who have set out certain cardinal points to follow in order in the long run to ensure success, and these instructions are based upon their own long and patient observations and experience.

We know, however, that occasionally the novice steps in, and in sheer ignorance rudely brushes aside nearly everything excepting the pair of birds, scores heavily, and is the exception that proves the rule; it has been so in this instance.

The Beauties of Bute Street.

I will leave our "Town Clerk" to enlarge upon the beauties of Cardiff. And whilst I know that he, like all good town clerks, will extol the city and its environs to the skies, I am also sure he will not even hint at Bute Street as a beauty spot; of Bute Street and its neighbourhood he will maintain a profound and discreet silence. I have seen Mr. J. W. Ramsden strolling along Bute Street; Mr. E. Baker, of Cowes, has been up and down it; other celebrities of our bird world have done likewise, and one and all would expect it to be the very last street in which to locate birdy hybrids. Yet in this street is the home of our Goldie-Linnets.

From the G.W.R. station the approach to Bute Street leads through "Custom House Street"—really Cardiff's wholesale fish, fruit and vegetable market, and all day long from the cavernous depths of the warehouses emerge the porters. It is amusing to watch a nimble stranger successfully dodge the first of these laden with a box of lemons; with luck he just misses another with a stem of bananas; but eventually gets "one for his nob," as the cribbage players say, from the third, with a bag of potatoes. In the confusion the chances are he will get "two for his heels" from the porter with a crate of cabbages, who apparently has not noticed the stranger's difficulties.

However, beyond a few safety pins and bits of string, nothing more is usually needed unless it be ample apologies to the porter of porters for having inadvertently obstructed them in their work. Fortunately, though the risks are many, and the excitement great, the street is short, and soon we are in Bute Street.

Care is needed in taking the corner, for usually a shoe-black is either in the doorway of a restaurant, or upon the edge of the pavement (depends upon the weather), polishing the foot-wear of a nigger; and to upset the balance of this gent is to get either an expansive smile, due east by west, with a gold tooth or so displayed as effectively as the wedding ring upon the new brire's finger; or a reception which will necessitate a re-arrangement of the scheme of safety pins and strings. Much depends upon the size and weight of the nigger.

A Cosmopolitan Community.

A few paces from this corner of comedies and tragedies, and you are in the Greek quarter. As a lad I think I must have had a fertile imagination, for I used to conjure up fearful scenes based upon the saying of "when Greek meets Greek," but here I have seen hundreds of Greeks meet, and nothing untoward has happened. Away in the tobacconist's back parlour may be found about twenty Greeks card playing, smoking, and sipping coffee all day, and though a very frequent visitor myself after the choice cigarette tobacco smoked by the Greeks, I have yet to see the "tug of war" which should ensue according to the proverb. It seems to me Greeks are a self-contained people, even enjoying their own queerly constructed kirk and queerly got-up Priest.

This reverend gentleman is one of the sights of the district. Of portly form, and imposing carriage, he appears yet more portly by reason of a flowing black robe reaching to his feet. Some say nothing beyond an odd petticoat or so is needed to keep his nether limbs warm, but whilst tacking behind him one very windy day I saw displayed about half a yard of an ordinary man's black trousers, which effectively settled speculation.

However, it is the hat that takes the eye. A black affair, just a tall, straight cylinder, no brim, but surmounted by a flat flanged top. Just how he manages to wear it safely causes heavy gambling, and a settlement is, I fear, afar off, for even a very violent wind or a very blind Custom House Street porter won't oblige in solving the mystery.

A Priest, and a Parasol.

Then there is his hair, and what hair, too, a proper crowning glory; no lady possesses a head of hair so dense or of a more lovely tone of brown. The ends are tucked below the collar of his robe. Some say it extends to his waist, others say only to his shoulders. All I know is that it goes beyond his neck; and it is the envy of every lass that sees it. In hot weather all these wondrous things are protected by a lavender-coloured parasol which he carries. "The giddy young thing," I heard a faded lady say. If nothing else, it assures him an attraction and exclusiveness that is the despair, I am sure, of my friend, the Rev. C. B. Joliffe, a Baptist minister to wit, and withal a good man, though be it remembered he has not said so.

From the Greek quarter we now gradually merge into the Arab colony. "Abdul Satar" tells you on his little sign that he has a good and cheap "lodging house," at least it says so on one side of the sign. On the other side the writer left out the "g" thus making is read "loding" house. "Mahomed Ali" says he also has good cheap beds. Like the Greeks, our colony of Arabs have their own kirk, a dark old shop, with the windows boarded half-way up.

To see a party of Arab firemen land from their first steamer is a sight never to be forgotten. On a bitterly cold wintry day I have seen them wending their weary way to the lodging houses clad only in the rig-out of the stoke-hole, just a pair of trousers as thin as muslin, with naked feet thrust into a pair of slippers, a tiny much-braided skull-cap, and a dirty shirt, worn outside of the trousers, the tail of which flaps in the wind in rythm with the owner's shivers, or sad cough.

If these poor devils survive a few trips they learn better than to land again like this; they then arrive in the very latest fashion of tailoring, displaying wondrous schemes of blue, yellow, red and other fragments from the rainbow. To see an Arab so attired and posed upon his cane, one leg, and a toe of the other foot, cleaning his teeth that are never dirty, with a piece of dried liquorice root, is to see a sight not easily forgotten.

To hear them is to hear pandemonium, and after the burial of a compatriot you can hear them at their best or worst. Dressed immaculately in black and with a red and tasseled fez, they tumble out of the mourning coaches in sixes, sevens and eights, and then each group harangues with its particular driver as to payment, or maybe non-payment.

I feel sure my curiosity will get me a thick ear some day, and if the risk of rummaging around the Arab quarter were not more than this I think I would venture into their "mosque," especially when I hear from the outside the queer incantations around the corpse; but I fear any intrusion into their religious affairs on the part of an unbeliever would involve more risk than mentioned.

"Chinks" behind Chinks.

Anyhow, seeing that our Hybrids are the best part of a mile from the shoe-black and the nigger at the corner, we had better step out a bit, for we still have to pass through the quarter favoured by the "Chinks," as the seamen call them, really Chinese. Here we find Wings and Tings, Wees and Woes, even Tom Lee. Lodging houses and laundries are everywhere, also the smell of soap-suds, and of queer mixtures in the process of cooking, for all Chinamen are either ships' cooks or laundry men.

If you can read the soulless visages, empty as the cupboard of old Mother Hubbard, of the inhabitants of this quarter, then you beat me hollow. In seven years daily passing amongst them I have seen nothing more redeeming than a little spontaneous parental kindness to their hybrid youngsters. Inveterate gamblers, the playing of Fan-tan absorbs their interest when they are not engaged with worse things. Between chinks and from behind curtains and other things at nearly all hours of the day or night one or two beady bleared eyes may be seen, all looking for the police who may at any time raid their dens.

After passing lodging houses of Scandinavian, Norwegian and other nationalities, at last we enter the shop of Mr. Hurd, a son of St. Crispin, of portly dimensions, a bird fancier, a member of our Society, a good man withal, and, alas, a bad cripple. We who have our freedom of life and the full use of our limbs can hardly realise what it means to hobble to a stool in the early morn and remain on that stool till late at eve, engaged upon all manners of repairs to boots and shoes of all manner of sorts and sizes.

The Cripple's Solace.

That my old friend's misfortune is soothed by keeping a few birds is a fact, and his life is brightened by strokes of good luck with his birds, which no one will begrudge him. Here, hung up high all round the shop, tended by his wife or son, and maintained in capital condition of health and cleanliness, are a few Norwich Plainheads, and an odd British bird or two.

Amongst other birds bred last season was a really smart dark buff Linnet-Canary Mule. The local Mule men soon spotted it, and headed by a well-known erstwhile Mule king, the bidding early soared to fifteen shillings. To-day the bidding stands at two pounds, but my friend tells me his wife has become attached to the bird, and as it is a case of a good wife attached to a good bird, and a good husband attached to both the good wife and the good bird, there is going to be "nothing doing." Anyone after this who bids still more and tries thereby to tempt further this good trinity, is deserving of being pushed into the Arab kirk, or worse.

This season, of course, the Hybrids are quite pushing aside the few good Plainheads he has bred. During the winter he accidentally procured a hen Linnet, really sold him for a cock, but philosophically, after more than 40 years' experience of Bute Street, he cut his loss and kept the hen, for, said he, "she might come in yet." In this shop, patronised mostly by seafaring men of nearly all nationalities, colour and sizes, every bird he introduces has either got to go real mad, and so get a short cut to liberty, or just settle down decent and quiet like. This latter the hen Linnet elected to do.

In fact, a month ago, when pacing the perches of a three-feet flight, she distinctly ignored a shop full of mixture and asked for a mate, and soon she had him in the person of a nice large Welsh Goldfinch. Then, in an ordinary nest-pan, she laid five eggs, and no more matronly Canary ever existed than this matronly Linnet.

After about eight days of exemplary conduct my friend decided to take no risk and transferred the eggs to a splendid feeding pair of Plainheads, and now, just as easy as shelling peas, four young have been hatched and are doing well.

No solitude, no careful winter preparation, no secret or fanciful methods or prescriptions, even no setting out for the goal in the first instance; just a chain of fortunate circumstances. We congratulate our friend. May the shadows of his treasures never grow less. Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids have been bred before, but please remember, never in Bute Street, Cardiff.

Finally, like the village blacksmith, both my old friend and I have "something attempted, something done," and I trust have each "earned a night's repose." If the youngsters are successfully reared I shall be further pleased to advise all readers, but as the birds will by then have become naturally clothed, they will need no more of my clothing.

A NOTABLE BULLFINCH HEN.



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Birds and "Summer" Time.

WHETHER domesticated birds and other animals would be in any way thrown out of gear by shifting their living day an hour forward has been a much debated question, and we know at least one lady who has refused to alter the clocks and the routine of her household solely in consideration of the feelings of her poultry. According to the report made to the French Biological Society by Madame Nagcotte, the Sparrows and Pigeons of Paris at least have lined up with mankind in general in cheerfully accepting the altered conditions. It appears that this lady has for long been in the habit of repairing at a certain hour of the morning to the Luxemburg gardens in Paris with a bag of bread crumbs to feed Sparrows and Pigeons. The birds all knew her and were punctual to the moment to receive their accustomed meal. If she was before her time they were not there and she had to call them; if she was late she always found them waiting impatiently for her. Then came the new "summer time" and Mme. Nageotte fully expected that this would upset arrangements. But it did not. She went to the Luxembourg by the clock—that is an hour earlier—but the birds were all in attendance just as if no change had been made. The inference drawn is that these town birds did not take their times by the sun or the temperature, but by observation of the stir of life around them. Everybody was about an hour earlier, and so were the birds.

It is the same with the pigeons around St. Paul's Cathedral, at least so far as the luncheon hour is concerned; we cannot speak with authority about an early morning meal. These pigeons knew as well as possible that between one and two (old time) people would be about with bags of crumbs and other provender, and they could be seen gathering about the forecourt in expectation. The same happens now, but at a time which, from the birds' point of view, is an hour earlier. At one o'clock "summer time" the pigeons know quite well that their luncheon is due, and they are there waiting for it.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

K.M.B.—Answered by post.

NO RESULT (A.L.)—You say nothing at all about the condition of the Yorkshire cock, or whether he is, or was, in song or not when mated. It is quite possible that the Yorkshire was the faulty element in the union, but this cannot be proved without some knowledge of his condition, or, if he appears to be in good condition, it would even be necessary to mate the hen with another cock whose virility was sufficiently proved by his filling the eggs of other hens well this season before one could say with certainty that the hen was at fault. I rather incline to the belief that the cock was the one in fault, and although the hen has already done enough for this season, as she still continues laying you can do no harm by giving her a test mating with a lusty, vigorous cock, in stout song, which is known to be filling eggs well, letting him send her to nest and then removing him, leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. You will then see if any of the eggs by him are fertile; even if they do not hatch there may be sufficient evidence of fertility to warrant keeping her for next season, whereas if there is no such evidence, and the hen is past her second year, you would do well to discard her altogether as a stock bird in future. Before mating her again you may give a mild aperient in the water, such as a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and ten drops of lemon-juice for three days, and add to the dietary a liberal supply of dandelion seed heads, and a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame and gold of pleasure-seed every second day.

GROWTH INSIDE BILL (H.A.H.).—It is impossible to say definitely what is the nature of the fleshy growth inside the bird's beak without seeing it. In all probability it is either a tumorous growth or a deposit of nodular matter, either of which might be removed by a small operation by a veterinary, or possibly your medical man might do it for you, but I do not advise you to attempt to do it yourself. It seems to be a question whether the bird is of sufficient value to warrant you placing it in the hands of a properly skilled person for advice, and operation if necessary. As regards the elongation at the tip, if this is of a hard and horny texture like the tip of a normal beak, with no pink streak showing in it beyond the point where the beak should naturally end, it would be quite safe to nip off this excess growth with a pair of sharp nail or embroidery scissors, so as to bring it to practically the same length as the upper mandible, and thus make it quite easy for the bird to feed properly. Medicinal treatment would be useless in this case.

BEGINNING TO SING (A.L.).—Some cocks will make efforts at warbling before they even leave the nest permanently. When getting nicely fledged they will often sit round the side of the nest, and after being fed will give vent to a tiny little warbling song of content, and if watched closely the throat will be seen to throb gently in unison. This habit may also be noticed when they leave the nest, and in some cases, but not all, will gradually develop into a little song by the time the birds are two months old or thereabouts. As a rule, however, they will make their first real attempts at singing, especially if caged alone, as soon as they are over their first moult. In some cases, chiefly among varieties that are not trained for singing and if allowed to fly together in groups in large flights or aviaries, they may not come into song to any extent before the January following the season when they were hatched. The song is the only reliable method for the novice to tell the sex of young birds by, but a practiced breeder would be able to pick out the sexes in nearly all cases by the bolder and more pushful appearance and character of the birds.

CAUSE OF SOFT EGGS (J. McV.).—The cause of the second clutch of eggs being without shells after the first clutch had been normal, assuming that the conditions and supply of shell-making material was the same in both cases, would be the exhaustion of the lower part of the oviduct where the shell is deposited. An overfed, or fat condition, would also predispose to the trouble. Had you suspected the trouble the best thing you could have done would have been to have given a dose of 20 drops of chemical food for a few days before laying commenced. In any case it would also have assisted in warding off the trouble to have kept a regular supply of cuttlefish available, and supplemented this by mixing with the sand on the cage floor a little old mortar smashed to a coarse powder and added a small teaspoonful of lime-water to the drinking water every second day whilst the hen was nesting.

COLOUR AND CLASSIFICATION (Scotland Gate).—(1) The interpretation of the reading of the class descriptions in the schedules naturally rests very largely with the Committee of the particular show, but in such a case as you give I should say it depended upon whether there was a class set apart for Cinnamons or A.O.V., whether cinnamon ticked or variegated Norwich were eligible to compete in a class for "Norwich, clear, ticked, or variegated." If either of the classes named were provided I should say cinnamon-marked Norwich would be more properly placed in one of them, as cinnamon-marking has not reached the status of a distinct variety in the Norwich in the same sense as it has in the Yorkshire and Border Fancy. If neither of the classes named were provided then I see no reason why cinnamon-marked Norwich should not compete with green-marked. (2) I do not recollect at the moment any particular show or district where cinnamon-ticked Norwich are totally barred from competition when the schedule reads as above, though I imagine all large shows which provide the classes named would adopt the view expressed in No. 1. (3) I do not quite see the point of this query as to whether there is any recognised distinction between cinnamon variegation and green variegation. There is the very obvious distinction of colour—cinnamon is a kind of light chestnut-brown, dun, or "khaki," as it was recently termed; whereas green is a dark olive green, often bordering on black, i.e., the ordinary blackish markings seen on Canaries.

SAMPLES OF RAPE (Roller).—(1) Is a sample of English rape of very fair quality, but is apt to prove too relaxing for regular use as a portion of staple diet. (2) The large black seed is usually sold as Colc. The same remark applies as to No. 1. (3) Is the real summer rape, rather small in size, but mild, and of very fair quality. As a material portion of the dietary of high-class Rollers I should select this sample.

SUITABLE BIRD-HOUSE (G. Wood).—As you say the coal-house is well lit and ventilated, dry and warm, and it is certainly of a sufficient size, I do not see why it should not be convertible into a quite successful bird-house, either for Canaries or Mules. But simply using shelves and wire fronts to confine the birds, leaving the back and end walls of the house to form the other portions of the cages is by no means a good method. For instance, if you should find one of your cages infested with mites, or it should become necessary to overhaul and disinfect it during the nesting season, you are prevented doing it except by disturbing all your stock. It would be far better to go a step further and make cages to stand on the shelves, then, with one spare cage of similar pattern and size, you are able to cope with anything in the way of pest or disease immediately it crops up without upsetting all your stock. Of course, it is quite possible to succeed

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller." No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

on the plan you have in view, but there must be a larger element of luck in it than when you have perfect control of all the separate cages. I should rather prefer the colony system than this kind of cage, by covering the doors and window with wire on frames, fixing up a dozen or so nesting sites, perches and small branches of Scotch fir, either with or without a couple of narrow shelves, and turn in one cock and four hens to fly loose. Of course, you would not turn in the cock before the spring.

LATE NESTING (Blackie).—It is quite true that young are hatched and successfully reared much later than this, but I am afraid that does not remove the fact that the moult will soon be starting with many birds, and when this happens it is a rather forlorn hope for any eggs or young that may be in the charge of those birds. The present season has been very unpropitious in many ways, so far, and there are many in the same case as yourself, finding the birds in better condition than hitherto and with very meagre results in hand. Whether you should endeavour to compensate for the earlier losses by allowing the birds to have another round is a question for yourself to decide. If you choose to take the risk, knowing the idiosyncrasies of your birds, I see no reason why you should not do so. In some cases, where the parents had not reared many young or perhaps none, I should certainly take the risk if I knew the hens were a good reliable sort.

VARIETY OF ROLLER (Taffie).—It is not really a case of variety or breed in either case you name. The best singing Roller is a question of thorough training as much as anything, and the best feeding parents may be a question of strain, but is certainly not one of any particular variety. All you really need look for is a cock that is thoroughly trained and sings a fair average number of good tours with the fewest possible faulty notes, and bred from a strain trained on similar lines, and hens that come of a similar well-trained stud as the cocks, and that have as few as possible bad feeding parents in their pedigree. On the latter point you may have to rely upon the breeder's information.

HEN NEAR LAYING (A. E. J.).—I am inclined to think there is really nothing wrong with the bird beyond perhaps a little constipation, which may be partly due to mechanical causes arising from the distension of the ovary, assuming that she was really getting near laying. In the latter event she will probably be relieved by this time. In any case add to the dietary for a time a fairly liberal supply of watercress, crisp young lettuce, or chickweed and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day until there is no signs of trouble in parting with the evacuations. There was no necessity to separate her.

DAMAGED BEAKS (B. G. R.).—It is not infrequent for the beaks of young Canaries to be more or less damaged, and sometimes it is certainly due to vice on the part of one or both parents, but at others, and probably in most cases, it is more in the nature of an accident, and may arise from a hen's too vigorous persuasions of the young to rise for food. Your observation of the hen is interesting, and suggests another possible cause but whether it could be done by the hen thrusting her beak too far in the beak of the young is a question that needs more close observation. As regards the future of the birds affected, if the damage is not too extensive, going too near the base of beak, it is quite possible they will be able to feed themselves, and that the beak will in course of a few months recover its full normal length. If they have any difficulty in feeding give them a daily supply of egg or biscuit food in a rather deep egg-drawer.

INFERTILITY (Scot).—I am afraid the troubles with an undue proportion of infertility which you have experienced this season can only be attributed to the climatic conditions, which, so far, have this year been of a very unusual nature, and these extraordinary conditions seem to be reflected in an abnormal condition of the birds in many cases. I have experienced something of it myself, and have come across quite a large number of similar cases where the condition of the birds is apparently faultless. With an improvement in the climatic conditions the latter end of the season bids fair to be the most successful part, if not the only chance of making good the meagre results of the earlier part, and with this object in view, where a hen has done very little or perhaps nothing in the rearing of young so far, and is now ready to start nesting at once, I should certainly give her a chance of trying a third time, and take all the risk of the moult coming on and finally cutting adrift one's hopes for this season. Should you decide on this course, give the birds a mild aperient in the water for one week, and in the next a tonic, such as six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel in the water for a few days, and treat them rather liberally with seedy chickweed and dandelion seed heads.

SQUATS ON PERCH (A. E. W.).—Am glad to hear the bird's toe is already better. You may go on with the treatment previously advised until it seems quite strong again. As regards the squatting and difficulty in breathing, I am inclined to think he may have "done himself" a little too well whilst breeding, when an abundance of rich food would be available, and is in consequence in an overfed and plethoric condition. But you might first of all catch him and closely examine the eyes to see if the sight is affected. If there are milky-white discs in the centres of the pupils the bird is undoubtedly blind from cataract, and this would account for its behaviour and, unfortunately, nothing you can do will be of any avail. If the eyes are normal then treat for a few weeks as follows:—Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part of the small reddish-brown summer rape. Once a week give separately a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame seed, and on one other day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and linseed. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the two first weeks in the same order.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SEXING JACKDAWS (R. W. Dennis).—I presume you are hand-rearing a nest of young Jackdaws, and I am afraid I cannot assist you much in the selection of sexes. Your best plan is to keep the largest and healthiest, giving the others their liberty as soon as they are able to find food for themselves. The sexes, even in old birds, are practically alike, although in the spring the cock bird is a little more glossy in plumage, and the grey patch on the neck a little more distinct. Both sexes are very amusing as pets. These birds are not difficult to feed, as they will eat almost anything, but it is as well to keep a stock food always before them, such as soaked Melox or a good brand of chicken meal; scraps from the table can be offered daily, and occasionally a small bird or mouse, and beetles, large caterpillars, and other insects will be appreciated. A rather large bone with a little meat left on it will amuse a Jackdaw for hours. The Softbill vol. of "The British Bird Manual" has a chapter on the Jackdaw, and deals with similar birds, giving the various food mixtures for them. Post free 1s. 2d. from this office.

SEXING YOUNG THRUSHES (A.B.).—The only reliable way to sex young Thrushes is by the song. Watch them closely, and as soon as you detect one warbling, cage him off separately. The song of the cock birds daily becomes louder and fuller, with more variety. If you are interested in showing, do not discard all the others. Keep the largest, as many of these big hens make the finest exhibition specimens. You can give them water now, both for drinking and bathing. Let them have the

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

bath early in the morning on fine days, so that the cage has time to get thoroughly dry before night. When giving drinking water to young birds for the first time let it be just tepid, and as soon as they have had a good drink remove it, offering it again in an hour or so; do this until you feel it is safe to leave it with them without their drinking to excess.

YOUNG BIRDS WITH FITS (T. H. S.).—A good many young birds are lost in the manner you describe, and this arises mostly from injudicious feeding, although hanging them too long in the hot sunshine on a wall, or on the side of a house, will sometimes cause a fit. In your case I fear the giving of your young ones raw meat was the cause of the diarrhœa. This food should be given with great caution; it should be perfectly fresh and then scraped, not chopped up, and only a very little given at a time. Some successful bird keepers never use it. If you rear any more (and there is still time to secure a brood); withhold meat until they are fully grown; give green fly or very small insects, you will find they will do much better on them.

MOULTING A CHAFFINCH (Novice).—Although a Chaffinch is not a difficult bird to moult in the ordinary way, it is quite a different matter to moult one out fit for exhibition. In the first place, if the bird is steady, give him a good-sized cage, say 2ft. to 2ft. 6in. long, and occasionally run him into his show cage. In addition to his usual stock mixture he should have a little soft food if he will eat it, and a liberal supply of insects. If you have the time you should not miss any opportunity of collecting them for him. Green fly can be gathered anywhere; then there are house flies, spiders, small caterpillars, ants, and many others that your bird will appreciate. Keep him well supplied with these, and let him bathe frequently.

NO LUCK WITH MULES (Ubique).—I am sorry to hear of your bad luck, but I fear you do not stand alone, many breeders have done indifferently this season. If you can do so without inconvenience, allow the birds to fly together during the winter months. As regards hand-reared or Canary-reared Finches, some people are particularly partial to them, but I must confess that I have done equally as well with freshly-caught birds. Just occasionally one will have a Finch that will not mate, but as a rule, when these field-moulted birds do so they get fertile eggs. I have had these even from Finches that have been so wild that one could scarcely go near the cage, and I have also found that when these birds have paired with a Canary they frequently settle down and become quite tractable cage birds.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

COCKATIEL AS A TAME PET (Esperance).—Unless you can purchase one already tame, I consider 1½ years would be too old for the purpose you require. You should arrange with some breeder to let you have one as soon as it is able to fend for itself, or if you could get one even younger and hand feed it, there would then be more probability of its meeting your requirements. Your book will tell you how to treat it. I must, however, warn you that even with careful training and getting quite a young one, it is not everyone that talks, though they should make interesting and tame pets. Your query re paper must be addressed to the Editor.

WHAT BIRD? (A Lover of Cage Birds).—Your bird is either a Green Singing Finch or a St. Helena Seed-eater—almost impossible to say which without seeing it, as the two species seem so similar in a written description, though they are easy to distinguish when seen, as the last-named is a little larger and more brightly coloured than the first. The first-named is about the size of a Lesser Redpoll, and the other about the size of a Brown Linnet. I incline to the opinion that your bird is a St. Helena Seed-eater.

WHAT PARROT? (H.S.).—I am of the opinion that your bird is a Double-fronted or Levaillant's Amazon. The beak of an old bird is usually very

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rough, also its legs, the scales appearing quite horny. All the Amazons talk to a greater or lesser degree; but, as a rule, one cannot hope for much from a wild-caught adult. Keep your bird, as soon as it has steadied down a little, where it will see and hear what is going on around it. Do not keep it in a room which is only occupied occasionally; talk to it soothingly and pet it when attending to its wants, and you will thus fetch out its full talking capacity. While hearing and seeing the life of the house will be part of its education, it should not be kept where rushing movements will keep it in a continual state of scare. Chemical food is a good tonic, but it is equally important not to allow any constipation, and to give a gentle laxative at the first appearance of such. The bowels should move quite freely without any appearance of abnormal looseness.

YOUNG COCKATIELS BADLY FEATHERED (D. I. P.).—I think you would do well to send to our manager for "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d., post free). You would get ample details therein, such as space does not permit of in this column. Is the nestbox a flat-bottomed one? If so, this would account for so few hatching out. They use no nesting material, and on a flat surface the eggs roll about and get addled. The bottoms of nestboxes for Parrakeets should be concave. Ill-fledged youngsters often appear, but if there is no inherited weakness this soon disappears. I think it will be better for you to leave things to take their course. The old birds will turn them out of the nest if they get in the way. As well as canary and millet seed, supply oats, a saucer of dry broken biscuit, and plenty of green food. Perhaps I could better suggest cause and remedy if you told me how and where they are kept (i.e., how fed and treated generally). Your cock losing its flights is evidently merely the result of the annual moult.

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E. O. Ashmore. Ptomaine poisoning is the cause of your losses. To the eye the various samples you sent appear all right, nothing could determine the cause without an analysis.

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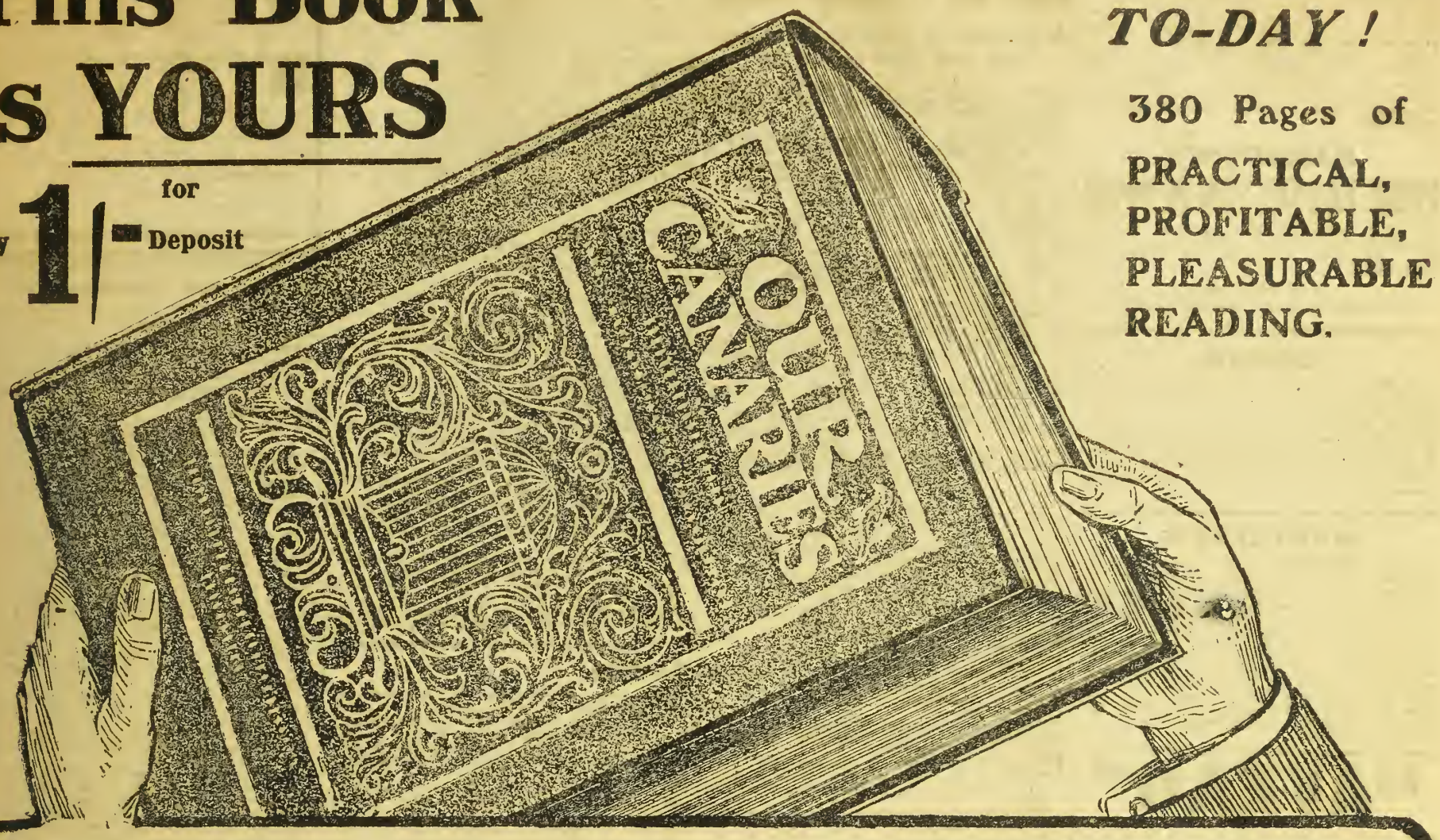
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The Ideal Yorkshire Green Canary.

How to Produce It.

A Lecture delivered to the members of the Halifax O.S. by Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax.

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NOW pair the Belgian cross-bred to big birds which have plenty of frame and are well filled in; let them be two years old if possible. I do not care to use young birds if it can be avoided, for immature birds are not quite sufficiently developed for crossing purposes. From old hen birds you get far stronger young than from younger hens.

If a young Fancier will adopt the method suggested in his endeavour to produce the "working man's bird" the Yorkshire Green, and has only an ordinary share of luck, he is pretty certain to breed something good. If he has the making of a true fancier in him he will, of course, be possessed of plenty of patience and perseverance, and will not be discouraged if he does not succeed at the first attempt.

Upon these methods I have always proceeded, and I have produced birds which have gained high honours at all the leading shows, including the Crystal Palace. I am proud to be able to say that I was the breeder and exhibitor of the two champion Yellows in 1906-1907; they were bred from a variegated Yellow cock, bred in the way I have stated, paired to a self buff hen one-eighth bred, Green and Green and Double Buffs. I am giving this as an instance of what can be done by experimenting.

With regard to the show points of the ideal Yorkshire Green; the first quality is colour, for this quality alone 35 points out of the 100 are given, although in general colour is not given so much consideration at present as in former days. There is no standard of length in the Green Yorks as in the Clear Yorkshire, the standard of which is, of course, 6¾in.

The bird must be of a good bright, rich level colour without bronziness or a smoky appearance of feather, there should be no light under flue, and the colour of the plumage should be a good dark green, such as is seen in the grass in spring time, or in the leaves of evergreens just commencing to grow.

It should have a short beak, a good round head, well filled neck, and round shoulders, a very narrow well-filled round chest, and a good long body with wings well fitted right down to the root of the tail: the bird should be well drawn from the throat to the vent, with no chest bone showing.

The legs should be clean cut, but not stilty, and should not be set too high up the body; the tail should be like a pipe stem, the beak and legs dark in colour; the pencilling on back and thighs must be distinct, position must be an upstanding one, and the appearance sturdy.

In the keeping of any kind of Canary the most important time of all is the moulting time—I moult my birds two or three together in ordinary cages, that is providing they agree with each other.

Should I find any of my birds, whether young ones or old show birds, nicely started in the moult, I single them off and hang a fine curtain along the front of their cages at about six inches distance, so as to allow plenty of air; this prevents draughts at night, and I remove it every morning, keeping it off until about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

—As soon as the birds have got well moulted up to the shoulders I believe in letting them have the bath freely, this hardens the birds and tightens their feather. I find if you give the birds the bath all the way through the moult they do not take to it so freely; the bird may be moulting well, but when it is only half clad with feathers, especially at a time when days are getting very short, it has not time to dry itself, then it gets cold, with the result that the feathers come square and patchy in colour—many a good bird has been spoilt in this way.

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The Yorkshire Green Canary is at its very best for colour at the age of three years, and will continue at its best to the last, if successful moulting is carried on each subsequent year.

I hope that those who have not tried my methods of breeding Green Canaries will give them a chance, and if the knowledge conveyed results in their success, I shall be well repaid for such trouble as I have taken in writing this paper. If any points have been omitted I shall be pleased to answer any question which may suggest itself to enquirers.

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ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

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Barrow C.B.A.—July 26, Gardner's Restaurant, 7.30. Special meeting; settling of Nest Feather show, tickets, etc.; proof of photo will be on view; paying out of prize money.—D. McFarlane.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 22, Bird Inn, 6.30. Schedule for annual show, and other business; intending members please attend.—J. H. Elliot.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—F.F. Show, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Judge. Mr. W. Richmond.—H. Fretwell. (Date not stated.—Ed.)

Burnley O.S.—July 25, Star Inn, 7.30. Fixing date for open show.—H. Eastwood.

Choppington, Scotland Gate C.B.S.—July 22, Social Club, 7. Payment of N.F.S. prize miney, other important business.—H. Seely.

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East Ardsley C.B.S.—July 22, Black Swan. 7. Special show business and prize money.—A. Walton.

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Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—July 29, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, 3.30. Young bird show; Judge, Mr. A. McFarlane, Shawlands. Classes: 4 Nor., 4 Bord., 2 Yorks, 1 Lizard, 1 A.O.V., 1 Nov. A.V., 1 Mule or Hyb.—J. H. Adam.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—July 24, Amethyst Club, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8.30. After club having been closed for 6 months, meeting to be held re annual show.—R. W. Ford, Junr.

Halifax O.S.—July 22. Ramble to Arden Woods, leader, Mr. F. Burdekin. Book to Wilsden by train leaving Halifax 1.50, North Bridge 1.53, Ovenden 1.57, Holmfield 2.9, St. Paul's 1.48, and Pelton 1.51. This being our last ramble of season, a good turnup is desired; friends will be made welcome.—J. J. Dunn,

Leigh C.B.S.—July 26, Railway Hotel. 7.45. Paying prize money for N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—July 27, "Seven Stars," St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. An interesting lesson on the different tours of the Roller Canary; several birds will be present.—J. W. Thomson.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Young bird show, July 29, entries close July 25.—O. Mills.

Poplar C.B.S.—July 27, All Hallows School Room, East India Road. 8.30. Prize money distribution, and other business.—H. Priseman.

South Moor Social.—July 23, Club Room, 6.30. Confirmation of schedule.—Geo. Lane.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—July 25, "Tinky House," Shaw Heath, 8. General business. W. Stafford.

Warrington C.B.S.— July 28. Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Table show, N.F., birds staged 8 prompt.—H. Warburton.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 22, Church Schools, 2.30. Members' F.F. show, Judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe, Wibsey Silver cup best novice Entries Friday, 6.30 to 7.30, at Blue Bell Hotel.—Taylor and Halliday.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Linnet contest, July 16; 27 birds sang: 1, Marshall; 2, Shaw; 3, Butler. Judges, W. Lacy; A. Richardson.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 16; 24 birds sang: 1, T. Ward; 2, W. Sissons; 3, Hollingworth; 4, Mrs. Tennant; 5, T. Ward. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Grant.—W. Naylor, Sec.

Clarence Hotel Bird Club, Skinner Lane. Singing contests, July 16; 19 of the best birds in Leeds sang, and some very good singing was heard. 1, 3 Marshall; 2, Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, A. Butterfield. July 17, 18 sang: 1, 2, Wigfield; 3, Binns. Judges, T. C. Summers and A. Butterfield.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn members' sing, July 16; 4 minutes time; under a very good company. 1: Hardman, 2min. 54 sec.; 2, J. Norburn, 2.47; 3, Fishwick, 2.37. Don't forget Melbourne sing, open, July 22.—J. Hardman, Sec.

PEMBERTON.

Dog and Partridge Linnet Club open contest for time and quality, July 8; 36 birds staged. Quality: 1, Knowles; 2, Dobson; 3, Aspey; 4, Disley. Time: 1, Dawson, 137; 2, 4, Aspey, 105, 60; 3, Hill, 85. Judges, W. H. Toppin, G. Milligan; timers, R. Disley, T. Wright; minute, P. Ashcroft.—Sec., J. Finch.

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Club Reports.

STANLEY (Empire) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting, July 2, R. Peart chair, and a good turnup of members to elect judge for annual show, Nov. 18-19. Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) was elected. Will members please turn up and give their vote to Mr. Robert Mitchell, who is running for the committee?—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, July 12, Huut's Shop, Ocean Road, Mr. J. S. Dixon chair. Members wish to thank the Rev. Mr. Gills for his kindness in lending for our show St. Thomas's Institute, Denmark-st. New members elected: Messrs. C. Purvis, J. Cleghorn, J. M. Walker and E. Waters, Sunderland; J. Baxter, Hebburn. Agreed unanimously to take new members for our Young Bird Show until July 22 for this year only. We will hold a meeting at 2 in St. Thomas's Hall for proposition. Judging commences 2.30 by Mr. J. Risebourgh, of Sunderland.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

N. YORKS. & S. DURHAM FED.

Meeting, Little Regent Hotel, Stockton, July 10th. Full complement of Secretaries and representatives present from Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington, Redcar, Guisbro, and Middlesbrough Cage Bird Societies; Chairman, Mr. Watson, Hartlepool. Arranged to hold two open shows over at Hartlepool, Nov. 8th, and over at Darlington New Year's Day. Schedules discussed wherein fanciers are well catered for. Champion classes: Canaries 22, British 12, Mules 2, For. 2, with usual classes for Novice Fed. members. Efforts are being made to secure best available judges. Officers elected for ensuing year: Chairman, W. Watson, Hartlepool; Sec., B. Smurthwaite, Norton: Treas., W. Nicholson, Stockton.—B. Smurthwaite, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Oldham Hall, July 13. Mr. Ewan chair. Six new members accepted. Correspondence read from Messrs. R. W. Roberts, Bray and Lonsdale. Many members have promised to attend the outing to Otterspool Gardens, July 30. The item for the evening in the syllabus was "Questions," and members put some very interesting questions on their papers. It fell to Mr. McDermott to answer, "Which is the best way to breed winners?" which he did in a very admirable manner. Mr. Hart had to voice his opinion on "Hemp seed"; Mr. Abbot, "How to moult British Birds"; Mr. Scott, "Amalgamating Classes"; Mr. Bunner, "Training Young Birds"; T. R. Jones, "Bad Feeding Hens." The questions and answers proved both interesting and instructive, and all agreed that they had spent a very pleasant evening.—Thos. R. Jones, Sec.

NORTHERN Y.C.C.

Meeting, July 12, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market. Mr. T. C. Crawhall chair, and a very good attendance. Decided that we leave the patronage of our Society over until next meeting. Decided also to hold our annual show on December 2, at which there will be some very good special prizes. Anyone wishing to become a member will be given a hearty welcome. We are forwarding an order for show cages, and members wanting these should kindly let me know. Results of Nest Feather Show: Champ. Cl.: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, vhc, Crawhall; 4, Havis. Mkd.: 1, 2, Havis. Nov. Cl.: 1, 2, 4, Key; 3, Collins; vhc, Shields; hc, c, Studholme. Mkd.: 1, 2, Collins. Decided to hold next meeting Aug. 2, at which there will be a nest feather show; 2 classes champions, 2 classes novice. Mr. T. C. Crawhall appointed to judge novice section and Mr. Wm. Studholme champions. New member elected: Mr. Hodgson, Stanhope.—Robt. Havis, Hon. Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

PAISLEY N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

F.F. show, Painters' Hall, Cousyside Street, July 8. The entry was well in advance of last year, and some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. Cullen kindly acted as judge, and gave entire satisfaction. Crest: 1, McLerie; 2, Gemmell; 3, Potts. Yell. Nor.: 1, O'Hare; 2, Skouce; 3, Kidd. Buff: 1, cup, Kidd; 2, O'Hare; 3, Skouce. Yell. Var.: 1, 3, Skouce; 2, McNair. Buff: 1, Pratt; 2, 3, Kidd. Yell. Bord.: 1, 3, O'Hare; 2, Gemmell. Buff: 1, 2, McLerie; 3, O'Hare. Yell. Var.: 1, 3, O'Hare; 2, Potts. Buff: 1, McNair; 2, O'Hare; 3, Potts. Small Brit: 1, Kidd; 2, O'Hare; 3, Potts.—J. Gemmell, See.

CHOPPINGTON (Scotland Gate).

Annual N.F. show, Social Club Hall, July 15; some splendid birds were on view. Mr. F. Scott won spl. best bird with a cinnamon Norwich; Mr. H. Seely, best 2nd prize bird with a yellow mkd. Nor.; and Mr. T. Sanderson, best 3rd prize with a yellow mkd. Nor. also. The show was well patronised by visitors. Mr. J. Sanderson, Bedlington, judged. Nor. Yell.: 1, Scott; 2, spl, c, Seely; 3, spl, hc, Sanderson; vhc, Armstrong. Buff: 1, vhc, Ayton; 2, c, Seely; 3, Carmichael; hc, Orange. Bord. Yell.: 1, Wales; 2, Seely. Buff: 1, 2, Tapson. A.O.V. Can. or Mule: 1, spl, Scott, cinn.; 2, Sanderson, cinn.; 3, Seely, Green Nor.; vhc, Dixon; hc, Griffiths; c, Tapson.—H. Seely, See.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Second N.F. show, headquarters, July 4. Entries came up rather better, 62 birds being staged. Yorks were the feature of the show, some very promising youngsters being on view. Norwich were very good in quality and substance, and Crests were small in numbers, but quality tip-top. Mr. H. H. Towers, Keighley, judged and gave satisfaction. Ch. Yorks, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Spencer; vhc, Gregory; c, Biggin. Buff: 1, Spencer; 2, Gregory; 3, Ridal. Varieg.: 1, 3, Spencer; 2, Ridal; hc, Gregory. Nov. Yorks, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, Haggerstone. Buff: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Haggerstone. Varieg.: 1, Cook; 2, 3, Forrester. Cr. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Gifford. Buff: 1, Hartley; 2, Gifford. Varieg.: 1, 3 Gifford; 2, vhc, Hartley. Nov. Ner. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 3, Lister; 2, vhc, Roberts. Buff: 1, 2, Lister; 3, vhc, Roberts. Varieg.: 1, Roberts. Ch. Crests: 1, Richardson; 2, Moore; 3, Peace. C.B.: 1, Moore; 2, Peace. Spl. prizes in Ch. Yorks. were won by Spencer and Gifford. Nov. Yorks, Roberts, Cook, Haggerstone and Lister. Ch. Nor.: Gifford; Nov. Nor.: Roberts. Crests: Peace.—E. C. Jop.

TONG C.B.S.

Members' show, July 15, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. 54 birds were judged with satisfaction by Mr. F. Self, Clayton. Champ.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (11): 1, Casey; 2, Naylor and Stebbings; 3, Gledhill; 4, Nicholl. Buff (11): 1, Padgett; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Nicholl. Green Mkd. (13): 1, 3, 4, L. Hodgson, junr.; 2, J. G. Hodgson. Cinn. Mkd. (4): 1, Casey; 2, 3, L. Hodgson, jun.; 4, Russell. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Buff (5): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Robinson. Yell. (4): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, 4, Robinson. Green Mkd. (5): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Robinson. Cinn. Mkd.: 1, Robinson.—W. Walker, Sec. (Kindly see notice above.—Ed.)

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

F.F. show, July 1, Nelson Temp. Hotel. Mr. F. Taylor judged, and gave full satisfaction. Cl. Yell.: 1, Hutchisou; 2, Jardine; 3, Wood; 4, 5, 6, McCluskey. Green: 1, 2, 3, Jackson. Cl. Buff: 1, 2, Black; 3, spl, Jardine; 4, Hutchison. Var. Buff: 1, Hutchison; 2, McCluskey; 3, Eagleshaw. Var. Yell.: 1, 2, Black; 3, Hutchison; 4, Wood; 5, Eagleshow. Bord., Cl. Yell.: 1, Macklin; 2, McJury; 3, McCluskey. Cl. Buff: 1, spl, Macklin. Var. Yell.: 1, McJury; 2, Macklin. Greens: 1, McJury; 2, McCluskey.—W. Hutchison.—(Please see notice above.—Ed.)

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Very successful F.F. show, Cairn's Memorial Hall, George Road, July 15. Entries totalled about 50, considerably less shown in former years, but quality was quite up to the usual mark. Mr. J. Holmes, Edinburgh, judged, to the satisfaction of everybody. Nor. Yell.: 1, Muir; 2, 4, McMoriu; 3, Ritchie; 5, Charlton; 6, spl, Stormont. Buff: 1, 3, spl, Thomson; 2, spl, Stormont; 4, 5, McMorin. Gr. or Var. Yell.: 1, spl, best bird, Muir; 2, 5, Hutchison; 3, 4, Wilkie. Buff: 1, Weir; 2, Thomson; 3, 4, Wilkie. Crest or C.B.: 1, Stevenson; 2, 3, Ritchie. Bord. Yell.: 1, 3, 4, spl, Stewart; 2, 6, Hutchison; 5, spl, Weir. Buff: 1, Weir; 2, Hutchison. A.O. Col. Yell.: 1, Stevenson; 2, Hutchison; 3, Libbald; 4, Weir. Buff: 1, Stewart; 2, Libbald; 3, Weir; 4, Stevenson. Scotch Fancy: 1, 2, Ritchie. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, 3, Charlton. There was a good attendance of members and friends during the afternoon.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Second N.F. show, Park Hotel Hall, July 15. There was a large attendance of members and friends, and we were pleased to observe Mr. A. E. Moule, of Abertillery, pointing out the merits of various birds to the younger members. Mr. W. Amphlett acted as show manager, and Mr. J. Hillman judged and gave satisfaction, competition being very keen, especially among the Yorkshires. E. Ashman won medal best bird in show with a grand wing-marked hen, also special best yellow Yorks. Yellow Nor.: 1, 3, Amphlett; 2, Sweet; 4 Waters; vhc, he, Gameson. Buff: 1, 4, he, Amphlett; 2, Sweet; 3, vhc, Waters. Yorks Yell.: 1, 4 Ashman; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, he, Tucker. Buff: 1, 3, Ashman; 2, 4, Tucker. Mules or Hyb.: 1 4, Carlton; 2, 3, vhc, Clark. Brit.: 1, Watkins; 2, Carlton; 3, Lewis; 4, he, Clark; vhc, Prosser.—W. D. Lewis, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.S.

Meeting and F.F. show, July 8, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross. Entries were not quite up to last year's total, owing to the bad luck experienced by a number of members, but quality was excellent, and some good birds were on view. Special best bird, J. Braid, with a fine yellow Nor. Messrs. E. Barron and J. Lappin judged and gave every satisfaction. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl, Braid; 2, Mitchell. Buff: 1, 3, Campbell; 2, 5, Mitchell; 4, Proctor. Yell. Varieg.: 1, Campbell; 2, spl, 3, spl, Proctor. Buff: 1, Campbell. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 4, spl, 5, spl, Brown; 2, 3, spl, Colquhoun; 6, Proudfoot. Cl. Buff: 1, spl, Braid; 2, spl, 4, 5, 7, Sellar; 3, Brown; 6, Colquhoun. Yell. Varieg.: 1, Fairweather. Buff: 1, spl, Colquhoun; 2, Campbell; 3, Robertson. Self or Foul Mkd. Green: 1, 2, Robertson; 3, 4, Proudfoot. Self or Foul Mkd. Cinn.: 1, Sellar. Yorks.: 1, Thomson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, P. Allan. Next meeting, July 11, Co.-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, at 8.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

12th annual young bird show, July 4. Several members are with the colours, and the breeding season has not been at all a favourable one, so entries, 70, were down a little, but quality was up to standard. Mr. J. Robson judged. The president, Mr. F. Piper was among those present, and a good number of visitors attended. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the hard-working secretary, Mr. G. Griffiths, assisted by Mrs. G. Griffiths. The following also rendered service: Mr. L. E. Howard, Mr. A. H. Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Farley, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. P. Rorke, and Mr. R. E. Collins.

Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, vhc, Wade. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 3, Miss Wright; 2, Smith; vhc, Brown; c, Rorke. Mkd.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Rorke; vhc, Brown; w.c., Griffiths. Bord., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, vhc, hc, c, Hobden. Mkd.: 1, 2, Pegg. Nov. Nor.: 1, 2, Jay; 3, Snow; vhc, hc, Birch. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, c, Ramsey; 3, vhc, hc, S. and C. Farley. Mkd.: 1, 2, 3, S. and C. Farley; vhc, Nason. Bord., Mkd.: 1, Collins. Self or Foul Green: 1, 2, Rev. Soames. A.O.V.: Canc. Mules and Hyb., Old: 1, Snow. 1916: 1, 2, Snow; 3, vhc, S. and C. Farley. Brit.: 1, Birch; 2, 3, hc, S. and C. Farley; vhc, Collins; c, Ramsey. Diploma Best Bird, Champion and Spl. for best Yorks.: Miss Wright. Diploma and best Novice, and spl. best Nor.: Jay. Best Bord.: Pegg. Best Nov. Yorks.: Ramsey. — (Kindly see notice above.—Ed.)

READING C.B.S.

F. F. show Palmer Hall, July 12, 50 birds facing the judge, which, taking all things into consideration, must be thought satisfactory. Norwich comprised most entries, and some promising youngsters were to be seen, Mr. Larcom winning special for best in show, size being far above anything else exhibited. Mr. Wilson had a very nice cl. yell., which had won at Richmond the previous Monday. With a good moult it should turn out a good one. Yorks were not numerous, but some nice birds. Miss C. Garland taking special for best in show. She, too, had exhibited with success at Richmond, and no doubt will be heard of again at the annual show. Two very fine Linnet Mules bred by the late Sec., W. H. Pyke, and a few British, comprised the other classes. Mr. T. Yates judged and his awards appeared to meet with approval.

Champ. Nor.: 1 (2), 2, spl, Smith; 3, Foster. Amat. Nor. Yell.: 1, hc, c, Wilson; 2, 3, vhc, Larkcom. Buff: 1, spl, best bird, 3, Larkcom; 2, vhc, hc, c, Wilson. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, Mrs. Wright; vhc, hc, Mrs. Bidmead. Buff: 1, 2, spl, Mrs. Bidmead; 3, Mrs. Wright; vhc, Cunningham. Amat. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, spl. best in show, Miss Garland. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Miss Garland. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Morse; 2, 3, vhc, Upton. Buff: 1, spl, Upton; 2, Morse. Mules: 1, 2, spl, Pyke. Brit. Hard.: 1, spl, hc, Foster (Goldie); 2, vhc, Mrs. Smith, Goldie and Linnet; 3, Wilson, Linnet; c, Upton, Linnet.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

EASTLEIGH CB.C.

Show, Council Chambers, July 12. Although not quite so many as usual, some very promising young birds were staged. Special prizes were won by S. Foyle, best Nor.; J. Aldershade, best young Mule. A good number of visitors were present during the afternoon, including about eighty of our wounded soldiers. The birds were seen to perfection. Mr. G. T. Webb judged, and gave every satisfaction: Nor. Young Birds: 1, sp, hc, Foyle; 2, 3, vhc, c, Alderelade; res, Thornton. Yorks.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Thornback; vhc, Aldershade. Border, A.V.: 1, Thornton. Mules: 1, sp, 2, Aldershade; 3, Vale. Nor., Old Birds: 1, 2, Folye; 3, vhc, hc, Chandler; c, Aldershade. Yorks: 1, 2, Clark. Mules: 1, Turner; 2, Cook. Goldfinch: 1, Clark. Greenf. or Chaff.: 1, Aldershade; 2, Cook; 3, Vale; vhc, Clark; hc, Thornback; c, Clark; Redpol, etc.: 1, 3, Aldershade; 2, Vale. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Aldershade. Softbill: 1, 2, Thornback. For.: 1, 2, Vale; 2, Thornton. Linnet, etc.: 1, Vale. Sdl.: 1, Thornton; 2, Vale; 3, hc, Aldershade.—J. Aldershade, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, July 13, headquarters, Duke of York. Mr. S. N. Taylor judged Norwich and Mr. F. J. Weaver Yorkshires; both gave full satisfaction. A grand lot of Yorkshires turned up, and a novice member, H. Pritchard, won spl. best bird. Crundell and Rowley won the spls. best Nor., most points Nor. and best team; J. Gibbons spls. most entries and most points Yorks. Nor. Hen: 1, 3, Crundell and Rowley; 2, c, Hampton; vhc, hc, Weaver. Yell.: 1, 3, Crundell and Rowley; 2, Hampton; vhc, hc, Bendall; c, Weaver. Buff: 1, Weaver; 2, Bendall; 3, Hampton; vhc, Crundell and Rowley; hc, Gibbon. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Gibbons; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Hampton; vhc, hc, Bendall. Var.: 1, Crundell and Rowley; 2, Gibbons; 3, Weaver; vhc, hc, Hampton. Mkd. Buff: 1, Crundell and Rowley; 2, 3, Weaver; vhc, hc, Bendall. Yorks. Yell.: 1, vhc, hc, Pritchard; 2, 3, c, Gibbons. Buff: 1, 2, Gibbons; 3, hc, Pritchard; vhc, c, Worrall. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Gibbons; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Worrall. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Pritchard; vhc, Worrall; hc, Gibbons. Varieg.: 1, Gibbons; 2, Pritchard; 3, Worrall. Mule, 1916: Pritchard. Greenf.: 1, Crundell and Rowley.—J. Gibbons, Press Corresp.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

It really seems impossible for the City and Suburban A.C.B. to do badly. Even with the loss of their popular Sec., Mr Victor Wynn, and the present bad time for exhibitions, the members put up a first feather show, second to none. Entries totalled 173, and quality was of the usual high class seen at the Society's fixtures. This success is undoubtedly, in a great measure, due to the energy of the present Secretary, Mr. F. J. Martin, who is well known in the fancy for thoughly carrying out anything he takes in hand. The management was, therefore, all that one could wish, the youngsters were sent in over night, but well taken care of, Mr. Howick attending to the soft food department, and seeing that every exhibit had its due share. Norwich, as usual, headed the list. Spl. for best going to a thick set, cleanly feathered bird of Mr. Wills'. Messrs. Ayres and Sanders headed the Yorks. classes, and although Mr. Ayres staged the special winner, Mr. Sanders did particularly well, his youngsters showing a distinct improvement in type and quality. Mr. Pegg won in both the Border classes, his winning clear being an almost ideal example of the breed, beautifully moulded and feathered, with perfect wing carriage. As usual, the Novices put up a great fight, staging 16 birds in the Novice class and 34 in the Yorkshires; the latter required some separating, as type and quality were pretty even throughout. Mr. Brock staged the winner, an excellent buff of fine length. Mrs. Stopher's three winners in the amateur Norwich class were very much admired, the latter winning spl. for best lady's exhibit, and special best amateur. British were quite up to the usual standard, the spl. for best Hardbill went to Mr. Clark's Greenfinch, a fine bold bird of good feather; Mr. Knight winning the prize for best in section with his charming Waxwing. The attendance was as usual quite good. Mr. H. Norman judged.

CL. Nor.: 1, Wills; 2, vhc, Curtis; 3, hc, Thurley, A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Wills; 3, Thurley; hc, c, Curtis; Yorks.: 1, hc, Ayres; 2, 3, Sanders; vhc, c, Herring. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Sanders; 2, Ayres; c, Herring. Bord.: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, vhc, hc, Sayer; c, Hobden. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Pegg; 2, 3, vhc, Sayer. Amat. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs Stopher; vhc, H. Offord; hc, c, E. Offord. A.O.V.: 2, E. Offord. Amat. Yorks: 1, hc, Hannaford; 2, 3, Walker; vhc, c, Bevington. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Hannaford; 2, 3, Walker; hc, Bevington. Crest: 1, H. Offord. C.B.: 2, H. Offord. Nov., Nor.: 1, vhc, c, Wingate; 2, hc, Huggins; 3, Kelly. A.O.V.: 1, Kelly; 2, Taylor. Yorks.: 1, 3, ex 3, Brock; 2, ex vhc, Huggins; ex 3, Harper; vhc, Mabey; hc, c, Wooley; ex hc, Burch. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Raine; 3, Brock; vhc, Rumble; hc, Wooley; c, Huggins. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Miss Turner. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Turner. Hyb. 1916: 1, Shelcot; 2, E. Offord, Any age: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Kelly; vhc, Huggins. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Knight; 2, Bevington; v, vhc, Shelcot; hc, Richards; c, Clark. Siskin, etc.: 1, 2, Clark; 3, vhc, Knight. Greenf., etc.: 1 Clark; 2, vhc, Knight; 3, Rev. Soames; hc, Richards; c, Offord. Linnet: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Knight; vhc, Taylor. Softbill: 1, Richards; 2, Knight. For.: 1, Bevington.

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HEMSWORTH C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show, King's Head Hotel, Hemsworth, July 15. Mr. E. Clegg, Dowsbury, judged and gave satisfaction. Class 1: 1, Kelsey; 2, 3, Brooks. Class 2: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Brooks. Class 3: 1, Hall; 2, Smith; 3, Kelsey. Class 4: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Hall. Class 5: 1, Clark; 2, Billings; 3, Haines. Class 6: 1, Haines. Class 7: 1, Billings. Class 8: 1, 3, Clark; 2, Billings Class 9: 1, Vaux; 2, Howlderoft; 3, Haines. Class 10: 1, Thompson; 2, Vaux. Class 11: 1, Vaux.—J. Hall. [Kindly see notice above.—Ed.]

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 17, in Mr. F. Openshaw's commodious room, Blackburn-rd. About 50 birds were staged. Mr. Dick Hartley judged. Yell. Nor.: 1, 3 Crawshaw; 2, Hartup. Buff: 1, 2, Crawshaw; 3 Hartup. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Hirst. Buff: 1, 2 Hirst. Amat.: Yell Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Parkinson. Buff: 1, Parkinson; 2, S. Waddington; 3, Noble. Yorks.: 1, S. Waddington. A.O.V.: 1, Hartup. Brit. or Foreign, Open: 1, Hirst. The Harold T. Baker cup found a new caretaker in Mr. Parkinson, an amateur, with Mr. Hirst a very close second.—J. Stuttard.

CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD.

First Feather Show, Three Tuns, Eastwood, July 15. Judge, Mr. B. Simpson. Open, Nor. Yell.: 1, Bradley; 2, Maltby. Buff: 1, Pinkett; 2, 3, Lane; 4, Bradley. Yorks., Yell.: 1, Gabbitass. Buff: 1 Gabbitass. Nov., Nor.: 1, spl., 2, Pinkett; 3, 4, W. Harrison; 5, Lane; 6, Bradley. Nov. Yorks.: 1, 2, Topliss. Goldf. and Bullf.: 1, 2, Lilly Bros.; 3, Daws. Linnet: 1, Lilly Bros; 2, Henshaw; 3, Lees. Greenf.: 1, Smith; 2, Henshaw; Lilly Bros.; 4, Lees. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Lees; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Lilly Bros.; 5, Bradley; 6, Lees. Bramblef. or Chaffinch: 1, Henshaw; 2, Lees; 3, Daws; 4, Lilly Bros. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, 2, Lilly Bros. Most points: 1, Lilly Bros.; 2, Smith; 3, Lees.—Smith and Lees, Sec. [Please see notice above.—Ed.]

IDLE C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, July 15, the Springfield Hotel. Owing to a number of the members having been called up for military service the entry was not over good. The quality generally was of a high standard. The clear yellows of Mr. Baxter were a remarkably fine pair of smart typical Yorkies, and should the second turn out to be a hen, which is possible, it will take some stopping. Mr. Thomas's yellow marked was another that filled the eye, and Mr. Chippindale's just a bit beyond its best perhaps, but a rare bird for style, as was Mr. Wood's buff marked. Mr. C. A. House judged. Yorks., Yell.: 1, 2, Baxter; 3, Wood; 4, he, Chippindale; vhe, Lloyd; c, Renton. Buff: 1, Chippindale; 2, Baxter; 3, 4, Sparks; vhc, Thomas; he, Wood; c, Lloyd. Yell. Mkd.: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Pearson; 4, Renton; vhe, Lloyd. Buff: 1, vhe, Wood; 2, Baxter; 3, Lloyd; 4, Chippindale.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual young bird and British and Foreign bird show, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, July 8. Entries numbered 100, slightly less than last year, but very good considering many members have joined up. Mr. G. E. Weston judged. Competition for cup given by the judge was very keen, several members putting on full points; 30 other specials were divided between many members, the chief winners being Messrs. S. Turner, Wills, Walmsley, Lovegrove, Way, Mound, F. C. Knight, and F. Johnston. Quality was excellent throughout, showing good progress during recent years. Ch. Nor.: 1, 2, Lovegrove; 3, vhc, Wills. Class 2: 1, vhc, he, Wills; 2, 3, Lovegrove; c, Bell. Ch. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Dann. Ch. Mules; 1, Dann. Amat. Nor.: 1, 2, Walmsley; 3, A. Knight; vhc, Hyde. Class 11: 1, 2, Walmsley; 3, vhe, Bailey; he, A. Knight. Amat. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Johnston. Nov. Nor.: 1, M. Bell; 2, 3, Mound; vhc, c, Halford; he, Hardcastle. Class 20: 1, 2, Way; 3, Mound; vhc, c, Gambrill. Nov. Yorks: 1, 5 spls, vhc, Turner; 3, Shearer. Class 22: 1, Stretton; 2, Shearer. Nov. Bord. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Turner; he c, Gambrill. Old Mules: 1, Carrington; abs., M. Bell. Goldf.: 1, Beeching; 2, he, H. Bell; 3, Carrington; vhc, A. Knight; c, A. Bell. Greenf.: 1, Shorter; 2, F. C. Knight; 3, vhc, Mound; he, A. Knight; c, Tew. Linnet: 1, Tew; 2, Shorter; 3, A. Knight; vhe, F. C. Knight; w.c., Tew. Redpoll or Twite: 1, c, F. C. Knight; 2, vhc, c, Mound; 3, A. Knight. Bunting: 1, F. C. Knight, Yellowhammer. Bramblef. or Chaffinch: 1, 3, F. C. Knight; 2, A. Knight. Hens: 1, Bramblef.; vhc, Hawfinch, F. C. Knight; 2, 3, Linnet, Greenf., A. Knight.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

F.F. and British Bird Show, July 8, Elysium, High-st. There was a large attendance of members and friends, and included in the 171 birds staged there were very many promising specimens. Special best Canary was won by E. Lewis with a beautiful young Norwich, which also won cup for best Canary in show. Yorks. special was won by A. C. East; Border, J. Hill; Young Mule cup, W. J. Shaw; British cup, J. E. Jeffries; spl. most points and 2nd most points, J. E. Jeffries and J. W. Ford. Mr. W. J. Jenkins judged and gave satisfaction.

Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Davies; 2, Mabbett; 3, Lewis. Buff: 1, Jones; 2, Richards; 3, Mabbett. Yell. Hen: 1, Lewis; 2, Slocombe; 3, Jeremiah. Buff: 1, Davies; 2, Richards; 3, Ford. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, East; 2, Owen; 3, Jones. Buff: 1, 3, Hayward; 2, East. Yell. Hen: 1, East; 2, Owen. Buff: 1, Davies; 2, Owen. Bord., Yell. Ck.: 1, Hill; 2, 3, Richards. Buff: 1, Hill; 2, Hoddinott; 3, Richards. Yell. Hen: 1, Hoddinott; 2, Davies. Buff: 1, 2, Hill; 3, Ford. Yell. Green: 1, 2, Richards. Buff: 1, 2, Richards. Cinn. Yell.: 1, 3, Jenkins; 2, Gilbert. Buff: 1, 2, Jenkins. Light Mule: 1, 2, Shaw. Dark Goldf. Mule: 1, Matthews. Dark Linnet Mule: 1, Jeremiah. A.O.V. Mule: 1, Evans. Nor., Old Bird: 1, 2, Richards; 3, Hopkins. Yorks.: 1, 3, East; 2, Owen. Bord., Cl., Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Richards; 2, Hopkins; 3, Evans. Gr. or Cinn., Self or Foul: 1, Jenkins; 2, Hopkins; 3, Richards. Goldf.: 1, 2, Jeffries; 3, Slocombe. Bullf.: 1, Jeffries; 2, Holborrow; 3, Gregory. Linnet: 1, Jeffries; 2, Mrs. Dalton; 3, Slocombe. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Lucas; 2, Ford; 3, Jeffries. Mealy Redpoll, etc.: 1, 3, Gregory; 2, Evans. Greenf.: 1, Mrs. Dalton; 2, Holborrow; 3, Ford. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, Jenkins; 2, Jeffries; 3, Ford. Bunting: 1, Shaw; 2, Jeffries; 3, Mrs. Dalton. Hen: 1, Jeffries; 2, Ford; 3, Mrs. Dalton. Bullf. Hen: 1, Jeffries; 2, Lucas; 3, Ford. Light Mule: 1, Jeffries; 2, Ford. Dark Goldf. Mule: 1, Jeffries; 2, Slocombe; 3, Ford. Dark Linnet Mule: 1, Jeffries. A.O. Mule: 1, Jeffries; 2, Edwards. Next meeting July 29, Elysium, Highst. Fixing date for social, classification of Open Show, and other important business.—J. H. Ford, Sec. (Please see notice above.—Ed.)

MORLEY C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show, July 8. Mr. F. Fawcett, Guisely, judged, and gave satisfaction. Class 1: 1, Robinson; 2, he, c, Cook; 3, vhe, Scholes. Class 2: 1, Robinson; 2, he, Cook; 3, Scholes; c, Booth. Class 3: 1, Booth. Class 4: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Scholes; he, Cook.—B. Cook, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD AND WANSTEAD.

Combined show, Eagle, Chobham-rd., Stratford, July 12. Judge, C. H. A. Bennett. Yorks., Adult: 1, Purday; 2, c, Taylor; 3, he, Bayliss; vhc, Stevens. Unflig.: 1, spl., 2, Stevens; 3, Purday; vhc, he, c, Bayliss. Bord., Adult: 1, 2, vhc, Rev. Soames; 3, Stevens; he, Fish. Unflig.: 1, Rev. Soames; 2, 3, he, Stevens; vhe, Fish. A.O.V. Can.: 1, spl., 2, Taylor; 3, Bayliss. Brit.: 1, spl., 2, 3, vhe, c, Bayliss; he, Fish. Points special won by Bayliss.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

F. F. Show, July 13, Headquarters. Messrs. Spencer and Tow, judged. Yorks., Yell.: 1, 3, vhe, Pickering; 2, he, Dmbble; 4, c, Ridal. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Pickering; 3, Drabble; 4, Ridal. Nov., Yorks., Yell.: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, 4, Williams; 3 A. Bagshaw; vhc, Powell; c, Biggin. Bull: 1, 3, Williams; 2, A. Bagshaw; 4, he, Hinchcliffe; vhc, Powell; c, F. Bagshaw. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhe, Gill; he, c, Sisson. No meeting August.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, July 1, Fairhaven Institute Mr. Gell Benson judged and gave satisfaction Owing to the majority of members being called up to the colours only four classes faced the judge. Yorks., Cl., etc., Yell.: 1, 3, he, Young; 2, vhc, Stott; c, Stewardson. Buff: 1, 3, Young; 2, Stott, Can: 1, 3, he Curtis, three very nice Norwich which will give the champions something to do; 2, vhe, Law, two very nice Yorks., also will want some stopping at the Old Show. Brit.: 1, 3, he, Young; 2, vhc, Curtis.—Wm. Mallison, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Second members' show, headquarters, Station Hotel, July 8. Mr. H. H. Towers judged. Cl. or Thigh Tkd. Yell.: 1, Midgley; 2, Ormondroyd; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, F. Self. Buff: 1, 3, Hartley; 2, G. Midgley; 4, Lister; vhc, Ormondroyd; he, S. Midgley. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hainsworth and Son. Buff: 1, vhc, Hartley; 2, 3, 4, S. Midgley. Even or Variegd. Yell.: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, S. Midgley; 3, G. Midgley. Buff: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, 4, S. Midgley; 3, F. Self. Nov., Cl. or Thigh Tkd. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, E. Self; 3, Neale. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, Neale. Buff Tkd.: 1, 2, Neale; 3, Coombes; 4, Self. Even or Var. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, Neale. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, Neale; 3, 4, E. Self. Even or Var. Cin.: 1, 2, 3, Coombes.—B. Hainsworth, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Nest Feather Shows, June 3, July 1. Entries were not so good as expected, but fanciers have had a disastrous season, some members having lost as many as 30 youngsters in a week or two, the severely cold nights in July accounting for a big death roll. Of course, it is quality and not quantity we want, and I am pleased to say there are still some very decent young left. June Show: Judges, Messrs. Swan, Canaries; Riseborough, Linnets. Yorks: 1, spl., J. Riseborough; 2, W. R. Smith; 3, Beddle. Bord.: 1, Thwaites; 2, 3, Pencock. Nor.: 1, Riseborough. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, spl., Waters. July Show: Judge, W. Forster (Pelton). Nor.: 1, 2, Potts; 3, Machin. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, spl., Peacock. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Beadle. Liz.: 1, 2, Peacock. Goldf.: 1, 2, 3, spl., Waters.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD C.B.S.

F.F. Show, Daybrook-st., School, July 8. Mr. F. Broadhurst judged and gave entire satisfaction. The feature of the show was the White Canaries exhibited by Mr. H. Hall. The Norwich were a nice lot and came in for plenty of criticism; about 70 birds were staged. Winners of point specials: Champ., H. Steele, 25; W. Moon, 22; H. Hall, 21. Novice: C. Rogers, 20; G. Cleaver, 17; A. Dale, 13. Champ.: Class 3: 1, vhc, Howarth; 2, 3, Steele; he, Moon; c, Sherratt. Class 4: 1, c, Barrett; 2 Howarth; 3, Moon; vhc, he, Steele. Class 5: 1, Moon; 2, Barrett; 3, vhc, he, c, Steele. Class 6: 1, vhc, c, Moon; 2, Barrett; 3, Steele; he, Howarth. Class 7: 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Hall. Novice Section: Class 1: 1, Dale. Class 2: 1, Rogers; 2, he, Dale; 3, Holt; vhc, Cleaver. Class 3: 1, Rogers; 2, Cleaver. Class 4: 1, he, Rogers; 2, vhc, Cleaver; 3, Holt.—W. Moon, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON C.B.S.

Members' Annual F.F. Show, July 1. A good entry rewarded the committee for their labour. Mr. Sims, Sutton, judged. This Society has got a good Sec., young, but a goer. Champ.: Cl. Yell. Nor.: 1, Keeling. Buff.: 1, 3, spl., Vardy; 2, vhc, Keeling. Mkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, Vardy; 3, Keeling. Buff: 1, 2, Vardy. Cl. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 3, Miller; 2, vhc, Gabbitass. Buff: 1, Vardy; 2, Gabbitass. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Vardy; 2, Miller. Buff: 1, 3, Miller; 2 Gabbitass. Yell. Crest: 1, Keeling. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Mallatratt; 2, Keeling. Goldf or Bullf.: 1, Mallatratt. Nov., Cl. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Woolley. Buff: 1, Woolley; 2, Parkin; 3, vhc, Wright; he, Whitehead; c, Green. Mkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, c, Parkin; 2, Cook; 3, he, Green. Buff: 1, he, Taylor; 2, 3, Green; vhe, Hawkins; c, Whitehead. Cl. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Jackson; 2, Cook; 3, Wilson. Buff: 1, Cook; 2, Jackson. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Cook. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Cook. Buff Crest: 1, 2, 3, vhe, Norwood; he, Searson. C.B.: 1, Searson. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, Dawes; 2, Taylor. Linnet, etc.: 1, 3, Dawes; 2, Jackson; vhc, Rogers. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, vhe, Dawes; he, Rogers.

LEICESTER (Hand-In-Hand) C.B.S

Nest feather show, the White Swan, July 1. Mr. E. Fox, Long Eaton, judged Canaries, and Mr. Judd, senr., British. Entries came up well, over 80 birds being staged. The novice section supported the show wonderfully, spl. best bird going to Mr. Hulbert's winning bird in class 18; runner-up, Mr. Layton's winner in Class 19, both novices. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Roberts. Buff: 1, West; 2, Roberts. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Roberts. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Gilbert; 3, he, Roberts. Green or B. Green: 1, Bent. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Wholton. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Cayless; 2, Wholton. Goldf.: 1, spl, best Brit., Deakin; 2, 3, Brooks; vhc, Wholton. Bullf.: 1, Brooks; 2, Deakin; 3, Cayless. Greenf.: 1, Deakin; 2, 3, vhc, Brooks. Linnet: 1, Deakin; 2, Brooks. Chaffinch or Bramble: 1, 2, Brooks. Siskin, etc.: 1, 3 vhc, Brooks; 2, he, c, Deakin. A.O. Brit.: 1, Deakin. Nov Nor.: 1, Wholton; 2, Hulbert; 3, vhc, Cobley; he, Laxton; c, Pearson. Class 18: 1, spl, Hulbert; 2, 3, F. Moore; vhc, he, c, Pearson. Class 19: 1, Layton; 2, 3, Wholton; vhc, Hulbert; he, Pearson; c, Knight. Class 20: 1, 2, Hulbert; 3, Brooks; vhc, Wholton; he, Cayless; c, Laxton. Class 21: 1, 2, J. Bent.—C. B. Day and Roberts.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Tenth Annual Young Stock Show, now headquarters, Inn Cow Inn. Entries came up well considering bad breeding results around the district, totalling 80. Three new members were made, and we hope for other fanciers to follow suit. Norwich were a grand lot, and Yorkshires and Cinnamons were good but few. Mr. M. Turrell judged. Nor., Cl. Yell.: 1, vhc, Fincher; 2, Radburn; 3, Shirley; vhc, Wright. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, Fincher; 2, Rycroft; 3, Cox; he, Shirley; c, Goyder. Buff: 1, spl., Goyder; 2, 3, Shirley; vhc, Radburn; he, Wright. Tkd. or Mkd. Buff: 1, vhc, Cox 2, he, Fincher; 3, Arundell; c, Wright. Yorks., Cl., etc., Yell.: 1, Wright; 2, Shirley. Buff: 1, Wright; 2, Shirley. Green, Self or Foul: 1, Shirley. Nor., Clun., Self: 1, Wright; 2, Fincher. A.O.V.: 1, Cox; 2, Arundell. Old Birds: Cock Yell.: 1, vhc, Fincher; 2, Wright; 3, he, Bache; c, Cox. Buff: 1, spl., vhc, Cox; 2, 3, Goyder; he, Wright; c, Fincher. Hen: 1, Goyder; 2, vhc, Fincher; 3, Shirley; he, Bache. Brit. Hardbill: 1, Goyder; 2, Fincher; 3, Radburn; vhc, Bache; he, c, Atkins.—A. Wright (pro tem.).

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, together with British and Foreign birds, Lamb Hotel, July 8, the largest ever held, close on 100 birds being staged. The quality of most of the birds was excellent, Messrs. Stubbs' variegd. Nor. and Mr. Madagan's clear buff Border—each winning the special for best bird in its section—were two gems, and with a successful moult should be often heard of later. Borders took first place in point of numbers with 34 entries, the other sections being fairly evenly divided. Special prizes were won by Messrs. King, Madagan (3), Pounsett, Stubbs Brothers, Cox, Treasure, G. Elstow, Hamlin, and Mrs. Madagan. Mr. J. H. Payne judged in his usual masterly style. Crests: 1, 2, 3, King; 4, vhc, Hamlin. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Pounsett; 2, 3, Stubbs Bros. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Stubbs Bros. Mkd., Variegd. or Green: 1, 2, vhc, Stubbs Bros.; 3, Pounsett; 4, Williams. Bord. Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhe, he, Madagan. Buff: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhe, Madagan; c, H. Elston. A.O.V. Yell.: 1, 2, Madagan; 3, H. Elston. Buff: 1 2, H. Elston; 3, Madagan. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Cox. Buff: 1, 3, Cox; 2, 4, Mason. Nov. Crests: 1, Steel. C.B.: 1, 2, 4, Mrs. Madagan; 3, Steel. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, Hayling. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, Wilson; 2, 4, Hayling. Bord. Yell.: 1 vhc, G. Elston; 2, 4, Beard; 3, he, Mrs. Rogerson. Buff: 1, Barns; 2, vhc, Beard; 3, vhc, G. Elston; c, Mrs. Rogerson. British Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Cox. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Elston; 4, vhc, Treasure. Hyb.: 1, Pounsett. For.: 1, 2, 3, Treasure.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show, Reindeer Hotel, Peckham. The entry was hardly up to that of other years, but quality was quite high-class, the cream of the show being the Champion Yorkshire Section, and the Novice Norwich. The former contained two or three birds that are certain to do well in the future. Mr. A. J. Clarke staged a beauty in the Clear Class, and Mr. Hall a real topper in the Variegated, the latter bird winning the special for best champion exhibit. The Novice Norwich Class contained a dozen capital specimens, very level and true to type, and they required some sorting. The winner was a lovely buff, staged by Mr. Roberts, but it was in the Variegated Class that the special winner for the best Norwich was located, a bird of wonderful substance, with full head and cheeks, put down by Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Roberts' bird taking spl. for second best. The show was nicely arranged by Mr. Hodson and his helpers. Mr. H. is acting as sec., pro tem, during the absence of Mr. Cant. We hear that the Society had a great number of its members away, so that due credit should be given to those who are still assisting to keep the fancy alive. Mr. H. Norman, judged. CL. Nor.: 1, Gardner; 2, 3, Cole. Variegd.: 1, Gardner; 2, Reeks; 3, Cole. Yorks. Cl.: 1, 2, vhc, he, Clarke; 3, 4, Hall. Variegd.: 1, vhc, Hall; 2, 3, 4, Clarke; he, Reeks; c, Cant. Nor., Nov., Cl.: 1, Roberts; 2, 4, vhc, c, Dracup; 3, 4, c, Clements. Variegd.: 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, Clements; 4, vhc, Whiffin. Yorks.: 1, vhc, Gilbert; 2, 3, 4, Sanders.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Young bird show, headquarters, Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith; Mr. R. L. Crisp judged, and he had a very nice collection of his favourites placed before him. Quality was present, but quantity absent. Nor. and Yorks. were well to the front for quality. Messrs. Butterfield and Chappell in Champ. Nor., Bonniwell in Amat. Nor., and Carr, Martin and Onslow in Novice, had some very fine specimens that ought to do well for their owners. Messrs. Bonniwell, Dewhurst and Clarke had the cream of the Amateur Yorks, and Messrs. Dyett, Starsmeare and Onslow in Novice British, as usual, were quite up to the standard. Class 1: 1, spl., 3, vhc, c, Butterfield; 2, spl., Chappell. Class 2: 1, 2, Chappell; 3, Butterfield. Class 3: Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Clarke. Class 4: 1, he, Dewhurst; 2, 3, vhe, c, Clarke. Amateur Norwich: 1, 2, 3, Bonniwell. Class 10: 1, 2, 3, Bonniwell. Yorks: 1, spl., vhe, Bonniwell; 2, he, Beavington. Class 12: 1, spl., Bonniwell; 2, Beavington. Nov., Nor.: 1, spl., he, Carr; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, c, Onslow Class 18: 1, Hollingsworth. Nov., York.: 1, Harsmeare; 2, Dyett. Class 20: 1, 2, Dyett; 3, he, Onslow; vhe, C. Harsmeare. Mules, Young: 1, spl., Martin; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Harsmeare. Old: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Dewhurst. Goldf., or Bullf.: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, 3, Beavington. Linnet: 1, Harsmeare; 2, Hollingsworth. Siskin, etc.: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Dewhurst. Greenf., etc.: 1, Beavington; 2, Harsmeare; 3, vhe, Dewhurst. A.O. Brit.: 1, Dewhurst; 2, Beavington. Insectiv.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Dewhurst. For.: 1, spl., Dewhurst.—H. Chappell.

CRYSTAL PALACE & PENGE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show, July 12, Alexandre Hotel, Penge, a spacious room kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. A. Hutton, who saw to the erecting of the staging required for the ninety odd birds. The Society has a considerable number of members away, but those left are making every effort to keep things going, and the number of visitors attending the gathering is good proof of the effectual way in which they are doing it. The quality of the birds advanced immensely this last year or two, and the young ones at this venture were quite of high class. The novices put up two well filled classes in clear Yorks. and clear Nor., the winner in the former being Mr. Ramsey's yellow that did so well at Wimbledon, he was closely pressed by a good one owned by Mr. Humphries, who also staged the winner in the variegd class. There was not much competition in the champion class, Mr. Hutton leading with a grand stylish buff of good length. The quality of the Novice Norwich should make things lively at the Annual; the winner was owned by Mr. McIntyre, but others were almost equal in merit, and will perhaps turn the tables with a good moult. Mr. Last, Purley, staged a few good Borders, but unfortunately competition in this section is not so keen as formerly the Breeders being affected by obstacles. The few British birds were excellent, Mr. Gullis winning the special for best exhibit in show, with his charming Bramble, in the pink of condition and beautifully staged. Mr. Fryett, as usual, had everything in excellent order, and the show generally was a big success Mr. H. Norman, judged.

CL. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Hulton. Var.: 1, Hulton. Yorks.: 1, 3, Hutton; 2, vhc, Last Variegd.: 1, 2, Hutton. 3, 4, Last. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Last. Variegd: 1, 2, Last. Nov., Nor.: 1, 3, McIntyre; 2, Humphries; 4, c, Bridhead; vhc, he, Smith. Variegd.: 1, Legg; 2, Hallhead. Yorks.: 1, vhc, Rawsley; 2, Rowley; 3, he, Powell; 4, McIntyre. Variegd: 1, Humphries; 2, 3, 4, Fryett; vhc, Powell. Hyb.: 1, Humphries. Gold.: 1, 3, Gullis; 2, vhc, Green; 4, Breeze; he, Fryett. Bullf.: 1, 2, Gullis; 3, Breeze. Linnet: 1, 2, Gullis; 3, Breeze. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gullis; he, Breeze. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gullis; 3, Breeze; 4, Worrall; vhc, Ramsey. Insectiv.: 1, 2, Green. For.: 1, Poingdestra.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

It is well to note the new names amongst the list of prize-winners at the second Nest Feather Show at headquarters, July 8. Considering the rather poor breeding season a total entry of 140 affords the management ample satisfaction. Sec Holden. Vice-Chairman Leadbetter, and those energetic stewards, Messrs. Foxcroft, Hammond, Kelly and Fairclough, saw that the benching of the birds was speedily and satisfactorily done. Judges were Messrs. T. Rowlands and J. Lobb, and right well they judged. Champ. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Satterthwaite 2, McLoughlin; 3, Mullins. Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, vhc, Mullins; he, McLoughlin; c, Fairclough. Greens: Self or Fl. Yell.: 1, 2, Roberts; 3, McLoughlin; vhc Cothliff; he, c, Fairclough. Buff: 1 3, McLoughlin; 2, Mullins; vhc, c, Fairclough; he, Roberts. A.O.V.: 1, Mullins; 2, Satterthwaite. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (18): 1, 2, Huston; 3, Grice; vhc, he, Satterthwaite; c, Worral. Buff (21): 1, vhc, he, Satterthwaite; 2, Corkhill; 3, Gidman; c, Worral. Hvly. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Worral; vhc, he, Foxcroft. Buff: 1, 3, Hammond; 2, Gidman; vhc, Grice; he, Worral; c, Erentz. Greens, Self or Fl. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Jordan; vhc, Breckell; he, Binyiack; c, Worral. Buff: 1, 3, Jordan; 2, Cothliff; vhc, he, Worral; c, Quick. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Bunner; 2, Battersby; 3, vhc, Parsons; he, Bratherton; c, Longmore. Buff: 1, Bunner; 2, vhc, Parsons; 3, Bratherton; he, c, Longmore. Greens: Self or Fl. Yell.: 1, 2, c, Battersby; 3, Bratherton; vhc, Banner; he, Parsons. Buff: 1, vhc, Battersby; 2, Bratherton; 3, Bunner; he, Longmore; c, Parsons. Goldf.: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Hammond; vhc, Quick. Greenf.: 1, Satterthwaite; 3, Mrs. Holden. Bramblef.: 1, 2, vhc, Satterthwaite; 3, Mrs. Holden. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; 2, Mrs Holden. Spl. best Yorks., Champ., Satterthwaite; novice, Jordan; Bord., Bunner; Brit., Satterthwaite. Next N.F. Show, headquarters, Aug. 2. Judges, Messrs. J. Walker and J. Abbott. Visit to Otterspool Zoological Gardens, July 30; tea. Meet bottom of Royal-st., 1.30. Friends heartily welcome.

How I Bred Gouldians in a Cage.

By Miss Butler, Rickmansworth.

I have kept many foreigners, large and small, for some years, and shall now give an account of how my Gouldians nested, though I confess the Gouldians are by no means my favourites, as I find them uninteresting on the whole.

One October I put two pairs of Gouldians in a large cage with a wire partition in the centre, having previously fastened in a corner of each division a 1lb. wooden tea box with the lid (which was a sliding one) three-quarters open. Inside each box I put an ordinary rush Canary nest.

Unfortunately, I had not a strong red-headed hen, but I had seen a beautiful red cock singing to and paying attention to a fine black hen, so I put the couple at one side of the cage, and at the other side I put a fine black cock and a red and black hen (partially red).

They fought so furiously through the bars that I had to fix a sheet of cardboard against the centre division. Even then all was not smooth sailing, as the cardboard did not completely shut off one corner (it bent over), and though they both started diligently to build their nests, they dropped many a beakful of building material, for if they chanced to see each other when flying to the nest they immediately went for each other, naturally dropping all they were carrying.

However, little by little they got on, both pairs working diligently, and then the hens disappeared regularly into the nest. After a time the red hen commenced to sit, but I noticed that the red cock remained in the nest quite as long as the hen. After a while he would not let her sit at all, but always hunted her out and even fought when she tried to get in. This went on for some time, until at last, as the hen began to look very unhappy, I took the nest away and found eight eggs in it; five were in the nest and three pushed over the edge into the box.

The other pair were a model couple, and in due course two beautiful youngsters appeared. I think she had two more eggs that had got pushed over the edge. The cock fed the young beautifully the whole time, with fresh lettuce and millet and canary seed. It was a delightful sight to see parents and young ones bathing the first day I put them out in the sun.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness)

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levensbulme.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 80, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Entries close July 23rd. All classes with 8 entries full prize money; under 8, half prize money. **30 Classes.—John Challenger, Sec., 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth, Glam.** (525)

Twitterings.

Mr. H. Boothman, of Manchester, will judge the N.F. Show of Leigh C.B.S. to-day, Saturday.

The Croydon and Dis. F.A. has elected Mr. H. Norman to judge at the Young Stock Show, Aug. 16; a record entry is anticipated, writes Mr. J. A. Halhead.

By a printer's error Mr. W. Lidgett, whose article on the Great Lemon-crested Cockatoo appeared in our last issue, was stated to be hon. sec. of Norwich C.B.S. This should be Newark C.B.S.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Crested Canary Club should communicate with the Hon. Sec., T. Heath, 28, Kenilworth Court, Putney, on or before the end of July. They must confirm to the club's requirements as to the classification and judge.

Societies requiring the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. should apply to Robt. Havis, Hon. Sec., 16, Clifford Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

The members of the North Liverpool C.B.S. visit Otterspool Zoological Gardens, on July 30, and friends are invited to join. Meet at bottom of Royal Street at 1.30.

Ilkeston C.B.S. F.F. Show is being held to-day, July 22, at the Erewash Hotel, Station Road. Birds will be staged at 5, and all fanciers are invited writes Mr. T. Smith, Sec.

At the young stock show, held July 12, at Alexandra Hotel, Penge, writes Mr. W. D. Fryett, hon. sec. Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S., there were 76 entries, and the balance was 7s. 6d. on the right side.

It is interesting to know that the Reed Bunting has been newly named by our soldiers, writes Mr. J. Alderslade. One of the wounded soldiers who visited our show at Eastleigh called it the Trench Lark.

I have been elected as sec. and treasurer to the South London Columbarian and F.A. in place of the late Mr. Luckham, and all communications respecting the Society should be addressed to me, writes Mr. W. Whitman, 9, Cranbrook Road, St. John's, S.E.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club for the coming show season please apply as early as possible to F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Owing to the state of affairs only a reasonable classification is necessary for patronage.

THE PRIZE QUESTION FOR THE WEEK.

As announced in our issue of July 15, the question for this week is, "What is your favourite Canary, and why?"

A prize of half-a-guinea is offered for the reply which, in the opinion of the Editor of Cage Birds, is the best sent in.

Answers must be accompanied by a coupon cut from this week's issue, and must reach the office of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., not later than the first post on Tuesday next, July 25. The coupon appears at the foot of this page, and the Editor's decision must be accepted as final.

Next week's question will be, "What advice and instruction would you give to a beginner in Canary breeding?" Answers to this question must be accompanied by a coupon which will be published in our issue of July 29, and must reach us not later than the first post Tuesday, August 1.

This competition is quite distinct from the one in which we are offering six guineas in prizes.

OBITUARY.

It is with much regret, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec., Cheltenham C.B.S., that I inform you of the bereavement which has befallen two of our members. Mr. W. Pounsett, assistant hon. sec. and show manager, mourns the loss of his wife, who passed away July 14. She took a keen interest in everything connected with her husband's hobby, and always rendered valuable assistance at our annual shows. Mr. Hayling, our vice-chairman, has received the news of the death of his son, who was killed in action in France last week. I feel sure that the sympathy of our members and the large number of fanciers with whom they are acquainted, will be extended to them in their trouble.

BIRD-KEEPING MADE EASY.

In this issue there commences, under the heading "The Essentials of Aviculture," a series of articles which we have no hesitation in saying will be found of absorbing interest and incalculable value to bird-keepers.

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Whiffs of Home.

"Woodbine," says in the "Aberdeen Journal," "To many a one now toiling in the heart of some great city, or may be fighting on the battlefields of France and Flanders, it may be the Cuckoo's welcome notes often awaken long-forgotten memories of the dear old home of childhood." The signature to the letter, we think, will be responsible for much the same thing.

The members of the Halifax O.S. will have their last ramble of the season to-day, July 22, to Arden Woods. Train leaves Halifax at 1.50 for Wilsden. Friends are invited to join, and may see other particulars in the Club Notices column.

I have resigned the position of chairman of the Pontypool C.B.S., writes Mr. W. D. Lewis, Holyoake-terrace, Abersychan, Near Pontypool, and am taking up the position of sec. as Mr. H. Vaughan is leaving the district. In future all communications should be addressed accordingly. The position of chairman is being taken over by Mr. Reg. Smith, of Coedcae, Pontypool.

Capt. John Macfarlan Charlton, Northumberland Fusiliers, the author of several works on ornithology, including "The Birds of South-East Northumberland," has been killed in action. Capt. Charlton, who was only 25 years of age, was the son of Mr. John Charlton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was promoted captain in 1915, went to the front in January of this year, and was killed on July 1.

Our Six Guineas Competition.

We would remind our readers that the time is getting near for the closing of the competition in which we are offering prizes amounting to six guineas. Full particulars were given in our issue of July 8, so we need only say here that the competition closes on Tuesday, August 1, and that prizes of a guinea and half-a-guinea will be given for the best and second-best article in each of the four sections of bird-keeping:—Canaries, Mules or Hybrids, British birds, and Foreign birds. Envelopes should be endorsed "Competition," and should be addressed, "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Charity Show at Sheffield.

Dr. Craig writes that the Annual Open Show of the Sheffield O.S. held Nov. 3, 4, next will be in aid of the "Star and Garter" Fund. A ten-guinea trophy will be given for the best unflighted Yorkhire Canary.

We Didn't Do This.

The writer of Natural History Notes in the "Yorkshire Post" says: "At the time of writing I know of a Dipper's nest containing eggs. It is built in a cranny in the rocky roof of a cavern which gives birth to a rippling stream, with its ceaseless music. In this ideal spot I have seen a Dipper's nest for the last fifty years (without a break). Are the tenants of to-day the direct descendants of those occupiers in the days of long ago? If so, this must be (h)entailed property."

The Catcher Caught.

When a fly is in the neighbourhood of a Spotted Flycatcher it is generally bad for the fly. When, however, the fly is an artificial one it would seem to be bad for the Flycatcher, for it is reported that on the bank of the River Pang, near Reading, a Flycatcher struck at a fly-hook which had been caught in the boughs of a tree, with the result that the hook held the bird fast until it was released by an onlooker who had to ford the river for the purpose. The bird flew off on release, "apparently none the worse for its adventure."

Why Does the Skylark Sing?

A writer in the "Holloway Press" propounds this conundrum, and then says: "I was always under the impression that the Lark sang because of its gladness of heart or joy of life, but now I think its song serves a double purpose." After describing the finding of a Lark's nest, and the manœuvres of the parent birds, the writer concludes: "Evidently the male bird sings to let its mate know that 'All's well,' and alters its song when danger approaches, and perhaps by its singing hopes to make the passer-by look up and miss the nest at his feet."

A Useful Year Book.

The year book of the National British Bird and Mule Club is to hand. It contains a list of officers; rules of the society, notes for hon. secretaries; a list of British birds with their Latin names, and letters showing whether they are migratory or resident; show classifications for British birds, arranged to cover any number of classes from 9 to 30; classifications of from 6 to 14 classes of Mules or Hybrids; members names and addresses; and a list of "possible crosses." It is to be noted that no crosses between insectivorous birds are given among these. Surely crosses between some insectivorous birds, for example, the Thrush and Blackbird, are at least "possible." Perhaps the word "likely" would be better in such a list than "possible." The classification lists for Hybrids would seem to admit of being put more clearly. Under the heading "For six classes" only three classes are given, under "seven or eight classes," only four classes are specified, and so on.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Felton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Nests and Song in July.

"If the Thrushes have been silent," says "W. C." in the "Manchester Dispatch," "they have now recommenced their song, and in the evening they may be heard serenading their mates hatching out the late broods. I have found several newly furnished nests of not only Thrushes and Blackbirds, but of Chaffinches and the rare Goldfinch in Cheshire."

Worse than a Galah!

At the last meeting of the South Australian Ornithological Association, held in the Royal Society's rooms, Adelaide, many members expressed their regret at the wholesale destruction of Galahs (Roseate Cockatoos) by means of poisoned fruit, and "looked forward to the time when the Commonwealth Government would recognise that Australian native birds were not only wonderful but of the greatest economic value." English birds, however, did not seem to be so much in favour, for the report goes on to say that a long discussion took place in reference to imported birds having taken the place of indigenous ones. The majority of the members seemed to think that the imported bird would always be a pest, and his bad traits override his good ones.

The Painted Bird Trick Recalled.

A score or so of years ago it was not at all uncommon to be accosted by an innocent looking individual who had a wonderfully plumaged bird in a paper bag, and a wonderful tale to tell of how it had accidentally come into his possession. These gentry were always looking for someone more innocent than themselves who would part with some money for the bird and promise to give it a good home. Of late years the dodge seems somehow to have fallen out of favour, but it will not be surprising if it is revived, for it is said that ready-painted Sparrows are now to be had for the catching. The vapour from pieric acid, it appears, will permanently dye any light coloured bird, and render its plumage of a bright golden colour, and as there are villages in which the manufacture of this is now being largely carried on, golden Sparrows are plentiful in some parts.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZE QUESTION COUPON

22 JULY, 1916.

To be pinned to the answer, and forwarded to reach the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., not later than 1st post, Tuesday, 25 July.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. NEWSOME (Westfield.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, which will embrace the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity. The housing, feeding, general management, diseases, breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally, the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

THE HOUSING OF BIRDS.

SUCCESS in aviculture depends principally on a sympathetic knowledge of the customs and characters of the birds in one's possession, and the application of this knowledge, even to the smallest detail. It is in the question of housing that the man who has followed the life of his charges, both in the fields and in books, finds himself amply repaid.

Unfortunately, we can only offer our captives a very inferior substitute for their natural conditions, but, even so, their lives can be made healthy and happy with very little trouble and expense. The nearest approach to nature we can give them is the outdoor aviary, and, unless the birds are intended for exhibition, it is the ideal abode. No bird shows to the best advantage in a cage and their beauties are greatly diminished unless they are in a state of comparative freedom. Even the exhibitor to whom steadiness on the perches is of the highest importance will find that if the birds are allowed to moult in the aviary, the colouring which results will be far superior to that accomplished by cage moulting.

In it one follows the lives of the charges from season to season, the mating, the making of the nest, the rearing of the young, and all seem so much more real if taking place in more or less natural surroundings. Again, he who has a number of birds to store, will find the outdoor aviary the cheapest and easiest to manage. For ailing birds it is the medicine par excellence, and very many foreigners, even those classed as delicate, live, thrive, and multiply amongst its branches. The above reasons will show why I deal with the outdoor aviary first, so now let us consider its construction.

The Outdoor Aviary and Its Construction

The outdoor aviary consists essentially of three parts, viz., a shelter house, a closed flight, and an open flight. Anyone who has a few yards of ground to spare can erect one, and in many gardens there are existing structures which are well adapted for the purpose and only require some wood and wire to complete the erection.

As an instance of this, one of the best small aviaries I have seen, had a large disused pigstye as its beginning, the yard of which was made into the flight, and planted with evergreens, flowers, and grasses. Chicken runs, summer houses, and out buildings are all suitable for conversion, provided they can be made wind and water-tight.

The situation is of prime importance. If placed against a wall it will be cheaper to erect, and also warmer. The ideal aspect is South East, but anything a little East or West of this, is quite suitable. A North or North West aspect is, of course, to be strictly avoided, as it leads only to failure. The size of the aviary must depend on its owner's pocket, but a simple plan is to have one third shelter, one third covered flight, one third open flight.

The main framing should be constructed of two inch square quartering, and slaters' battens do excellently for the cross pieces. The shelter and roof can be made of matchboarding which can be bought tongued and grooved, and very little skill is needed in erecting it. Wire netting of half inch mesh should be used for the flights; anything of a larger mesh is false economy, and annoying losses will take place from time to time if it is employed.

The roof, which should project about three or four inches over the main structure, can either be tiled or covered with felt on which tar and sand have been poured. This is quite a simple operation, the only points to remember are to be quite sure the tar is hot before pouring over the felt, and that the sand is thrown on while the tar is still wet. The main structure of the aviary is now complete.

A window can with advantage be let into the shelter, but remember to have wire netting fixed in the inside so that in the case of a breakage the birds are still safely within. The partitioning of the shelter from the flights may be done in various ways. If placed on an exposed position, tho whole can be boarded up with the exception of a small window about two feet square which is closed at night or in bad weather.

Another way which answers equally well is to leave about two feet from the ground open. The birds when they go to roost settle fairly high and so escape the draught. When the door is to be fixed have it as small as possible, and near the ground, leaving plenty of space above it, because when the birds are startled they fly high, and, if the door were a large one, there is a possibility of an inmate escaping.

In painting the aviary, much the most satisfactory plan is to have it either quite dark, or else white. Greens and other colours of this description do not seem to be at all lasting, and very soon get shabby. A very dark brown, to the last coat of which some varnish has been added, is very suitable, but for those living in the country nothing is so effective as white. It seems to show up the plumage of the birds to greater advantage than any other colour, and if flowers and ferns are planted round the aviary it becomes a thing of beauty instead of an unsightly building.

The above is a description of an aviary which is eminently suitable for both English and foreign birds. Of course, many modifications of this may be necessary. For instance, in a very small building it would not be advisable to have an open flight. Birds very often love to sit in the wet, and if they have not sufficient space to exercise in, they do not get dry before going to roost, with the result that many die; in this case the whole of the roof should be boarded over. In still smaller aviaries, the shelter house can be dispensed with, and either a wooden or glass front put on at night. Here the sides should be made of wood, but as this type is only a glorified cage it is much more satisfactory to have flight cages and put them out in fine weather.

For the More Ambitious.

On the other hand, the aviculturist may want more than one flight. For this, it is not necessary to have separate shelter houses for each, but simply to have a central one divided into as many compartments as there are flights, with small windows leading into each. This type is very suitable for the man who breeds many varieties, and he will find it the cheapest in the long run. A more elaborate structure where expense is no object, and where numbers of birds, both British and foreign are kept, is the following:—

Against a wall a long wooden house should be erected which, inside, can be divided into separate compartments with half inch wire netting, leaving a passage of about four or five feet between them and the wall. Outside, flights can be made to correspond exactly with those inside, the two communicating by a window, while other windows are placed in the roof, and the building heated if necessary. At one end is the room for storing and preparing food, etc. This is a very suitable type for the well-to-do amateur who wishes to keep all kinds of birds, including the more delicate species of foreigners, as having the inside and outside flights the inmates are quite independent of the weather.

The fitting of the aviary will depend on the ingenuity of the owner. The enthusiast will make one a real picture and a source of pleasure to everyone. It is quite impossible to give detailed instructions of how to do this, but if the essentials are described and a few ideas of ornamentation suggested, it will serve as a ground work on which more elaborate plans can be built.

The avoidance of a direct draught through the aviary is of fundamental importance, and as one of the ends is usually open wire, some means must be devised to prevent this. A plan which I have found useful, and which does away with the necessity of erecting an unsightly structure, is this:—Collect a large amount of furze and heather. Pass tho stalks of this through the wire-netting from within outwards, and so thatch it up to the top. This can be continued with great advantage round the back of the aviary, and serves the double purpose of keeping the inside cosy and warm, and also gives the birds something on which they can give full vent to their destructive powers, to the benefit of the plants inside.

The Furniture of the Birds' Home.

The seed utensil should take the form of a hopper. This can have a drawer underneath for the old husks, but a visit should be paid every day to see that the seed is not covered up by these, as so many birds have the habit of dropping the husk on top of the seed. This is an important point, as so many people have the idea that filling the hopper once a week is quite sufficient. Hoppers are now made with a number of feeding holes, and divided off into compartments; thus a mixture of seed need not be used, but the various kinds can be given at the discretion of the keeper. The back is fitted with glass so that a glance shows if it needs replenishing.

For soft food, the hopper described by Mr. Norman is that generally used, and will be found to be everything that is required. It is a box with sloping top and half of the front closed up. Between this lower half and the top are wires of sufficient distance apart to allow the birds to get their beaks through easily, but, once in, they cannot indulge in their favourite amusement of throwing their food about. The floor is continued out in front for a few inches to catch any small pieces that drop off. An ordinary china dish such as can be bought at any bird store for a few pence will do admirably for the food, and the back of the hopper can be on a hinge to allow of easy access. In the case of a small aviary where the birds are greatly disturbed by anyone entering, the back may be entirely done away with, and the hopper attached to the side of the aviary, the back corresponding with a small door let into the woodwork.

To Circumvent the Mice.

In regard to the question of placing these hoppers, it is here that one stops to consider the methods of dealing with one of the two pests of aviary life, namely mice, the other is cats, with which I shall deal later.

If there is one thing a mouse likes better than any other it is canary seed, and wherever there are birds there will the mice congregate, very often in the first twenty-four hours. The loss of the seed eaten is not such a great matter, but the fact that birds will not touch any food on which a mouse has been, makes us take stringent means, if not to eradicate them, yet to see that they confine their attentions to any seed dropped and not foul the principal seed vessel.

The best means to do this is to hang the hopper by a wire from the roof, taking care that there are no jumping off places anywhere near; or another plan is to have it set on the top of a pole about three or four feet high, the first 18 inches or two feet of which is covered with tin. To keep down numbers the ordinary penny break-back trap is as good as anything, hut, of course, on no account is this to be placed inside the aviary.

A method in favour with many fanciers is to spread bird lime thickly in the form of a horse-shoe on a piece of wood. The opening between the ends should be just large enough to allow a mouse to pass. At the other end some bait such as canary seed, musty bacon, cheese, etc., is placed. This has the advantage that numbers can be caught at the same time, but, with a little care, these animals should not prove too much of a pest.

The drinking water should be in a vessel in which the birds cannot bathe. There are many forms of fountains on the market, many of them costing less than a shilling, and a perusal of a dealer's catalogue will usually give ample choice. This can be hung or stood in any part of the aviary, but it is just as well to keep it away from the direct rays of the sun, and the water will be all the sweeter.

An All-important Accession.

For the bath there are almost as many different utensils as there are types of birds. The essentials are that it should be shallow, and that it should not have slippery sides or bottom, so as to prove difficult for birds entering or leaving, as a bird that has once been scared in the bath will postpone his next one indefinitely. To prevent this the bottom should be covered with plenty of stones and the sides be as shallow as possible. With these stipulations the owner can construct one with the materials at hand.

Quite a good method is to sink a shallow basin in the ground, having plenty of growing grasses and stones all round. More stones can be placed in the bottom and the sides lined with moss. The water in this is easily changed by just pouring fresh from a watering pan, and the overflow will produce a luxurious growth all round.

Of course this is only of use in a big aviary, but it makes a very pretty and attractive bath. The dweller in the country who builds his aviary besides a stream of water can with little expense lead a small flow through it, and the antics of the birds like the Wagtails will amply repay him for his trouble. *(To be continued.)*

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Co-operative Canary Breeding.

Some Misunderstandings Dispelled.

A meeting of the Committee of the Canary Supply Co-operative Association was held on Monday, July 17, at the offices of CAGE BIRDS. Present: Messrs. H. J. Fulljames (Cage Birds League) in the Chair, J. C. Birch (Queen's Park C.B.A.), H. W. Gutierrez (British Roller C.C.), J. Jeffrey (Metropolitan C.B.A.), and H. J. Kybert (East Ham C.B.S.).

Letters from applicants for the post of Organising Secretary were read, and the Chairman was asked to reply, the post to remain open until after the next meeting, July 24.

A letter from Mr. W. G. Harper, applying for five shares in the association, was read, and, after some discussion, it was agreed, on the proposition of Mr. Jeffrey, that shares of £1 be issued, 5s. payable on application, the remainder to be called up in instalments of not more than 5s. each. The shares to carry a dividend to be declared by the Board at the end of each financial year.

Mr. Kybert called attention to the wording of a paragraph in the published details of the scheme of co-operation, which read as though the Board were to be elected quarterly, and it was pointed out that this was a printer's error. The Chairman promised to have a correction published.

WE are publishing in this issue a selection of letters received in response to our offer of a prize of half-a-guinea for the best letter received criticising the scheme, favourably or unfavourably. We have purposely given prominence to those which point out supposed defects in the details of the scheme as published in CAGE BIRDS last week, and all the letters received will be submitted to the Committee for consideration. The result may be that some of the tentative propositions may be modified. Anyway, we may repeat that they were never intended to be absolute in their present form; they were published with the express object of inviting criticism, and this object has been attained. Further expressions of opinion are invited, and all will have earnest consideration; the organisation is for the general benefit, and all who have anything to say should not hesitate to say it.

The winning letter will be announced next week under the proper name of the writer. Several of the letters published this week appear, by desire, over initials or pseudonyms, but it will be obviously unfair to award the prize without giving the proper name of the winner. If, therefore, any competitor objects to the publication of his name and address as the writer of the winning letter, he must withdraw his letter from competition, and a notice to this effect must be received at CAGE BIRDS offices not later than Tuesday morning next, July 25.

It is no part of our own task to answer criticism, for the organisation is not being instituted for the benefit of CAGE BIRDS. It is a co-operative association governed, so far as the present is concerned, by a representative body of London bird breeders for the benefit of the bird-breeding community, and, incidentally, for the benefit of our country's trade. The part which CAGE BIRDS has taken is to initiate the organisation, to offer a room for the meetings of the Committee, and its pages for the publication, without charge, of the doings of the Committee. Further, Mr. Carl, the proprietor of CAGE BIRDS, has underwritten all the expenses of the organisation during the first six months, and in doing this he pointed out to the Committee that it was for them to deal with the future with a free hand.

At the same time, we think we shall not be going outside of our province if we refer to one or two points raised in the letters published this week, in order to repair as quickly as possible some misunderstandings which appear to have arisen. It seems that the paragraph referring to the membership fee has been read to mean that the £1 would be an annual charge. This, we are sure, was never in the mind of Mr. Usher, who drew up the scheme, and it is as certainly not so interpreted by the Committee.

No enterprise can be started without capital, and the capital necessary to put this organisation on a sound basis is to be found by issuing shares of £1. The money so raised will be used as working capital, and a dividend in the way of interest, large or small, according to the success of the organisation, will be declared yearly.

This interest will form a charge upon the yearly profits, and the balance of profits, after paying working expenses, will be available for division among those who have sold their produce through the association, in proportion to the trade which they have done.

A person need not be a member to trade with the association, but if he is not a member he will not participate in the annual division of profits; he will take his first profit, and will have finished with the association until he makes another deal.

Further, a member need never trade with the association at all unless he wishes; he becomes a member by the purchase of a share or a number of shares, and he will receive as interest on his money a dividend to be declared by the Committee. If he does no trade he will take no trading profits; that is all. Members who do trade with the association will share in the annual bonus, in addition to receiving interest on their shares.

One of the paragraphs published last week began thus: "The association should be governed by a Board meeting elected quarterly by members." This is a delightful example of what has been described as a "derangement of epitaphs." The words "quarterly" and "elected" were transposed by Mr. Printer, and his pleasantry was passed unnoticed. The paragraph should read: "The association should be governed by a Board, meeting quarterly, elected by members," which is quite a different thing. This explanation, we think, will dispel any misunderstanding.

The consideration of other points raised in the letters published is a matter for the Committee at the next meeting.

The First Application for Shares.

The honour of being the first applicant for shares in the Organisation belongs to Mr. W. G. Harper, of Muswell Hill, London. Mr. Harper writes: "I am quite sure that the idea of capturing the German Canary trade is bound to be a success if it is backed by CAGE BIRDS. As a firm believer in co-operation, I shall esteem it a favour if you will put me down for five shares, and I shall be pleased to have more later on."

WHAT FANCIERS THINK.

A Friendly Criticism and Some Useful Suggestions.

SIR,—The preliminary scheme for organising the Canary trade, as set forth in last week's CAGE BIRDS, is certainly an interesting one, but lends itself to criticism, I think, on several points.

It is based, first and foremost, on the supposition that we can obtain 50,000 birds to sell at 5s. each in the course of the first year. My first criticism is that no evidence is offered that these birds are to be had.

Now, the greater part of the first year's estimated expenditure appears to be an annual one; whereas the "membership fees" are, presumably, only capital subscribed, and, therefore, not renewed annually, so that, on the figures given, we have only £60 as dividend on our capital of £1,000. Not a very satisfactory position if we cannot be certain of the 50,000 birds.

On the other hand, every 10,000 birds above the 50,000 would bring in an additional £250. If, then, we could get 60,000 or 70,000 birds success would appear assured. How is this to be done? Only by the whole-hearted support of all and every Canary Society, in breeding, collecting, classifying, and despatching to the Central Depot every available bird.

How can this support be obtained? Not, I think, by requiring them to pay a heavy "membership fee" of £10 or £15; they would certainly think a good deal before doing so. I would say rather, by asking for quite a nominal subscription from them to become affiliated to the parent body, and by asking them to appoint a "Sales" Secretary, who would take a small percentage as remuneration for his trouble. This "Sales" Secretary would collect all available birds monthly, or as required; he could classify the birds roughly into, say, three classes, subject to revision at the Central Depot, and he would be responsible for the despatch of birds to the Central Depot.

Now, with regard to the £1 shares. This, I think, is unnecessarily high. I would prefer 2,000 shares at 10s., with a limited number to each applicant, in order to keep the scheme co-operative in nature. If evidence were forthcoming that a sufficient number of birds could be obtained, there is little doubt that the shares would be very quickly taken up.

My last point is that in a scheme of this far-reaching nature, those dealers who now export any quantity of birds are bound to be seriously affected, and their opposition must necessarily be expected. This raises the question whether it would be better to sell by auction to the dealers the greater part of the stock, directly exporting only a small part of it as a control of the prices given by the dealers.

But, however the birds are disposed of, the great point is to get them; and by organising the societies in some such way as I suggest, the largest possible number would be obtained, and a regular supply could be arranged.

"HOPEFUL."

Prospects Not Sufficiently Alluring.

SIR,—The general outline of the scheme appears to be sound and workable, and to be of a bold and striking nature. Inasmuch as one of the aims of the venture is to obtain the co-operation of the smaller breeders, certain criticisms at once suggest themselves. In the first place, a membership fee of £1, which may be well within the reach of the larger breeders, is far too high for the smaller man, whose support it is hoped to obtain, and it is no great advantage to the smaller man to have the balance of his membership fee—assuming he pays 2s. 6d. on entrance—deducted from the proceeds of his sales unless the deductions are spread over a number of years.

Further, Mr. Usher does not appear at all certain that the deduction of 10 per cent. from birds sold through the depot will meet the expenses and leave a sufficient margin for profit; nor is it at all clear whether this 10 per cent. allows for cost of packing, etc. If it does not, a further deduction will have to be made from the average selling price of 5s. per bird; and, in addition, the cost of carriage from breeder to depot, and an allowance for possible loss of stock en route, must not be overlooked. Assuming that a small breeder sells to the depot ten young birds in the first year, his receipts are, say, 50s., from which must be deducted 20s. for membership fee, 5s. for depot expenses, and, to take a cheery view, *not less than* 1s. for carriage and risks. The net receipts are, therefore, 24s. for ten birds.

It is certain that such returns will afford no allurements for the small breeder, especially as no allowance has been made for rearing expenses; and it must be obvious to anyone that, unless better terms are forthcoming in the first year, the scheme will fail to secure the co-operation of those whose sympathy it is desired to enlist.

"BUCHAN."

Why Not a Limited Liability Company?

SIR,—As a great lover of Nature, and particularly of bird life, and having taken a keen interest in the proposed scheme for ousting the Huns from the Canary business, I have great pleasure in giving you my opinion and friendly criticism of Mr. F. T. Usher's scheme.

Firstly, Mr. Usher deserves the thanks of all, for his suggestions display much thought and great ability. The scheme being one of boundless possibilities, must, to be successful, be run on thorough business methods and financial lines.

Bearing this in mind, I venture to suggest that the scheme be launched on the limited liability principle. Mr. Usher thinks that, roughly, £1,200 would be necessary for the first year, then why not issue shares of £1 each for that amount. I venture to think that there are business men as well as breeders who would support such a company, and surely the enthusiastic fanciers would be willing to subscribe to that extent.

I now proceed to the management, which Mr. Usher suggests "should be governed by a Board, elected by the members every quarter." Here I respectfully differ very considerably. The members of the Board, or Committee, however formed, should be members of that body for at least twelve months, or, even better, two years, and the Chairman, in any case, should certainly retain his position for two years. In this case the Chairman would be very closely in touch with the entire business of the concern, and his Board being elected for a more lengthy period would also be conversant with all matters. A fluctuating or migratory Board, such as one serving three months only, would be a great source of anxiety and trouble to the Chairman and permanent officials, and a hindrance to the smooth working of the business.

Again, in working strictly on commercial and not philanthropic lines, members or shareholders would sell their birds to the company, and would not expect either assistance or anything else except their dividends, and, according to the figures estimated by the Secretary, the dividends should be handsome.

The suggestions "to allow fanciers to pay 2s. 6d. only, and the remainder of the £1 to be collected from the results of their sales," "and the proceeds of sales be left at interest with the company," would be impracticable, and entail a very considerable addition to the clerical work. Of course, this outlined scheme would not allow of cage bird societies getting the benefit of twenty members for £10, but local societies could invest, and pay for a number of shares for their own members, and then (the local society) accept the half-crowns and collect the further instalments as they fall due.

With regard to the purchase by the company of Canaries, I should be interested to know who is to act as valuer, and would the company take a number of birds, irrespective of merit, at a fixed price, or would the same have to be submitted to the manager for approval?

As a novice, and small breeder of the "Wee Gem," I am intensely interested in the scheme, which I hope to support, and which I trust may be eminently successful.

A. J. WORROLL.

Mr. Bastock Wants a National Exhibiting Society.

SIR,—I have read with interest the details so far of this scheme, and have come to the conclusion that it is unworkable, by reason of its elaborate extravagance. When you take into consideration that many of our local societies consist of from 20 to 50 members, with a subscription of from 2s. 6d. to 6s. per year, payable monthly, so that the working fancier shall not feel the loss, how can you expect a society to pay a membership fee of more than double its income? Then you suggest a 20s. membership fee, and put it down at a low estimate of 1,000. I question if you could get 50 to join at such a subscription. You then go on to say it would be a benefit to traders. If you are going to trade in birds it must injure our dealers, more or less, and I venture to say no dealer would join such a society. Then you say the demand exceeds the supply; this I believe, and that we want some scheme to encourage breeders to go into cage bird breeding on a more extensive scale. Personally, I think we want a National Society whose object would be to encourage, and look after, fanciers and the Fancy, but the subscription must not be more than 2s. per year; then you may get a 1,000 members. The society to hold an annual exhibition of cage birds, with extra classifications and good prize money, with specials, to encourage fanciers to join in producing more birds.

The majority of breeders are working men, and when they sell their surplus they want to know what they are going to get for it, and spot cash. They would not send them to any depot and wait weeks before they knew what they were going to get for them, and commission stopped for this and that. Fanciers like to put their own price on their specimens. The demand will cause dealers to offer better prices, this is my opinion.

Moseley. J. BASTOCK.

Sound Philosophy.

SIR,—I think Mr. Usher has rendered a signal service to Canary breeders by outlining a scheme for discussion. One may be unable to follow the suggestions made, but if an association can be developed from the approximate data furnished, a real step forward will have been made.

I am inclined to think difficulty will be experienced in raising the capital required, and although it may be found advisable to begin on more modest lines, even then I do not think it will be an easy task. Breeders at the present time do not have much difficulty in disposing of fairly good-class birds, still I realise that this matter ought to be viewed in a broader light, and not from a selfish standpoint. I take it that the principal object is to encourage the breeding of birds, and I should think the organiser's energies would be directed more particularly to that end in the early stages of the association's existence, and then, as production increases, and it becomes more difficult to find remunerative markets, the depot might be introduced with advantage to all. To expect to be able to handle successfully nearly 1,000 birds per week in the first year or so of the association's existence, is taking a very optimistic view.

Confidence in the association will be a work of time, and here the abilities of the organisers will have ample scope. The work of the Organising Secretary may make or mar the whole undertaking in its early days. To get the proper man for the post will need all the care and discretion the Committee can give in this matter. He must be a man with tact and organising power, a convincing speaker, a good judge of birds, and a man whose name will carry weight in the bird world. In addition, he must be blessed with endless patience and perseverance.

The position will not be a sinecure for many years to come, yet I cannot help thinking that to the right man, who sees clearly the splendid opportunity it will give him to raise a structure of national importance, the prospect cannot but be alluring.

Help of a very far-reaching kind will undoubtedly be given to him by the use of your columns, and one that must be of incalculable benefit, by being able to reach practically all present breeders. My idea would be to raise a much smaller capital, principally from existing societies, and, in the first instance, get the organiser at work spreading knowledge and creating interest in Canary breeding as a hobby, and helping novices to purchase good healthy stock to begin with. Once interested, I think many would be willing to pay a commission for real help of this kind.

Confidence once gained, and never abused, would be an asset of the association so long as it existed. But this will take time, and if the expenses are going along too heavily during this period, when the structure begins to take real shape it may be found too heavily handicapped with financial troubles to become of real utility that might otherwise have been the case. Wishing the scheme every success.

T. C.

(Continued on next page.)

Some Figures that Talk.

SIR,—My idea of your co-operative scheme is that it will benefit the breeder of common Canaries and song birds, with exhibition breeders to finance it. For instance, take the songster breeder, with no outlet for his surplus, and put his stock at four cocks and eight hens, which should average forty youngsters in the season, say, twenty cocks at 5s., and twenty hens at 1s. 6d. These are dealers' top prices, and would produce £6 10s. Now we will take off cost of keeping the same for one year: 112lb Spanish canary seed, 33s.; sundry seeds, 6s.; egg and bread or biscuit from May 1 to August 31, 2½d. per day, £1 5s.; total, £3 4s.; leaving a profit of £3 6s.

Now for the breeder of exhibition birds. We will put his stock as near on a level as possible, say six cocks and six hens, which should produce 36 youngsters, for which he can always find an outlet if he exhibits same. Now we will split these up on a level, as above, and say 18 cocks and 18 hens. On the meagre average for exhibition specimens of 10s. and 5s. these would produce £13 10s. 112lb. canary seed, 33s.; sundry seeds, 7s. 6d.; colour food, 5s; eggs and bread or biscuit, May 1 to September 31, 2½d. per day, £1 11s. 3d.; total, £3 16s. 9d., showing a total profit of £9 13s. 3d., which, no doubt, would be considerably augmented if the selling of the stock were done on a co-operative scheme, as on page 397 of CAGE BIRDS. These two tables are worked on the assumption that both parties have the stock birds to commence with.

F. STOTT.

A Dublin Reader Thinks it is an "Addled" Egg.

SIR,—What do I think of the co-operative scheme? Very little indeed! I'm afraid it's an addled egg—that nothing will come of it. It strikes me that its own parents have no idea what kind of a monstrosity they are trying to hatch out, for a monstrosity it certainly would be, even if I am wrong in describing it in its present form as an "addled egg," and monstrosities rarely live long.

The best advice to give a person intending to go in for breeding Canaries for profit alone would be "Don't"; the game's not worth the candle; but, if you are fond of birds, you will find in it a fascinating, and occasionally, very occasionally, a profitable pastime."

We are told that there is a shortage of Canaries at present, on account of the absence of the German birds from the market, that the prices now being realised are exceptional. How much are they above the normal? Still, we are informed by the Committee that good birds can be purchased at present to commence operations with at 9s. per pair. It is now too late to think of doing much in the way of breeding this season, as the moult will soon be upon us; it therefore follows that the offspring of these birds will not be moulted and singing till the latter end of next year. By this time I think it is quite reasonable to assume that the war will be over, and the German birds will be on the market again, and the prices down once more to the pre-war level. Not only will the prices decrease, but, if there is to be the depression in trade predicted by so many to follow the war, then the demand might reasonably be expected to fall off also.

I rather doubt if a thousand breeders will be found willing to subscribe a pound towards such an organisation; they may promise to do so, or, at least, half that amount through their societies, but I don't envy the treasurer's task of collecting the cash. The Committee expect to get an average of 10s. per pair for the birds sold in competition with the Germans, whilst good birds can be bought at present for 9s. per pair with the Germans out of the running. Really high-class birds would hardly find their way to the depot; they could, I imagine, be sold without its assistance; but let us assume that they were to be found there, would fanciers give the high prices a fancier with a reputation is able to command for his stock for an unknown quantity at its face value?

Again, the owner of a good bird might not care to send it to be sold at someone else's valuation; nor would it do to let the owner place his own price on them—the good points of a bird are not always apparent to other people. If this organisation is to be of any use to the Fancy, I cannot see how it can possibly avoid coming into conflict with traders, to allow the latter to send in their stocks would defeat its own object. Dealers, as a rule, know better than to breed their birds. To be of any use it must enter into direct opposition, and, I think it should, first of all, endeavour to capture the home trade. It should supply the fancier with all his needs in the way of seeds, cages, and appliances, at a reasonable price, and members would receive a bonus or discount on all purchases. The Association should manufacture its own cages, and endeavour to put on the market a distinctive cage, guaranteed British made, and to contain a British-bred songster. It is only by capturing the profits reaped by the dealer and putting them into the pockets of the breeder that I can see any hope of the scheme being a success.

Incidentally, it might make efforts to have the importation of Canaries stopped; this would increase the demand for the home product. At the same time, I can quite understand that the Editor is not at all anxious to fall out with the traders; the amount spent by the latter on their "Wanted" advertisements must form a substantial amount in a year. This, in itself, should make breeders think. But what claim has the trader on our sympathies, Mr. Editor, if those "exquisite songsters from the Hartz Mountains," with their "wonderful trills," "water bubbles," and their "nightingale's jug-jug," etc., which he so glowingly describes, are only "*miserable and unhealthy wasters*"?

HUGH WILLIAMS.

Dublin.

Capturing the German Trade.

SIR,—In your report of the last meeting of the committee dealing with the above subject I notice there has been propounded a scheme, practical in itself, and full of possibilities, a scheme which, I think, will take on, and be the best possible means for providing the cheap Canary, which, no doubt, has formed the bulk of the German trade in bygone days. As to the production of a good article, I think we already have that part well in hand, yet I should advise that section of the Fancy to wholeheartedly throw in their lot, and render what assistance they can, inasmuch as it is bound to bring grist to the mill for that side of the Fancy. "Nothing succeeds like success"; and assuredly this scheme, in its dual capacity of finding suitable work for our married Tommies whereby to earn a livelihood and a means of stimulating the Fancy, has not only justified its inception by its good start, but promises to open up in a remarkable degree further avenues for the betterment of that side of the hobby, the production of high-class stock. With such a unique committee at the head of this scheme, it appears to me as a welcome opportunity, and it will no doubt prove to many a new starting-point in life. I, therefore, sincerely hope that the appeal made by our Editor through CAGE BIRDS for every assistance possible will meet with the success which it deserves, viz., a hearty response.

T. BENNETT.

Bradford.

Correspondence.

Eastern Counties C.B.S.

SIR,—I am very pleased to inform you that Mr. Gordon Stewart, of Ipswich, has been good enough to accept the presidency of the above society. Personally, I feel we ought to consider ourselves very fortunate in having the services of such a gentleman at our command, as a more ardent and hard working fancier of the Norwich Plainhead Canary it would be most difficult to find. If the members will only stick to their guns, and do all in their power in co-operation with Mr. Gordon Stewart and myself in these trying times, I feel that the future prospects of the society are well assured.

WM. BARRITT, Hon. Sec

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Half-guinea Specials for Selling Classes.

SIR,—I am very glad that "Sub Rosa," in his article on inbreeding in your issue of July 8, has brought up the matter of selling classes, as it gives me an opportunity of bringing my views before the readers of CAGE BIRDS. I have had the honour to be made president of the Eastern Counties' Cage Bird Society, a club run by working men, and very decent fellows they are too. It has occurred to me that if I guaranteed the full prize money as paid at the Palace or the Horticultural Hall, plus half-a-guinea special for the best cock, and half-a-guinea for the best hen Norwich Plainhead in two separate classes, the selling price to be at least a pound, perhaps some of our big breeders will think it worth while to send us something worth looking at.

I shall have to ask your kind assistance later on, Mr. Editor, to draw the attention of the Norwich fancy to the little show in Ipswich in December, it is only a members' show, with two open selling classes, but I hope to do something in the near future to put Ipswich in the place it used to occupy in the Norwich Plainhead fancy. Now I will be very grateful to any reader who will make suggestions. It is a difficult time and much valuable help can be given by those in the know, and it will assist us to avoid mistakes.

J. W. GORDON STEWART.

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

SIR,—A few days ago I met the Secretary of the above Society, and he was very much distressed at the condition of the club. It appears there is a good balance, plenty of cups, and other assets, but the membership is dwindling, and at the last meeting only himself, the Chairman, and one other member turned up. As one of the founders of the Society, and an official from its inception till last year, I would not like to see it go down, and I appeal to all past and present members to turn up at the next meeting, which I understand Mr. Reid is shortly calling, and see if new life can be brought into it, and the Society restored to its former prestige.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

Crimson-wing x Rosella Parrakeets.

SIR,—I am pleased to say that I have in an outdoor aviary a cock Crimson-wing Parrageet (*aprosmictus erythropterus*) paired with a hen Rosella Parrakeet (*Platycercus eximius*). and that they are now busy sitting. The last time I peeped into the nest, early last week, they had eleven eggs. Of course now it is a case of "wait and see" as to whether the eggs are fertile or not, and in the meantime I shall be glad if any reader can say whether the Crimson-wing has been known to breed in captivity, either with a hen of his own species, or by a cross. I am also glad to say that I have in the aviary a pair of Rosellas bringing up a nest of youngsters for the fourth year in succession.

H. EARL.

[We do not know of any record of the breeding of Crimson-wings, but the King Parrakeet has been crossed successfully with the hen Crimson-wing. Perhaps some reader will oblige with the information desired.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

A Timely Hint on Colour Feeding.

SIR,—Now that the time is near for this important performance to be done, a few hints to fanciers may not be out of place. In the first place, you must look out for the best samples, for what is good in one season is inferior in another. The sweet pepper is most in favour; personally, I prefer a little hot mixed with it, for I think it digests better, and brings them through the moult more quickly. A good sample of pepper should be finely ground, extra deep in colour, and pleasant to the smell. I always used to mix my own, and was very successful; the following is the way I did it. I got samples from different wholesale houses, picked out that I liked best, and to 1lb. of sweet I put 3ozs. of hot and an eggcup full of oil, either sweet, cod-liver, or linseed oil will do; I like the latter. After well mixing I store in a jar or tin. To one egg add three good teaspoonfuls of this colour feed and three spoonfuls of moist sugar, and see that it is mixed well. I consider it best to mix it at night for next morning's feeding, and in the morning for afternoon feeding. Give small quantities, and often, to obtain best results.

J. BASTOCK.

[A sample of colour food mixed as described was kindly forwarded by Mr. Bastock with the letter. It was of very fine colour, tasted only slightly pungent, and seemed eminently suitable for its purpose.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

Young Birds Feeding Young Birds.

SIR,—It may interest the writer of the letter headed "Young Thrushes Feeding Young Thrushes," to know that Greenfinches will do the same thing, and are doing it now for me. I have three about nine weeks old, and they are just on hard seed and are rearing seven younger birds. This has been my experience not only this year, but for three years in succession, one bird rearing five young three years ago.

If I may, I would like to mention that I consider the Greenfinch the best British bird one can possibly have as a cage pet, and it is very easy to feed and keep. I have six from another nest and I have let them out every day for a fly round, and they always return for their food. The other fellows in the company think it is wonderful, and have never seen birds so tame before, but, of course, they do not keep birds themselves, and consequently they do not know how much pleasure it gives one to be the happy possessor of a few feathered pets even if they are common. I would rather have a Greenfinch than any other British bird, but I have reared a few Softbills since I have been stationed here, though I was unsuccessful in my attempt to rear Nightingales. I should be very glad, therefore, if anyone having reared these would let me know through our paper how he fed them. Other Softbills I have reared down here are Thrushes, Pied Wagtails, and Spotted Flycatchers.

DRIVER P. O. FROST, A.S.C.

Fort Gomer, Gosport.

Cage Birds Roll of Honour.

SIR,—Will you kindly mention in your Roll of Honour the death of Mr. C. Baker, of Marlow Road, Anerley, whose death is reported from Mesopotamia. We believe it occurred during the siege of Kut, as he died in April, and the news is only just through.

W. D. FRYETT.

A Liverpool Party to Have a Sunday Afternoon at Otterspool Park Zoo.

SIR,—I am organising a party of fanciers and friends, ladies included, of Liverpool and District, to pay a visit to the Zoological Gardens, at Otterspool, Aigburth, on Sunday, July 30. Meet at Aigburgh Car Terminus, at 2 prompt. Fanciers of Liverpool and District who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting the most interesting collection of birds and animals at Mr. Cross's place, are requested to send on their names to me, so that I may have some idea of the number likely to be present. Refreshments can be had inside the grounds, and the caterers would like to know the probable number of the party. This proposed visit has been very well received by a large number of fanciers, but there are many who may not have heard of it, and whom CAGE BIRDS, I am sure, will reach.

R. T. LONSDALE,
Hon. Sec., Garston B.B.A.
80, Tiverton-st., Wavertree.

A Bird that Would Not Go Away.

SIR,—Amongst an aviary of birds which I recently bought was one which puzzled me. It very closely resembled an ordinary House Sparrow, but it was olivaceous on the rump, and had other characters which led me to think it might be a Greenfinch-Sparrow hybrid. I took it to a London show in the hope of getting the opinion of the judge, but he had left the show, and was not expected to return. The members who saw the bird pronounced it to be a Tree Sparrow, but I am not so sure, neither are a lot of my friends.

I was a bit disgusted, so gave the Sparrow to a young friend to throw up near to the Coldfall Woods, where he lives. He tells me he did so by letting it fly from his bedroom window, but, much to his surprise, he found the bird would not leave the vicinity of the window, and fed on some seedling rape that was sprouting there. The strange part about it was that the bird came in every evening to roost inside the room, roosting on the curtain rod, and as the bird did not seem to want its freedom, he has decided to cage it once more.

W. G. HARPER.

Experts Fail: Novices Succeed.

SIR,—Many hints, from time to time, on the so-called sweating hen have appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and the article concluded July 15, by Mr. H. G. Hill, on this most vexed point is, in my opinion, one of the best, if not the best, definition of the real meaning of the term "sweating hens," or, as I would rather say, sweating nests, as I feel positive the vapour is derived from the foul nest, made so by improper treatment, as already thoroughly expounded by Mr. H. G. H. I do not know this gentleman, but I take off my hat to him with thanks.

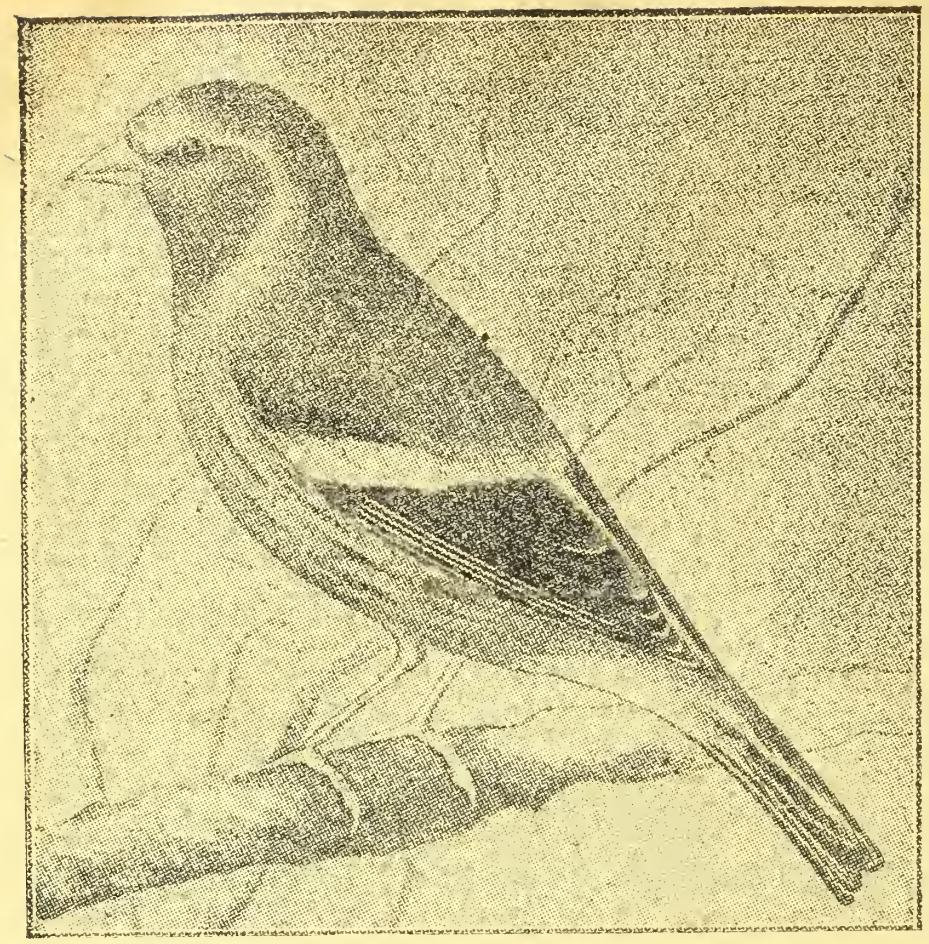
Mr. Allsopp contributes a most striking article on the breeding of the Goldie-Linnet Hybrids, which proves once again that one may work ever so energetically, and, after many years, throw down the tools and count it all a failure, while his brother fancier, a novice, more than likely will come along, as it were, pick up the discarded tools, and make an easy success.

In November, 1915, I purchased a cock and hen Bullie which certainly had not been caged more than a month. The hen I handed over to a friend fancier here, Mr. G. Veal, and it was put with a black-legged Goldie, captured at about the same period, and turned into a roughly-constructed flight, under and around which was a run for my friend's fowls. In April this pair of birds began to show signs of breeding, and a nest pan was hung against the partition, as one would do in the ordinary method of breeding Canaries. It was quite exposed in every way, but the hen at once commenced to carry materials supplied her. Three eggs were laid, and a young Goldie-Bullie was hatched the second week in May. I watched her feed it, mostly from soaked wheat and young turnip tops, and she kept it alive up to seven days old, when it died, as I am more than sorry to state. She at once laid another clutch, and Master Goldie pierced them. She is now sitting again, this time building a very large nest in a bush recently supplied her, and I hope things will work out better, but I think a Greenfinch hen, as a feeder, would ensure better chances.

J. LOCKE.

Bristol.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.



A BEAUTIFUL BRITISH HYBRID.

Among the many beautiful birds which fill the Hybrid Section of our bird shows perhaps none is more admired than the Hybrid which is the result of mating the cock Goldfinch and the hen Bullfinch. A good example of the cross is shown in our picture, but colours are needed to give an adequate idea of its beauty.

How Bird Societies Can Help their Members.

By the REV. C. B. JOLLIFFE (Cardiff).

On June 20 the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe put a question to the members of the Cardiff C.B.S.: "What Advantages can the Society offer its Members?" The lecturer proceeded to answer his own question, and in doing so pointed out methods which should appeal not only to the members of his own society, but to those of every other in the Kingdom. By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe we are enabled to reproduce the lecture for the general benefit.

IT would form a subject of considerable interest if each member of the society would relate the story of how he first became a member. It would be a matter of even greater interest if he would put on record how in the process of things he survived the disappointments of the breeding season and the show bench; and why, in spite of bad luck and discouragement, he is a fancier still.

Of all alluring hobbies perhaps none is taken up so enthusiastically, and none is ever laid down so regretfully as the hobby of Canary and small bird breeding and exhibiting.

There are many graces mentioned in the Bible, and I sincerely hope most of you possess them all, but I venture to say that the fancier who is to stay the pace, and finish the course, will need one extra to them all, viz., the grace of stick-at-it-ness. Sooner or later there comes to all the day of disappointment when "old hands" and "raw novices" alike feel like "chucking it all up"!

How to save the fancier in this hour of despair is one of the main features of this paper, and, if I am right, the supreme duty of the society is to nurse and help its members in every hour of difficulty, and to give encouragement to one of the most innocent and beautiful hobbies that man or woman can take up.

Probably one of the first questions addressed to anyone who is endeavouring to persuade another to join the society, is—"What shall I get out of it?" However attractive the something-for-nothing business may be, the nothing-for-something proposition makes a very poor show.

The society which exists only to take subscriptions, to get a good gate at its shows, and make a financial success each year, and has little or nothing to offer its members in return, is sure to meet the day of trouble and possible extinction. The society whose chief aim is not a financial one, but an endeavour to offer something visible and tangible to its members, need never fear the lack of financial support.

Some of the suggestions I shall offer are obvious to all save the extreme novice, and beyond merely stating them I shall leave them for fuller treatment and expansion at some future date. Forgive me if I drop into the sermon style and arrange my paper, as we parsons say, in the form of a three-decker—social, educational, and financial.

The Social Advantages the Society Should Offer.

Never more applicable should the adage be—"Birds of a feather flock together"—than to fanciers. I am perfectly amazed at the number of people I meet who keep small birds as a hobby. Has it ever struck you that the circulation of CAGE BIRDS is nearly 50,000 per week? Fancy, 50,000 people in the United Kingdom, more than one in every thousand of our population, whose interest in caged birds is so great that they can afford twopence per week for a paper wholly devoted to their hobby. Think of the many, many thousands outside the above who only keep a Canary, often in conditions detrimental to its health and song, and you have some idea of the fascination of birds.

By the courtesy of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS I am informed in Cardiff and district alone the circulation of that most excellent journal exceeds 800 copies per week. Here, indeed, is a seed-plot well worth cultivating by the society. Surely we have something worth offering to these 800 people, something which shall attract, say, 500 of them into our membership.

Contrast a membership of 500 with our present 60 or 70. Think if we reduced our annual subscriptions to half-a-crown, what a revenue 500 half-crowns would bring in yearly. Imagine these 500 members coming to our annual show, and 500 Mrs. Joneses, and five, six, seven, or eight little Joneses—for this is the way they have of doing things in Wales.

Every member would want to be treasurer, and every committeeman would expect his expenses paid; even the judges would be asking for a war bonus, and the secretary would look after nothing but the society and his stock.

We are apt to overlook the individual who is a keen lover of birds, and who is proud to be the possessor of 12 to 20 birds in an out-of-doors aviary, but who has no time to breed show specimens, and who looks upon that particular branch of the Fancy as a business.

Usually you will find him a gentleman with a large heart, generous disposition, and a rare lover of nature. He muddles along from year to year, meeting with disappointment after disappointment, feeling again and again he has been "had" at the hands of dealers and others, and finally throwing it up with a belief expressed or unexpressed that the Fancy is composed of men whose motto is—"Do others or they will do you."

I am not drawing upon imagination, but speak facts, and if we can do anything to prove to such that all fanciers are not dishonourable, that there is an element of luck to which the matured and the novice are equally subjected, and that the best of us at times have no one to blame but ourselves for our disappointments, we shall have done something to redeem the reputation of the Fancy.

Companionship Good for All.

By his isolation this friend has failed to avail himself of that inspiration and sympathy that doubtless would have been extended to him had he been a member of the society and attended its meetings. I lay great stress on this latter fact, for experience has proved that failure in this particular has often created suspicion and discontent.

There are few, very few, who can paddle their own canoe in the Fancy. At Liverpool, some years ago, I was shown a small boat, 24ft. long, in which it was said a certain venturesome spirit had crossed the Atlantic from New York. Gentlemen, the day I cross the Atlantic it will not be alone. I guess I am too fond of company for that, and shall much prefer a liner.

I do not say that here and there you may not find a strong, independent soul who prefers isolation to friendship; but what I do maintain is that if anyone wishes to gang his own gait in "splendid isolation," let him, but for the rank and file continuance in the Fancy is best secured by union with congenial spirits, *i.e.*, membership with the society.

This being so, what are we going to offer to all our members, the breeder of exhibition stock, and the simple lover of birds, especially the latter?

I suggest lectures on British and wild birds, their habits, foods, nesting sites, treatment in captivity, their possibilities as hybrid breeders, and how to rear their young. We should arrange rambles to view bird-nesting sites; for the identification of nests and eggs; and to learn the habits of wild birds, especially migrants.

Further, we can have exhibitions of birds apart from the element of competition. Of all the many thousands who travel miles to hear the Nightingale sing, how few have ever seen the bird? What more beautiful exhibit than a Tree-creeper well staged? Bring near to us the Woodpecker, the Spotted Flycatcher, and a few others.

Let some gifted, cultured, and expert ornithologists tell us some of the beautiful and charming things that can be told of British and other birds. I wonder how many know the Thrush's nest is not finished when the plaster of mud is laid on; that the final layer consists of a thin "veneer" of what one may call wood-paper—just as we humans cover the walls of our homes with wallpaper to hide the plaster; but the Thrush to keep out the wet and to bind the whole together

How many know that the common Wren will build several dummy nests in order to deceive the robber of eggs and nests, but will skilfully hide the genuine nest in the near vicinity? Let us have exhibitions of some of these beautiful nests—say, for instance, the pineapple-shaped nest of the Long-tailed Tit, or the exquisitely moulded nest of the Chaffinch.

"Behold a bird's nest,
Mark it well, within, without,
No tool to fix, no bodkin to insert,
No glue to joint—his little beak was all,
And yet how neatly finished! What nice hand
Could compass such another?"

(To be continued.)

How to Build up a Strain of Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

Good advice for beginners, given in a paper by Mr. C. Stubbs, and read before the members of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

I HAVE been asked to write a paper about Norwich Plainheads, so I have decided to give you my idea of what I think is the best way for a beginner to work up a good stud of birds.

In the first place, let me say it is better to have quality before quantity; it is far better to have two or three good pairs of birds than a dozen third-raters; you get more satisfactory results, besides being able to give them better attention. Remember, there is a lot of hard work in breeding Canaries, but, at the same time, you will find it a pleasure if you have got what is called "bird fever."

Now, as regards making a start, I think it is best for a beginner to join a society; he will there find plenty of fanciers who will always be willing to help him in making a start.

It is best for you to get your birds to start with from a man you know breeds his own winners, and ask him to put you up a yellow cock and two buff hens, also a buff cock and two yellow hens. I am not in favour of running two hens with one cock, but, at the same time, it is better to have a spare hen in case of accidents.

The Birds for a Commencement.

When making your selection, see that you get as much size as you can in the cock birds, as from them you will yet your size in the youngsters. The class of bird you want, but, at the same time, will find the most difficult to get, is one with plenty of depth and breadth, and a good round chest and back. He should have a good wide head, opening right away from the beak, and finishing well over on a thick neck.

As I have stated, it is a hard job to get a bird of this description, but you must try and get one as near as possible like it. The hens should be of medium size, short and typical, with plenty of quality of feather, as from the hen's side you will get your type and quality in the youngsters.

I myself have found that the large hens, as a rule, are very unsatisfactory during the breeding season; they either lay about one egg in a clutch, won't sit, or else they won't feed when they have got young. Of course, the larger the hen the better your chances are on the show bench, providing she has got all the other points necessary for a show bird, while, at the same time, if you can get a nest of youngsters from such a hen there is no doubt they will be of great value, if only for breeding purposes the following season, but I favour the medium-sized hen as stated.

When making your choice see that either the cocks or the hens are lightly marked; this will prove that there is that green blood in the birds without which you cannot get your colour, and no amount of colour feeding will put it there.

The Value of Unflighted Birds.

I should advise a beginner to have unflighted birds, cocks and hens; at all costs have unflighted hens. Much has been said about pairing two unflighted birds together, many fanciers saying it is a mistake, but speaking from my own experience, I have had the best results from two unflighted birds.

Last year I put out eight unflighted birds on the show bench, including the one that was claimed at Preston for ten guineas, and they were all bred with unflighted birds. However, nearly every fancier has his own ideas, and my advice is, if he is successful, whatever his methods are, stick to them, and keep on his own way.

Then, again, some fanciers say you cannot breed show birds from two show birds. Well, we don't expect to breed all winners from show birds, neither do we get them from what we call stock birds. I have proved that you can breed winners from two show birds, and if you go into a successful fancier's room you will find he pairs his best birds together, even if they are birds that have been winning on the show bench.

From two cocks and four hens a man can, by using a little judgment, and his brains, build himself up a good stud of birds in about five years, that is providing he gets his birds at the start from a good winning strain.

Don't, if you have the luck to breed a good bird or two the first season, be tempted to part with them; keep all your best, and with the experience you have gained you will be able to add another good pair or two to your stocks. Do the same the next season, and if you breed anything you fancy try it out in the novice class, and don't throw up the sponge if you are not in the running. Keep on trying, and you will no doubt succeed in time in getting a red ticket.

Another important thing is the mating up of the birds. It is no use going haphazard. If you have a bird with a weak head, pair it up to a bird with as large a head as possible, and the same thing applies to any fault your birds may have. Much more could be said about the Norwich Plainhead, but, unfortunately, I have not got the time at my disposal, so I can only say that if these few lines have been of any interest, I shall feel amply repaid for my trouble.

The Troubles of a Bird Buyer.

By R. BLINCOE (Rochdale).

ANYONE who has read the excellent articles which have appeared from time to come in CAGE BIRDS for so many years, also the handbooks, not forgetting the Nutshells, will approach the subject of British birds with a feeling that there is nothing new to say; but I notice that no one has anything to say about the difficulty of getting hold of really good show birds.

Most of the leading lights in the ranks of British bird exhibitors appear either to be big dealers who select their teams by the simple process of picking good specimens from the large number of birds passing through their hands or men to whom money is no object, and certainly the price of a team of ready made winners is enough to make an ordinary man gasp. As I have had some peculiar experiences in my endeavours to procuro really good birds, perhaps an account of them may be of service to others.

I began by offering special prices to catchers and others for picked specimens, but I very soon found this was no go; they most of them knew too much or too little, either not knowing a good one when they had it, or having a market, and any price they liked to ask, for a real winner, but one and all took my cash and sent me something sufficiently good to make a prosecution for fraud a doubtful transaction.

"Put Not Your Trust in Princes."

Just about this time a number of "British Bird Kings," and "Princes," were very prominent in the adverts of the day. Here was my chance; I would visit some of these potentates and select a likely team from among the thousands that filled their magnificent aviaries. So the very next holiday I selected a town where no less than three of them held their courts, and off I went in high spirits. Theso were somewhat damped on finding that the policeman to whom I appealed for information was unacquainted with any of their addresses, he, however, sent me to a gentleman who acted as a "bum bailiff," and who proved to have an excellent knowledge of their locality, and, following his directions, I soon arrived at the residence of No. 1.

There I learned from a lady (who from the absence of a wedding ring and the item of bed-room furniture she held in her hand, I took to be a woman of the bedchamber) that the gentleman was not at home. I was only saved from having to follow her very complicated directions by the timely arrival of the heir apparent, a young gentleman who reminded me forcibly of the famous conundrum, inasmuch as he had also no hair apparent, most of it having been destroyed by a particularly virulent ring worm.

Ho spoke with confidence of being able to find his "feythur" at the Pig and Whistle, and he proved a reliable guide, for I was soon in the presence of the "King" himself, who removed an exceedingly dirty clay pipe from his lips and received me with great condescension.

After hastily emptying his pint pot, and putting it where I could see it, he informed me in a voice of genuine regret that only the day before he had parted with a team of certain Palace winners at a ridiculously low figure, so I left him with a stamped addressed envelope, which I suppose he still has in his possession, and started out to find No. 2. This monarch's appearance was very similar to that of No. 1, except that his wardrobe was, if possible, more dilapidated, and he too, I found, had only the day before parted with a team of Palace winners.

As there was no train home for another hour, I determined to seek out No. 3, in spite of the fact that he was only a "prince." I am afraid his habits were not so regular as those of the kings, none of his family having the slightest idea of his whereabouts. I begged his good lady to let me have a look through his aviaries, which after some demur she did, and taking me upstairs showed me a box of wretched looking Finches, to which varieties he apparently confined himself. A pity, too, for if he had specialised in small softbills, there would have been no difficulty about the live food.

This satisfied me that dealing with kings is not a royal road to success, and on the very few occasions when I have been tempted to repeat the experiment I have always found that my pernicious habit of arriving exactly one day too late has stuck to me all through.

For some time I went on, contentedly buying an occasional fair specimen, and catching a decent softbill now and again, until one autumn, while on a fishing expedition, I met with a chap whose first name either was or ought to have been Mick. He assured me that the district was swarming with Goldfinches "sure ye can catch a thousand in a hour," said he.

A Liberal Discount.

I promptly made a mental reduction of this figure by 950, and trebled the time of catching, having had some previous experience, in my capacity of angler, of chaps with a brogue, and even this reduced estimate left room for further reasonable reductions.

A few mornings after saw me in a big field surrounded by a wealth of thorn hedges and low trees. I had provided myself with call birds and several boxes of bird lime, for I remembered having read some time before in CAGE BIRDS that every likely spot for perching should be well limed. As this would have taken several tons of lime I had to be content, however, with liming the most likely twigs, not forgetting to have a few twigs placed higher than the rest of the hedge. All preparations being complete, I lit my pipe and sat down to await results.

Fifty Goldfinches in three hours! I almost felt tempted to chuck up business and blossom forth as one of the previously mentioned kings, but I nobly resisted the temptation, and determined to remain a simple fancier, firmly resolving at the same time to retain only the very best specimens. All the remainder were to have their liberty again.

At the end of two hours I decided that an ordinary specimen, if a cock, would come in for muling. Another hour passed. Perhaps after all a *very* neat hen would be useful for hybrid breeding. Still the time went on. After all, it's hardly worth the trouble to catch your own; I would visit my old catcher friend and make a selection from his catch if he had any, for Goldfinches were evidently so scarce and wild that it was doubtful if even he with his skill at the game would have been able to succeed.

Professional Advice.

On the road home I met him, and as soon as I saw his face I realised that I had committed a grave breach of etiquette. He seemed to think it hardly possible that a respectable looking mug like me would have been so mean as to try and catch his own. I felt deeply ashamed of my conduct, and at once made the only reparation possible under such circumstances; I took him in and stood him a pint. At the end of the fourth pint he revived a little, and seemed to feel that I had acted more in ignorance than from depravity, and even went so far as to give me an invitation to go with him on his next catching trip.

I did too, and found out a good many reasons why I failed to get my fifty Goldfinches in three hours as estimated. In the first place, being early in August, the Finches were feeding on hardheads, and not on thistle as I had imagined. He also set his call bird and brace birds in the centre of a large field, well away from the hedges, and provided suitable perching places by sticking in the ground at intervals around them, branches of trees, suitably trimmed, and each bush containing a stuffed decoy, so that there was no difficulty in liming all the upper parts. We had not long to wait, he soon had a box full of Finches. No sooner did we see a black speck flying with a dipping flight, than up went the brace birds, and in less timo than I can tell it another was added to the collection.

The only thing I didn't like about the thing was the brace bird business; it may be all right with trained birds, but I doubt it. I shouldn't like any of my special favourites to act in that capacity for long; at the same time they are obviously the most essential part of the whole performance, but there is room for some ingenious person to invent mechanical substitutes, which would be much more satisfactory to any humane person.

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ABERDEEN FANCIERS AT LAW.

A Disputed Challenge Cup.

Proof was heard by Sheriff Dudley Stuart in the Aberdeen Small Debt Court on July 13th, in an action by the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S. against William Allison, The Brae, Cults, calling on the defender to deliver up a silver cup belonging to them, at present in the possession of the defender, and which he refused to do, although he had no right or title to retain it.

Mr. John Munro, advocate, appeared for pursuers, and Mr. G. M. Aitken, advocate, for defender.

Mr. Munro explained that the circumstances were that the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S. was a society for the propagation of Canaries and other birds. At the annual exhibition and competition held in the Music Hall Buildings on 18th Dec. last there was, among other prizes offered for competition, a silver challenge cup for the best young Norwich bred by a member within a radius of eight miles of Aberdeen. The cup had to be won three times before it could become the property of the competitor. It had already been won in the years 1913 and 1914 by the defender. The defender entered seven birds for tho competition, and signed a certificate of entry agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of the show. One of the birds entered by the defender was awarded the said silver challenge cup, which was delivered to him. The society had now ascertained that the defender did not breed the bird which was awarded the cup, and that it was neither bred by a member of the society, nor within eight miles of Aberdeen, having been bred, it was believed, by Mr. Lawson, Carlisle. The cup should not, therefore, have been awarded to the defender. It had not become his property, but was still the property of the complainers.

Evidence for the pursuers, taken on Commission, was read, and in this Frank Foster Lawson deposed that he was a bird fancier, and lived at 14, Pugin Street, Carlisle. He had been a bird fancier for 18 or 20 years. He was a fancier of Canaries only, and had had a good deal of experience of them. He had bred many of the Norwich variety, which was the only variety he bred. He knew Mr. Allison, the defender, and had met him perhaps three times in all. They had an annual bird show in Carlisle, which was usually held on the 27th or 28th October. They had the annual show last October, and he met the defender on the first day of the show, Oct. 27. They were in the show together that day. Defender was also at his house, and saw his birds. Witness had half-a-dozen birds or more exhibited at the show. He had the first prize bird in the class for yellow unflighted Norwich. The defender saw that bird in the show. That was the only place he could have seen it at that time. It was the case that an expert had not much difficulty in identifying a bird. He would know this first prize bird again six months afterwards. He exhibited the same bird at Blaydon-on-Tyne some time in November, and it also got first prize there. It was a very good specimen, a fair good size, and a good type, very fine quality, extra good in colour, and a good head; if it had a fault, it was in the way it carried its wings. It was inclined to cross them. He sold this bird to Mr. Allison, the defender. He thought that would have been about Nov. 18 or 20 of last year. He could not remember that there were any conditions attached to the sale. Since he sold that bird, he had not seen it till he saw it in the office of Mr. Aitken, the defender's agent. The defender was present when he identified it. He had no doubt the bird he saw in Mr. Aitken's office was the same bird that he sold to defender. He bred the bird, and there was no doubt in his mind that the bird he saw was the bird which he bred and sold to defender. After he sold the bird to defender he noticed he was taking prizes at shows in this particular class. He understood from reports that it was with this bird which he had sold him that he was taking the prizes, but the next time he saw the defender, he told him it was not. He had not seen the bird then. Shown a copy of CAGE BIRDS, dated Nov. 20, 1915, and referred to the report of the Blaydon show, witness deposed that this show was held on Nov. 12-13. He could not give the exact date of the Cowdenbeath show. He knew the defender got a prize in the yellow Norwich class at Cowdenbeath. The defender would have had the bird he sold him in time to show it at Cowdenbeath. The bird he sold to defender was hatched about the end of April or beginning of May last year. He had three hatchings last year from the same pair. The bird he sold to defender was a clear yellow Norwich cock. There were no marks on it that he remembered about. He washed the bird previous to showing it. If there had been marks upon the bird, he probably would have noticed them, and if he had known that this case was coming on he would have taken particular notice. He had 200 birds at that time, and one did not take particular note of all the little details in connection with them. He bred 100 young birds in a season. He made his livelihood mainly by breeding birds. A bird entered in "unflighted" class must be a young bird, bred the same year—a bird that had never cast its wing or tail feathers.

Ques.: You cannot tell us how old this bird was when you sold it to defender? Ans.: The nearest I can say is that it was hatched in the end of April or beginning of May, and that I sold it to Mr. Allison in November. It was not older than that. It was what might be described as a baby bird; it had just gone through its first moult. Ques.: Do these young birds change very rapidly in appearance? Ans.: Not after the first moult. They may change a little during the breeding season—tighten up in condition, and so forth, but not to any material extent. Even in the height of the breeding season they change very little, except that they might get into tighter condition. In the breeding season a little might be clipped off the end of the tail and off the vent; but even with all that, a bird in the height of the breeding season does not alter materially. Ques.: Will you tell us what there was about the bird you saw this morning which leads you to say that in your opinion it is the same bird which you sold to the defender? Ans.: To my knowledge it is the same bird. Ques.: What are your grounds for saying that? Ans.: It is a nice type and nice size, it has very good quality of feather, is extra good in colour, and has an unusually good head for a yellow cock. Ques.: Do you say that other breeders could not breed birds exactly the same as yours? Ans.: Well, there are no two birds exactly alike. Ques.: Do you say the bird has exactly the same appearance now, when you saw it this morning, as the bird you sold Mr. Allison? Ans.: The only thing I noticed was that there was a little clipped off the end of the tail and a little off the vent; but in other respects it is the same bird to the best of my knowledge and belief. Ques.: Supposing I tell you that the bird which you sold to the defender died, would you be prepared still to say that the bird you saw this morning is the same bird? Ans.: Yes, to the best of my knowledge and belief it is. Ques.: It looks the same bird as you sold to Mr. Allison; can you put it any higher than that? Ans.: To the best of my knowledge and belief it is the same bird as I sold to Mr. Allison. Of course, if the bird died, I must be mistaken. Ques.: Could you be mistaken? Ans.: No; that is the bird Mr. Allison bought from me. I quite believe Mr. Allison has exhibited birds at shows for several years. I do not know if he has taken prizes in the same class for years, but I can quite believe he has. It is quite possible he was able to take first prize in the same class before he bought this or any other bird from me.

Alexander Harris deposed that he had been a bird fancier for 20 years. He had been a judge of Canaries at shows for the last twelve years. Q.: To a man of your experience as a fancier, is it easy to identify a bird that you have seen before? A.: Sometimes. I was a judge of the open classes of Canaries at the Aberdeen Show on the 18th Dec. last year. I remember there was a class for unflighted yellow Norwich cocks. The first prize in that class went to a bird belonging to Mr. Allison, the defender. It was an easy first; there was nothing approaching it in the show. That was not my first acquaintance with the bird. I saw it in Cowdenbeath a fortnight previous where I was judging. This same bird took a first prize there. He was an easy first. He is an outstanding sort of a bird. Q.: Is he a bird that you would mistake if you saw him again? A.: If I saw him in the same condition as I saw him then I would not mistake him. I have not seen the bird again since I saw him in the Aberdeen show in December last. A bird was shown me to-day. It is a very good bird, but I would not swear it is the same bird as was shown at Cowdenbeath and Aberdeen. I would swear it is not. Q.: What is the difference? A.: The bird I saw this morning is only half a bird. It has not got a tail, and it is all plucked in the flanks. Q.: Could the bird you saw at Cowdenbeath and Aberdeen have its tail put into the condition you saw the bird this morning? A.: In another season after it had moulted; but not this season. Q.: But could it be altered to look like what it was this morning? A.: Yes, if its feathers were plucked in the flank and clipped in the tail. That is a thing that is usually done in the breeding season. Q.: Did you ever see the bird before that you saw this morning? A.: I have seen Mr. Allison's bird at Cowdenbeath and Aberdeen; but I would not swear that the bird I saw this morning is the same bird. I am not sure if I have ever before seen the bird I saw this morning. No bird in the Aberdeen show or in the Cowdenbeath show was equal to the one I saw this morning. There is all the difference in the world between the one I saw this morning and the bird which Mr. Allison took the first prizes with at Cowdenbeath and Aberdeen. As I have said, the one I saw this morning has a bad tail and is plucked in the flanks, and is not in the same condition. It is also paler in colour than the one I saw at these shows. I would expect it to be paler now. I do not think there is any difference in the head. Q.: So that, apart from the tail and the flanks, is there any difference between the bird you saw this morning and the bird shown by the defender at Cowdenbeath and Aberdeen? A.: Yes, it is a different type altogether; it is thin in the back end, and it had the short tail; and there is a great difference from the condition of the bird shown in Aberdeen. That is what would be expected at this difference of time. The outstanding features of the bird shown by defender in Aberdeen and Cowdenbeath were its shape, colour, and size. It was a proportional bird in every way. It had an exceptionally grand colour. The bird I saw this morning was a good coloured bird. It is not such a good colour as the one shown in Aberdeen and Cowdenbeath. There is not more difference in the colour since then than I would expect.

Cross-examined: In saying that it is only sometimes easy to identify a bird that you have seen before, I mean that you can only identify it if you get it in the same condition as you had seen it before. That is to say, if I see a bird to-day and see it again a month afterwards in the same condition, I could tell it to be the same bird. I could not very well identify a bird from having seen it in show condition, and when it was in the middle of the breeding season. A bird gets out of shape in the breeding season; it gets what is called "rank." There were no visible marks on the bird shown by defender in Aberdeen and Cowdenbeath. Before I would know the bird again I would require to see it in exactly the same condition as when I judged it. Even with all my experience I am not able to say that the bird I saw this morning is the bird which took the prize at the Aberdeen show. It is the case that a bird in its first year changes its appearance in the course of five or six months. Q.: Supposing you bred a clear yellow Norwich cock, hatched in May, and that you sold it in November, would you be able to identify that bird again in the middle of the following breeding season? A.: No, I would not say I would. I do not think it is possible to do it. I don't remember how many birds were put before me at the Aberdeen show in the class for the cup, and I don't remember who owned them. Q.: I put it to you that there were just four birds judged for this particular cup, and that all the four birds belonged to Mr. Allison. Do you recollect whether that was so? A.: Yes, I believe I do. I remember hearing about it. I remember now there were four birds put before me for the cup, and that the whole of them belonged to the defender.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NOT SINGING (E. C. W.).—Certainly, the bird being in a state of continual moult has very much to do with it not singing; perhaps everything. I note you say it is kept in a bright position, but not where. Do not allow it to hang in or very near a window, high up near the ceiling, nor in a direct draught. If it has recently made a fresh start at moulting, or is about to do so, keep it quite on the warm side, and keep a light cover over the cage to encourage the moult, and endeavour to get it through a complete one now that the natural season for the process is so near. Treat generally as follows, with this object in view. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with natal pepper, or cayenne, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. After two or three weeks of this treatment make up a paste by well mixning on a hot plate a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, ditto of pure honey, as much powdered grain of paradise as will cover a shilling, and ditto of chlorate of potash, adding whilst mixing sufficient finely powdered biscuit to bring it to the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it will become a little harder and may be cut into cubes. Keep a cube stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at when it likes, for a month or so. When the feathers cease dropping add 20 drops of chemical food to the water two days in every three for a fortnight. This should suffice to remove the state of perpetual moulting, and when the bird has got over this the song will probably return quite naturally very soon.

SWOLLEN VENT (Clinelier).—It is not possible to be positive in such a matter without seeing the subject, but I am strongly inclined to think that the hen has a displacement of the cloaca, for which there is probably no remedy. As she is a good specimen it may be worth your while to show her to a veterinary surgeon and ask his advice. If this is what is wrong a slight operation may put things right, but I rather doubt her utility as a breeding unit in future. See that the bowels are kept rather free, but not too loose, by the addition of a sufficient amount of green salad to the dietary. I would not advise any further treatment on your own part until you are quite sure what is really the matter.

HEAD HANGS DOWN (Bird Lover, Dublin).—The bird is probably a weakly specimen and may have been a trifle injured in the nest or soon after leaving it. Treat as follows for a few weeks: Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet, and in addition to this give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give instead half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats. Give also a few wild seed heads or a little green food in variety daily. Keep a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at. In the water add, every second day for a week, ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food two days in every three for a fortnight or so

YOUNG FEEDING YOUNG (A Belfast Novice).—It is rather unusual, but by no means a great rarity for a young Canary to take upon itself the task of feeding a backward member of the same brood to which it belongs itself. The parental instinct is very strong in some birds, and when there are some days' difference in the age of the first and last members of a brood, and the younger bird persistently begs for food after being removed to the flight, and the older ones can well fend for themselves, they will often come to the rescue of the youngster and feed it for a time.

PROCURING FRESH MATE (A.T.).—(1) If there is any tangible evidence of excessive inbreeding in the stock you would be well advised to get a mate from a fresh stud, to which there can be no objection whatever so long as you make a point of going to a breeder whose birds are trained to a similar type of song tours as the stud from which those you already have are trained. For instance, if your birds excel in singing hollow rolls, the stud from which you get the fresh stock should be similarly proficient, and so on. As regards the cock singing some of his tours very loud, it is just possible that this may be due to the excitement of the breeding season, or, perhaps, being left with the hen too much and so getting a little wild. In this case a few weeks in a song box at the end of the moult, until he gets in full song again, may correct this fault. (2) Sorry I cannot name a definite price for a young hen from a first-class strain. It is a question only to be decided by the vendor. It may be anything from 10s. upwards.

AVIARY TROUBLES (Perplexed, Derby).—(1) Your trouble with the young dying may be partly due to poor feeding hens, or, in the case of the green hen, to a non-feeder, but I think the real root of the mischief is your mixed collection in the comparatively small aviary. Several of your birds are not to be wholly trusted among breeding birds in small quarters. The cock Goldfinch, hen Bullies, and the Greenfinch I should be inclined to suspect of setting things awry. You may, of course, find many of these species that are above suspicion, but you want to know them before placing too much confidence in them. It is nothing unusual for such a mixture as yours to make a hash of things in the breeding line, and I have no doubt that you would have succeeded better by devoting attention to Canaries only. The only alteration I would suggest in your management is that for the rest of the season you give a little soft food daily, and also a liberal supply of half-ripe plantain stalks, trusses of seed heads of shepherd's purse, and similar wild things, so that the hens can have a larger choice of food when young are about, and also help to keep the attention of the Britishers occupied in another direction. Leave the birds as much as possible to themselves; do not interfere with the nests more than is absolutely unavoidable, and secure as much privacy for them as possible. (2) Certainly, let the hand-reared hen Linnet try to bring up her young herself. It is quite likely that she will do it well. (3) The only way of accomplishing your desires with this pair is to still go on keeping them in the breeding cage by themselves. It is not unlikely they may bring off a brood yet, and if they do not, then you should keep them apart from the birds in aviary and mate them up separately next year, when they will probably accept the situation and agree to make the best of circumstances.

D. E. R. and Miss Nash.—Answered by post.

TO GIVE COLOUR FEED (Perplexed).—You ought to have given more particulars about the food you are using, as, although you say you are using a ready mixed food, you do not say whose, or what brand it is, and it is not clear whether you mean you are giving the pure colour as bought ready blended, or a mixture of colour and biscuit food. If the former you should not give a teaspoonful of the raw peppers per bird daily The best way would be to mix your egg or biscuit food, whichever you favour, the same as when you are giving plain soft food, then add a large teaspoonful of the colour to each two large tablespoonfuls of the egg food and thoroughly mix it together. This is about the strength to commence with, but when the birds begin to cast their feathers you should gradually increase the proportion of colour to double the above amount, until the birds are beginning to show new plumage on the neck and head, when you will gradually reduce the strength to the same as you began with for the rest of the moult. Of this mixture of egg or biscuit, as the case may be, and colour, you would give a teaspoonful per bird each day. If you make the food palatable, and sprinkle with a pinch of maw seed there will be no necessity at all to remove the usual seed diet during the process of colour-feeding. For more minute details on the subject you should send 3½d. to our Manager for the brochure on "Colour Feeding," which will be sent post free.

CAUSE OF DEATH (Novice, Heywood).—As I am often saying, it is the merest guesswork, and of no practical use to attempt to say what a bird died of from any written description. Only the evidence of a proper post-mortem is of any use. Some inflammatory action in the ovary or oviduct for which the food and general treatment could not be held responsible may quite possibly have been the cause in the case of your bird, but this is merely a hazard, I repeat.

PROPOSED BREEDING QUARTERS (A Puzzled Novice).—(1) If I am right in thinking that the space marked on the wall at right angles to the proposed site of the cages is the window, they would certainly be rather perilously near to the window all the year round, but I see no real objection to the position during the warmer summer months, or until the birds have quite done breeding. But for the moulting season and onwards to the following spring the birds should do better if kept on the wall a little to the left of the door, if the furnishing of the room will allow it. I do not quite approve of your plan of keeping a cage on the top of the wardrobe where there is a space of two feet. It would mean placing the birds far too near the ceiling, and probably in a badly lit and dismal place, for their welfare. (2) If the hen that is due to hatch on the 17th has reared no young previously this season, you may take the risk and let her try again, in case these eggs all prove a failure and she offers to nest again immediately, but not in any other circumstances.

DOUBTS AND HOPES (Crest).—(1) I do not believe there is any cut and dried method which can be applied to all birds indiscriminately as to the time when they should be given no egg food, as birds vary just as much as the opinions of individuals. The opinions expressed in the paper to which you refer can only be taken as those of the individual, just as others are, for what they may be worth. Young birds should be given a fair amount of soft food after weaning up to about two months old, when it should be gradually withdrawn and ultimately a small teaspoonful or so given every second day, until the moult. Thus, it is never really withheld for many hours until quite the end of the first moult. With young birds of varying ages in the same flight or aviary where the egg-food is supplied daily for the benefit of the younger ones the older birds are, of course, indulging even more freely all the time. (2) Yes, I have had eggs hatch out after they had become cold, after being sat upon for one day. It is always best to give them the chance, however unfavourable circumstances may seem. One often meets with great surprises in this branch of aviculture. (3) This question is quite beyond our scope. Whether we shall meet our feathered friends in another world is a question of doctrine rather than aviculture, and far too contentious for us to endeavour to solve. Certainly the great majority of the human race in its vanity has assumed that it held a monopoly in souls, but there has always been, or, anyway, for ages past, a leaven which held in the opposite belief a "most comforting doctrine," as you justly term it.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CHAFFINCH BARE ROUND NECK (E. Linsell).—If you are quite certain your bird has no lice on it, which are frequently the cause of bareness, he requires a change in his diet. Give him an aperient first of salts and syrup of rhubarb; as much salts as will cover a threepenny-piece dissolved in two tablespoonsful of water, to which add three drops of the rhubarb. Give him this for one day to drink and repeat two days later, then add a few drops of fresh lemon juice to the water daily. Make a staple food of the following: Canary and teazle 4 parts of each, rape and linseed one part of each. Offer a few seeds of sunflower daily. Discontinue hemp until he commences to moult, then give a little once a week. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying with small caterpillars, green fly, grubs, ear-wigs, gentles, etc. Offer a little fresh green food daily, and twice a week give a little sprouting radish, turnip, or rape. If you damp any of these they soon begin to germinate at this time of the year, and Chaffinches are particularly partial to this food. He will not be long now before he commences to moult, when the neck feathers will appear again, if not before.

GOLDFINCHES IN AN AVIARY (H. W. G., Kenwick).—You are quite right, the period of incubation is not mentioned in the standard works. The usual time for all the Finches' eggs is about a fortnight, the smaller ones, including the Goldfinch, will hatch in twelve to thirteen days. Feed your birds on the same seeds as they are having now, but on the twelfth day give a spoonful of egg and biscuit, and continue the supply daily. In addition to this, give a constant supply of wild food; gather bunches of seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, sow-thistle, and many others that are getting their seed pods now. You can also obtain some of the early heads of thistles, these should be just split open with the finger and thumb, and thrown into the aviary. Many of these bunches of wild food will contain insects, and when you are gathering be sure to collect any plants that have green fly on them, the sow-thistle invariably has some, and should be carefully collected. To this could be added a spoonful of soaked rape and teazle, say, every other day. With such food the young should be reared, if the old ones attend to their duties.

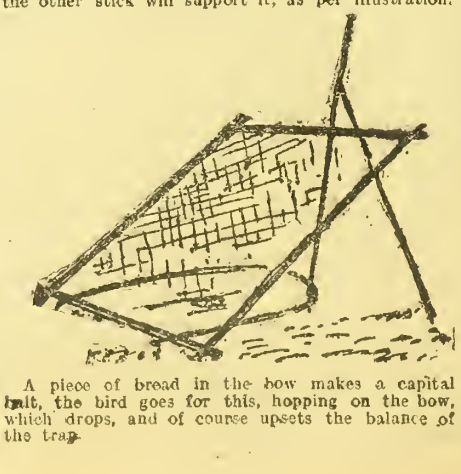
BREEDING LINNET MULES (A. T.).—As a rule Linnet Mules are not difficult to breed, but occasionally one gets a Linnet that refuses or apparently refuses to pair; anyway, clear eggs follow. I would not discard a bird that was a failure in his first season, he may be all right next, but these birds are so reasonable in price, that you could perhaps keep a spare one to make certain. You may be mistaken when you say he "took no notice of the hen." I have had fertile eggs from a Linnet when I thought he was quite indifferent to his lady love. Did you keep him well supplied with green food?

TROUBLE WITH BULLFINCHES (H. Bearly).—Your feeding appears to be satisfactory, excepting the supply of green food. I would advise you to discontinue the lettuce, and give seeding grass, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. Mix six drops of syrup of buckthorn in one ounce of water, and give this to drink, for one day only, repeating two days later. What grit are you giving them? It should be sharp sand, ground cuttle fish bone, or oyster shell; this is important, and probably partly the cause of your trouble. As regards your Hawfinch, please read the reply to E. Linsell, in this issue, and treat your bird in much the same manner, that is, give a change of diet and a supply of insects, and green food, not forgetting green peas. You do not give me particulars of your treatment, so I am unable to suggest the actual change required.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

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CATCHING BLACKBIRDS AND THRUSHES (Manx).—I cannot quite agree with you that Blackbirds and Thrushes are difficult to rear; with a little care they are as easy as any birds. Anyway, young birds caught now are quite as satisfactory. A very simple trap for garden use can be made in the following manner: Procure 4 lengths of wood (sticks from the hedgerow answer admirably), fasten them together to form a square frame, which cover with string netting. Next cut a supple length to make a bow, to fasten on one side of the square; two other sticks will be required about two feet long. To set the trap, lay it flat on the ground, raise one side, then insert one of the sticks in the bow and let the edge of the trap down on it; the other stick will support it, as per illustration.



A piece of bread in the bow makes a capital bait, the bird goes for this, hopping on the bow, which drops, and of course upsets the balance of the trap.

WILL NOT MATE (Swallow).—If you possess a double breeding cage with a wire partition you should have placed a bird in each. In time they would no doubt show a friendly interest in each other, and presently the cock would be singing to the hen. If she was ready she would call, when it would be the time to pull the slide; even then they might have a spar, but nothing very serious. These things want managing; perhaps you have a cock Canary in the room, which the hen would like to mate with. You had better run them together night and morning, if only for half an hour, and give the hen a nest pan and plenty of building materials. (2) Size and depth of colour would be your only guide in selecting cock Mules until after the moult. They are very similar when in their nest feather. (3) If you intend to show you will have to colour feed. Procure some food from one of the advertisers and feed your bird according to the directions, mixing it with the soft food, using just a little to commence with, and gradually increasing it to full strength. You cannot get sufficient colour for competition with seeds alone.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING PARROT (H. D. J.).—Letters are a long time in post now. Do not give this bird any more castor oil, but put 5 to 10 drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the daily supply of boiled maize. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Also give it a little honey and borax once or twice daily; spread thinly on biscuit, bread, or plain cake, whichever the bird will take most readily, or failing this method, it can be put into the mouth from the end of a small stick, but only give a little at a time. Giving it by first method is the better if the bird will take it that way. If it appears to need a stimulant, let it have a few sips of very weak brandy and water (warm) once or twice during the day. I am assuming you are dieting the birds on the lines of previous reply. Treat as above for a fortnight and then report progress.

WHAT DOVE? (J. P.).—I think your bird is the common Turtle Dove (*Turtur turtur*), or it may be a Necklace Dove (*T. tigrinus*). Your data is insufficient for me to say which. Neither can I state the sex, as the plumage of the sexes in many species of doves are alike, and they can only be picked out by demeanour and infinitesimal differences in size and contour of head and beak, distinctions such as can only be noted by comparison.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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STOPPING BUDGIES EATING THEIR PERCHES (Wandesforde).—I am afraid there is no remedy for this most natural habit. Budgies are Parrakeets, and it is the nature of such birds to peck and nibble at wood, be it perch or the body of cage; moreover, it is healthy exercise for them. I suggest you using natural perches, and to push a fresh one in as soon as one is nibbled through, by so doing and using pieces of branch for the purpose, the Budgies may be content to exercise their mandibles upon the perches and leave the varnish alone. If you are in a town where you cannot cut your own branches, order a bundle of pea sticks from your nearest florist; such will last you months and can be stored in any outhouse, or even out-of-doors, to be drawn upon as required.

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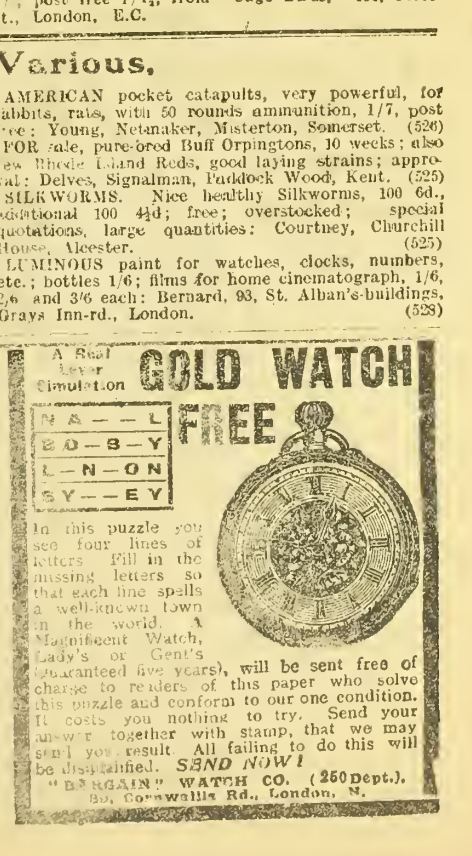
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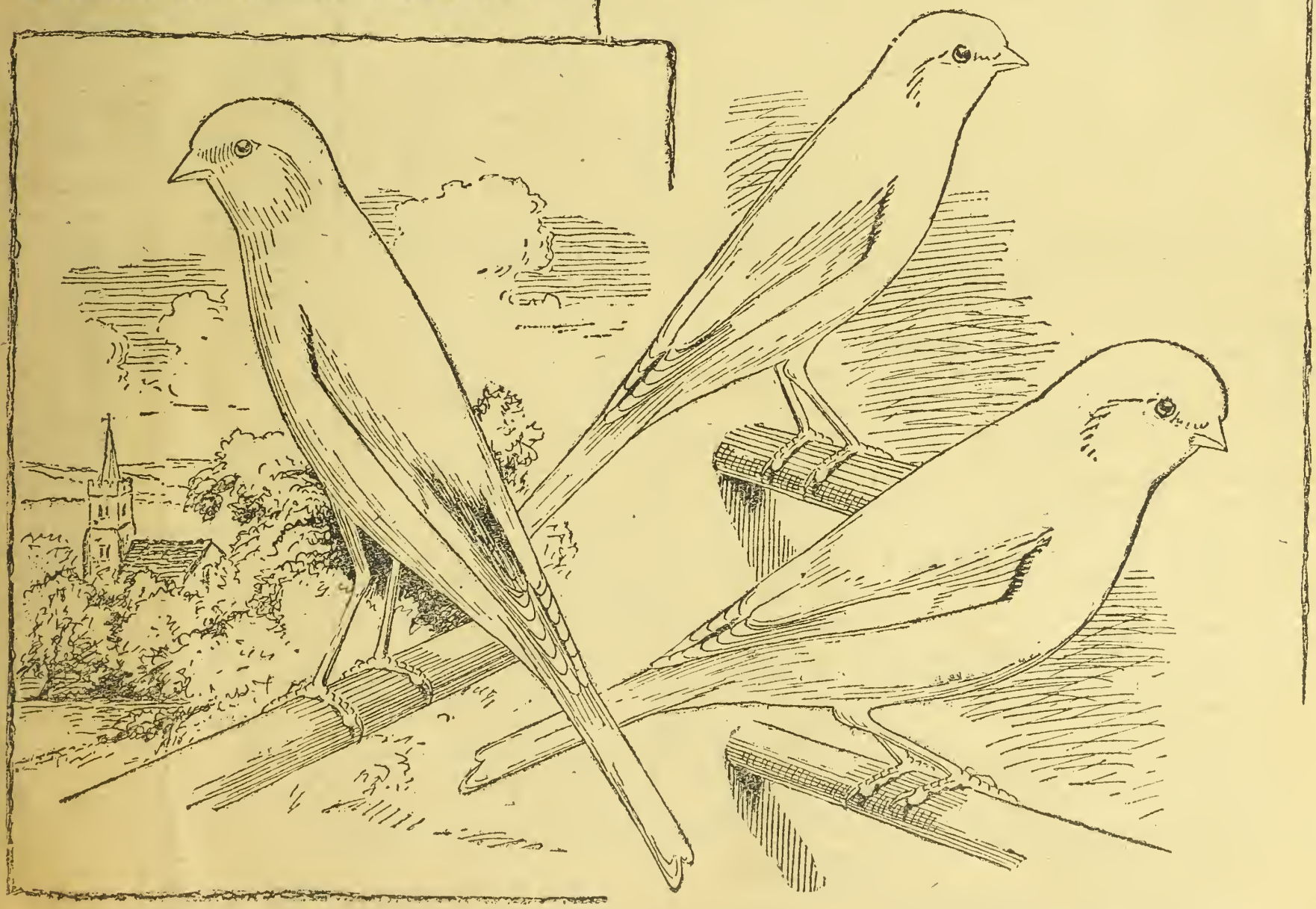
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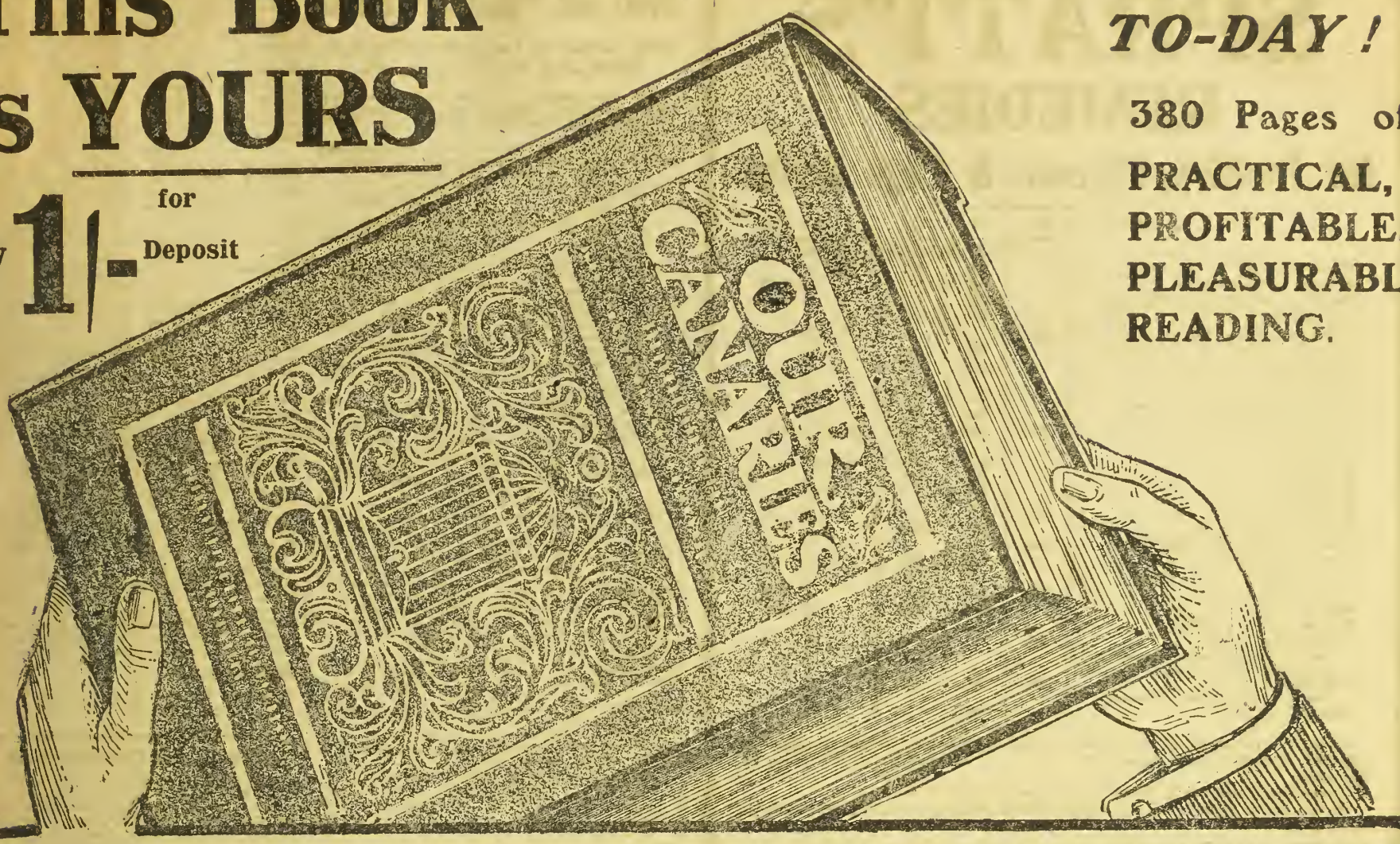
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LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club, open contest, July 22, for time and quality: 1, Donnelly, 148; 2, 3, Murphy, 135, 102. Quality: 1, Dobson; 2, Cowburn; 3, dead heat, Knowles, Statham. Judges, W. H. Toppin, R. Statham; timers, J. Poole, J. Litherland; mins., S. Rigby. Consolation contest for club members, July 29. All members must be paid up on July 28, from 7 to 9.—R. Disley, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, club sing, Woodman Inn, July 15. 17 entered, 4min. time: 1, Beard; 2, Blackshear; 3, Boskill. Open sing, July 16; 21 entered, 3min. time: 1, W. Nelson; 2, 3, shared Beard and W. Nelson. Club sing, July 22; 22 entered 4min. time: 1, 2, Blackshear; 3, Beard. Open sing, July 23; 30 entered 3min. time: 1, 3, J. Williams; 2, Beard. All sings open until further notice.—J. Beard, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Linnet contest, Milbourne Hotel, July 22, with a good company, for 5min. time sing: 1, Troops, 3min. 52sec.; 2, Ginger, 3.47; 3, James, 3.10; 4, Wright, 2.47. Fishwick wins Norburn's special, 2/6. July 23, club sing for 4min. time: 1, 2, Jones, 2min. 43sec, and 2.34; 3, Fishwick, 1.58. Hardman wins 2s. spl. nearest 30sec. July 23, club sing, 4min. time: 1, 2, Jones, 2min. 53sec., 2.37; 3, Fishwick, 2.33; 4, James Norburn, 2.31, Jones wins spl. 2s. nearest 1min.—J. Hardman, Sec.

Club Reports.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting July 22, Baker's Restaurant, Mr. Lovell chair. Prize money and specials for N.F. Show were distributed. Vote of thanks passed to the donors. Discussion took place on the appropriating of our show date by Aberdare. Sec. stated that he had communicated with Mr. Shelby James, but his letter has not been acknowledged. Decided to adhere to our original show as advertised in CAGE BIRDS, viz., Dec. 7. Also decided to run the show for charity. Sec, was instructed to write well-known judges as to terms. Mr. E. Ashman was appointed to act as Assist. Treas. The question of a brake outing to Abergavenny was adjourned until Sec. hears from fanciers. Prospects of society are extremely good, fanciers turning up strong for weekly ramble.—W. D. Lewis, Sec.

WELSH N. COUNTIES F. & F.A.

Meeting Cartmell's Hotel, Colwyn Bay, July 12. Present: Miss Felton, Mrs. Hughes, Messrs. J. Arundale (chairman), C. Hughes, J. Hughes, T. Barlow, H. M. Prigg, A. Carter, J. Cheshire, G. F. Downing, A. Hinton, J. P. Parry, E. Mostyn, A. Ward, and the Sec. Mr. John Hughes, Llandudno, an old and valued member, was elected to the Committee. Sec. reported that CAGE BIRDS had kindly published a letter from him, appealing on behalf of the Committee for the support of fanciers and clubs in connection with the show; correspondence referring to same was read and commented upon. A long discussion ensued as to the advisability of holding the show under present conditions, and it was agreed that the response to the appeal was very disappointing. After a proposition that an open show be held in November, with an improved but not too extensive classification, it was decided by a large majority that the show for this year be abandoned, and that the balance in hand be held over until circumstances were more favourable for a show.—G. E. Cragg, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Well attended meeting, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Bolton, July 22. Resolved that the present officers of the club remain in office during the continuance of the war, or during 1916 in the event of the war being terminated at an early date. That the patronage for 1916 be given to Accrington, Manchester, Ardwick, Sheffield, and Halifax O.S., provided these societies provide suitable classes. That the annual club show oe not held this year. That specials given by the club this season be not for points, but for best birds at each of the abovementioned shows, so that it will not be necessary for members to show at all the five shows in order to win the specials. That £1 per show be allotted out of the club's funds. That Mr. Crawshaw's special, value 15s., for most points gained by an amateur at all the above shows, he accepted with thanks, as also other specials which the committee hope to receive before the show season commences. I should be greatly obliged to hear from any member or friend who has any specials to offer. May I also ask members to let me have their subs. —J. Hopkins, Hon. Sec.

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STANLEY (Victoria) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting, July 18; J. Armitage, chair; a good attendance. Proposed to give the best support to Mr. R. Peart, who is running for President of Management Board, and the sec., who is running for committee. Now members, turn up at next meeting and record your vote, as it means a great deal to you having a representative on the Board when your show date comes on. Next meeting, Aug. 5.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, July 22, Oddfellows' Hall, Bradford; chair, Mr. Thaberry. New members elected: Messrs. Evans, Crabtree, Snead, and Rolfe. We are still wanting a few more applications for our patronage; dates still open: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, so will societies please let me have their applications on as early as possible. We are giving some good specials and trophies, both in champions and amateurs; Hattersley cup for amateurs, to be won outright in 1916 and 17, and other three specials. Mr. Crawshaw is giving a special to be competed for in amateur classes (a plated teapot). Next meeting, Aug. 12th, Oddfellows' Hall, Bradford.—Sam Wilcock, 16, Back Manor Street, Eccleshill, Bradford.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting, Bird Inn, July 22, with a good attendance. Decided to add in the schedule for annual show two classes to Norwich section, and four to Yorks; also green or cinn. self or foul cock, also hen classes. New members: R. W. Boyd and G. Hume, Nettlesworth; W. Ward and J. Marron, Chester-le-Street; A. Bales, S. Kendell, J. Briggs, Brandon Colliery; W. Towers, Waldridge Fell; W. Little, Beamish; and J. Louson, South Moor. Some of our members have done fairly well this season; others very poor through the very unfavourable weather. We are increasing in membership, and that looks well for our society, and with a good moult we have every prospect of having a good show on October 21. Mr. J. Hands, Ryton, judges. All fanciers are welcome to join the society.—J. H. Elliot, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting Y.M.C.A. Hall, July 8, President in Chair. Decided to have no Young Bird Show this year owing to the unfortunate season which our members have had, only a few having reared a few birds. A motion was tabled for next meeting to discuss the advisability of extending radius limit, as our Nor. cup has been won outright. The following contributed towards a new cup: Mr. A. McLean, 10/-; J. Cuthbertson, 5/-; J. Smith, 2/6; J. Robertson, 2/6. Our President has kindly offered a nice special to take place of Norwich cup this year; same will be on view at next meeting, when members can decide whether we purchase the cup this year or accept special as offered. A motion has also been left till next meeting to discuss the advisability of altering our annual show date. A large turnout of members is earnestly requested to decide above important business.—Thos. J. McGregor, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, July 17, Mr. P. Johnston chair, and a good attendance. Balance-sheet was inspected and compared favourably with that of our last young bird show. A feature of the meeting was the nomination of five new members: Messrs. Carnon, Pimm, Pace, Smyth, and Dr. Huggins, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. On conclusion of business, in the absence of Mr. W. Knight (O.H.M.S.), Mr. E. Mourd gave a practical and efficient demonstration in cage making. The cage selected was a Norwich show cage, which, on completion, was awarded to the member guessing the correct number of panel pins used in its making. Mr. Dann proved to be the winner, upon which Mr. Mourd promised him a 2/6 special if he stages a winner in it at our annual show, a very generous offer, which we hope will be won. A hearty vote of thanks closed the meeting.—F. C. Knight.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretarics will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

GUISBOROUGH (Priory) C.B.S.

N.F. show at Charltons. Mr. T. Taylor, Eston, judged, and gave every satisfaction. A few nice birds turned up, but it has been a bad season this year. Yks. Cl.: 1, Hood; 2, Graham; 3, vhc, hc, Wilson. Mkd.: 1, 2, vhc, Graham; 3, hc, Cook; c, Wilson. Nor. Cl.: 1, Hood; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor. Mkd.: 1, Taylor; 2, Hood; 3, Cook; vhc, Knaggs. Cl. and Mkd. Bord.: All prizes, Campbell. Brit.: 1, Wilson; 2, Hewling; 3, Cook; vhc, Campbell.—A. W. Knaggs, Hon. Sec.

CHORLEY C.B.S.

Show, Shepherd's Hall, July 1. Young Birds: Nor. Yell.: 1, Stott; 2, Hatch; 3, hc, Unsworth; vhc, Langton. Buff: 1, Stott; 2, 3, Unsworth; vhc, c, Langton; hc, Gillibrand. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Langton; 2, Hastings. Buff: 1, Langton; 2, 3, Dewhurst. Old Birds: Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Unsworth; 3, hc, Irving; vhc, Langton. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Irving; vhc, hc, Aspinall. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Hatch; 2, 3, Aspinall. Buff: 1, 3, Unsworth; 2, Hatch; vhc, Aspinall. Goldf.: 1, vhc, c, Aspinall; 2, Dewhurst; 3, Unsworth; hc, Hatch. Linnet, Etc.: 1, 3, hc, Unsworth; 2, Langton; vhc, Hatch; c, Dewhurst. A.O. Brit.: 1, vhc, Unsworth; 2, 3, hc, c, Aspinall. For.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Aspinall; c, Unsworth. Mules and Hyb.: 1, Filkington; 2, Greegson; 3, E. Langton.—R. Hatch, Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Annual nest feather show of Canaries, with classes for British, headquarters, Cheapside, July 19. Owing to the scarcity of Canaries this season and absent members in the forces only a few birds were staged. Mr. W. Sharysland judged. Several promising youngsters were shown, including a bonny Goldie Canary Mule belonging to Mr. James. Club diplomas for best sectional varieties: Yorks., Fellows; Nor., Gibb; A.O.V., Mrs. Gibb; Mule or Hyb., James. Best bird in show, Fellows, Yorks.: 1 and 2, Pearson. Nov.: 1, sp. 3, vhc, Fellows; 2, hc, and c, Firth. Nor.: 1, Gibb. A.O.V. Can.: 1 Mrs. H. T. Gibb (Border). Mule or Hybrid: 1 James. Brit. F.M.: 1, Gibb, Redpoll. C.M.: 1, James, Linnet; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gibb. Goldf., Greenf., Buff and Siskin [illegible] See

WINDHILL C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 22, Blue Bell Hotel. Mr. D. Sutcliffe, Wibsey, judged to the satisfaction of all. Silver novice cup won by Mr. Bloomfield with a green marked yellow Yorks. Points to date: Nov.: Bloomfield 8, Farnish 7, Spencer 5, Dawson 3; champ.: Mason 7, Garnett 7. Awards: Cl. Yell.: 1, Farnish; 2, Bloomfield; 3, 4, Garnett. Buff: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Garnett. Green Mk. Yell.: 1, cup, Bloomfield; 2, Farnish; 3, Mason; 4, Dawson. Buff: 1, Mason; 2, Spencer; 3, Garnett; 4, Dawson; vhc, Spencer. Cinn. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Spencer.—J. Taylor, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Second F.F. show, July 15, Mr. P. Mason judged the 42 birds shown and gave satisfaction. Open Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (4): 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, 4, Bolten and Lunn. Buff (5): 1, 3, 4, Bolten and Lunn; 2, Helliwell; vhc, Horsfield. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 4, Bolten and Lunn; 3, vhc, hc, Horsfield; c, Helliwell. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (6): 1, vhc, Wood; 2, hc, McEwen; 3, Rhodes; 4, Copland. Buff (5): 1, 4, Rhodes; 2, Wood; 3, vhc, McEwen. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, McEwen; 2, 4, vhc, Wood; hc, Copland; c, Rhodes. Norwich Yell. (3): 1, 2, 3, Kaberry. Buff (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Kaberry.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

EAST HAM F.S.

Third monthly show, Central Liberal Club, July 15. Two hundred and eight exhibits were penned, and competition was very keen. Mr. W. Blows won silver spoon best bird and spl. most points. Yorks.: 1, 3, Blows; 2, Potter. Nor.: 1, spl., 2, Blows. Yorks. or Nor. Tkd., etc.: 1, 2, 3, Blows. Nor., Hen: 1, Thompson; 2, Turner. Mules: 1, 2, Turner. Goldf.: 1, Potter; 2, Thompson; 3, Richmond. A.O. Finch: 1 2, Thompson. Linnet: 1, Turner. Mr. A. Fleet judged. General meeting headquarters, Aug. 3, at 8. Arrangements for Young Stock Show, etc.—W. A. Harwood, Hon. Sec.

ST. QUINTIN PARK F. AND F.S.

Third F.F. show July 13, St. Mark's Hall, brought together a goodly number of birds of fine quality, tho same being very ably staged by Mr. J. Dewhurst, and judged by Mr. J. Robson. Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, Burt. Yorks. 1, 2, Eadie, winner a very promising youngster, and much admired: 3, Starsmeare, Jnr. Mkd.: 1, 2, Dewhurst; 3, Starsmeare, Jnr. Mules (young): 1, 2, 3, Starsmeare, Sen. Mules (old): 1, 3, Thorpe, beautiful Siskin Mule, excellent quality; 2, Keen. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Wakelin. Linnet: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Dewhurst. Greenf., etc.: 1, 2, Dewhurst; 3, Thorpe. Insectiv.: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst.—A. C. Keen.

HALIFAX O.S.

Second N.F. show, headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged 81 birds and gave general satisfaction. Burdekin Bros. won champ. special for most points with 17 points, also special most points at two N.F. shows with 32 points; J. J. Dunn, 2nd most points, 16; nov. spl., E. Benn, 14 points; also special most points at two N.F. shows, 29 points; A. Briggs spl. for second most points, 13. Cl. or Tkd. Yorks: 1, 2, 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, Ambler; hc, Mitchell; c, Senior. Buff: 1, 3, Whitham; 2, Speak; vhc, Ambler; hc, Shaddin and Baldwin; c, Horsman. Even, &c., Yell.: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, vhc, hc, Senior; 3, c, Briggs. Buff: 1, Briggs; 2 c Pilling; 3, Dunn; vhc, Sykes; hc, Mitchell. More Dark than Light: 1, 2, Shaddin and Baldwin; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Briggs. Green Yell. (self or foul): 1, Scruton and Harris; 2, Pilling; 3, hc, c, Leach; vhc, Briggs. Buff: 1, c, Leach; 2, Rushworth; 3, hc, Briggs; vhc, Scruton and Harris. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, 3, Heap; 2, W. Hudson; vhc, hc, Gunwell. Buff: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Hudson; vhc, hc, Heap. A.O.V. Can. or Mule: 1, 2, Scruton and Harris. Goldf., &c.: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, vhc, Benn; hc, Helliwell; c, Ellis. A.O. Brit.: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, vhc, Benn; hc c Helliwell.—J. J. Dunn, Sec. (Please see note at head of show reports.—Ed.)

CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual N.F. show, July 20, White Ribbon Temperance Hotel. Entries were not up to last year, as many members are with the Colours, but quality was good. Mr. Styles judged Canaries and Mr. Bye Hybrids and British, and gave full satisfaction. A. Manning won special best Nor. with a grand clear yellow of considerable promise, and the Yorks. special went to our Chairman (Mr. Bishop) for a nice upstanding lightly marked buff. Special best Borders, Bryant, with a neat clear yellow, and Mr. Haigh took the remaining Canary special with a big green Crestbred. In the British and Old Mule and Hybrid sections both specials were taken by C. G. Taylor with a Cornish Chough and dark Goldfinch Mule respectively. Novice specials: B. Haigh (Norwich), a clear buff of fair size and good head, and H. W. Taylor (British), neat ben Snow Bunting.

Nor.: 1, Manning; 2, 3, Bisbop; vhc, Haigh. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Bishop. Bord.: 1, 2, Bryant. A.O.V.: Haigh. Mules: 1, 3, C. G. Taylor; 2, Bryant; vhc, H. W. Taylor. Nov., Nor.: 1, Haigh; 2, Bryant; 3, H. W. Taylor. Yorks.: 1, Bryant. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, C. G. Taylor. Linnet, etc.: 1, C. G. Taylor; 2, Bryant; 3, Bye. A.O. Finches: 1, C. G. Taylor; 2, 3, Bye. A.O.V. (small): 1, C. G. Taylor; 2, H. W. Taylor A.O.V. (large): 1, C. G. Taylor. Mules (old birds): 1, 2, C. G. Taylor.—C. G. Taylor, Assist. Sec.

DALTON C.B.A.

N.F. Show, July 15, Market Street Hall. The Birds, together with a good number of British, made a very nice display, entries numbering about 100. Mr. S. Mulliner, Lancaster, judged in masterly style. Nor. and Yorks. were very low in numbers owing to fanciers having had such a disastrous season, but Borders made up for them, and many of these will be heard of later. Nor. Yell., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Neale; 3, Park. Buff: 1, 2, Neale; 3, Wagstaff. Yorks., Yell.: 1, Large; 2, Miss Winder. Buff: 1, 2, 3, hc, Miss Winder; vhc, Large. Bord., Yell., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Shackley; 3, Edmondson; 2, Large; vhc, Preston; hc, Knott; c, Hale and Saul. Buff: 1, 2, Shackley; 3, Edmondson; vhc, Hale and Saul; hc, Smith; c, Knott. Yell., Var.: 1, spl., Large; 2, Shackley. Buff: 1, 3, Large; 2, hc, Shackley; vhc, Smith; c, Hale and Saul. Bord., Green: 1, 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Tranter. Cinn.: 1, 2, Edmondson; 3, Shackley. Goldf. or Bullf., H.M.: 1, Neale; 2, 3, Morello and Son; vhc, R. Shackley; hc, Miss Winder. Goldf. or Bullf., F.M.: 1, Morello and Son; 2, Tyson. Linnet, H.M.: 1, 2, spl., Morello and Son; 3, hc, Miss Hale; vhc, Miss Winder; c, Tyson. F.M.: 1, Miss Hale; 2, vhc, hc, c, Miss Winder; 3, Tyson. Redpoll: 1, 2, Morello and Son; 3, Shackley; vhc, hc Miss Hale; c, Tyson. A.O. Hardbills: 1, Miss Winder; 2, 3, vhc, Morello and Son; hc c, Tyson. Mules: 1, 2, Wagstaff; 3, Tyson; vhc, Park. Old Birds: Bord., Yell.: 1, Tranter; 2, Knott; 3, hc, Hale and Saul; vhc, Preston. Buff: 1, Hale and Saul 2, Preston. Yorks.: 1, vhc, hc, Hale and Saul; 2, 3, Miss Winder.—T. Hale, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show July 15, Black Horse Hotel; 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. L. Dykes, who gave general satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Smith; 2, Burnett; 3, Jeffrey; vhc, Earl. Buff: 1 and 2, Middleton; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Middleton; hc, Smith and Son; c, Brown. Uneven or Foul Mkd.: 1 and 2, Middleton; 3, vhc, Burnett; hc and c, Smith and Son. A.O.V.: 1, Fawcett; 2 and vhc, Smith and Son; 3, Myers; hc, Bower; c, Burnett. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Dr. Young; 2 and 3, Smith; vhc, Cox; hc and c, Feather. Buff: 1, Butterworth; 2, Dr. Young; 3 and hc, Fowler; vhc, Smith; c, Cox. A.O.V.: 1 and 3, Butterworth; 2, Cox; vhc and hc, Feather; c, Fowler.—C. W. Town, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

14th annual young show, headquarters, Cyprus Hotel, kindly lent by Mr. T. Pattison; this room is considered by judges to be the finest they have ever seen, well lighted, high, and free from draught. This old society still keeps a prominent place in the cage bird world, and rightly so, when it has the support of such ardent fanciers as W. Thompson, chairman, T. Winter, R. Wemyss, Richardson, Priestley, Tucker, and many others, besides being blessed with having in W. Howden a good staging erector, a member that works like a Trojan at every show. Number was a little below average, but quality was of the best. It was bad luck for Mr. J. Potts to have a very promising youngster arrive at the show dead. Special winners: W. Priesty, best Nor.; W. F. Smith, second best; J. Richardson, son, most entries; J. Dixon, best Bord.; A. Tucker, most points British; J. Foreman, best Nov. The Norwich classes were the feature of the show. J. Riseborough, Sunderland, judged. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Priesty; 3, Potts. Buff: 1, Priesty; 2, Smith; 3, Thompson and Pattison. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Smith. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Smith. Cinn. Yell.: 1, Richardson. Buff: 1, Smith; 2, Richardson. C.B.: 1, Coppack. Goldf.: 1, Tucker. Greenf.: 1, Tucker.—W. L. Smith.

RICHMOND C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, St. John's Hall, July 10. Entries exceeded last year easily, over 90 birds being on view. There was also great improvement in type and quality, and Mr. Rohson, the judge, gave some very encouraging remarks to members at the close of the show. He specially complimented Mr. Snow on his Hybrid, an evenmarked Goldfinch-Canary. The two handsome diplomas presented by the Society were won by Mr. F. Wilson in Champion and Miss Garland in Novice. The diplomas are eagerly contested for and are greatly prized by the winners. The management was in very competent hands, all members working hard to make the show a success. Special mention should be made of the work done by the Sec., Mr. Colin Brown, and his able assistant, Mr. C. Parmiter. Mr. W. H. Phipps (Chairman) was also a leading light in the arrangements.

Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, c, Wilson; 2, J. W. Phipps; 3, W. H. Phipps; vhc, Carr; hc, Birch. Mkd.: 1, 3, hc, Wilson; 2, c, Phipps; vhc, Birch. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, c, Colin Brown; 2, hc, White; 3, Keaey; vhc, Miss Eagle. Mkd.: 1, White; 2, 3, Colin Brown. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Miss Ward; 3, Miss Frith. Nov., Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, hc, Miss Frith; 3, Hatch; vhc, Martin. Mkd.: 1, Dyer; 2, Frith; 3, hc, c, Miss Crawley; vhc, Hollingsworth. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, Miss Garland; vhc, Jones; hc, Lower; c, Phipps. Mkd.: 1, 2, hc, Miss Garland; 3, Jones; vhc, hc, Chapman. Hyb.: 1, 2, Snow; 3, Keary; vhc, Miss Ward. Brit., Finch: 1, Mr. Birch; 2, Hollingsworth; 3, Miss Eagle; vhc, Romer; hc, Miss Garland. Redpoll, etc.: 1, c, Martin; 2, Wilson; 3, Gibson; vhc, hc, Hollingsworth.—Colin Brown, Hon. Sec. (Please see note at head of Show Reports.—Ed.)

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Second nest feather show, July 15, Bunner's Cafe, Brownlow Hill. 104 birds were staged. Messrs. Abbott and Bratherton judged, and gave every satisfaction. Thanks are due to Messrs. Bunner and Lloyd for the energy they displayed, which no doubt made the show a success. Quite a large number of visitors attended and the officers of the association beg to tender their thanks to Mr. Bray, of Earlstown, and friends who so readily gave their assistance. Special best bird and best Yorks., Hall; best Yorks. Green, Metcalfe; best cl. Nor., Phillips; best Nor. Green, Lowe; best Bord., Bratherton; best Brit. Classes 18 to 23, Scatterthwaite; Classes 24 to 29, Lloyd.

Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hall; 2, c, Algie; 3, vhc, Young; hc, Newbold. Buff: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Algie; vhc, Bray; hc, c, Newbold. Uneven. Yell.: 1, 2, Bray; 3, Poole; vhc, Young. Green Self Yell.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Poole; 3, T. R. Jones; vhc, Mutch; hc, Algie; c, W. Jones. Buff: 1, Young; 2, Algie; 3, T. R. Jones; vhc, Mutch. Foul Yell.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Algie. Buff: 1, Metcalfe; 2, W. Jones; 3, Mutch. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, c, Phillips; 2, Hall; 3, Roby; hc, Dyson. Buff: 1, vhc, Metcalfe; 2, Hall; 3, hc, Phillips; c, Dyson. Green Self Yell.: 1, Lowe; 2, Metcalfe. Buff: 1, Lowe; 2, Metcalfe; 3, vhc, Roby. Border Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, c, Lowe; 2, vhc, Ritchie; 3, hc, Bratherton. Buff: 1, 2, Bratherton; 3, c, Ritchie; vhc, hc, Bunner. Green or Cinn.: 1, Bunner; 2, Bratherton; 3, Ritchie. Buff: 1, Roby; 2, vhc, Ritchie; 3, Bunner. Goldf.: 1, vhc, Scatterthwaite; 2, Smith and Cowan; 2, Hunter. Bullf.: 1, Smith and Cowan; 2, J. Lloyd. Linnet: 1, Smith and Cowan; 2, Hunter. Greenf.: 1, Hunter; 2, Scatterthwaite. Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll: 1, Lloyd; 2, Hall; 3, Hunter. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, 2, Scatterthwaite; 3, vhc, Hunter; hc, c, Lloyd. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Lloyd; 2, Scatterthwaite.—T. R. Jones.

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The Shows in Australia.

Balmain and Western Suburbs Norwich and Cinnamon Canary Society.

3rd annual show of the above specialist society was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Rozelle, June 9 and 10. There was a grand turn-out of these popular breeds, over 200 being staged, and the enthusiasm of the members was strongly evidenced by the splendid collection of valuable specials. Messrs. H. T. Adams and H. Douglas carried off between them the lion's share, for Mr. Adams won gold watch, value £11 11s., also several gold medals and case of carvers, and Mr. Douglas the silver cup, value £5 5s., and cruet. Many grand birds were shown, and many fit to win stood cardless, which fact proves the progress which is so strongly in evidence at every show. Mr. J. C. Miller judged.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Adams; 2, Inglis; 3, Kensey; vhc, Scott; hc, Osborne; c, Adams. Buff: 1, Adams; 2, Douglas; 3, Gawne; vhc, Mattey; hc, Scott; c, Taylor. Lightly Varieg. Yell.: 1, Bates and Williams; 2, Douglas; 3, Soden; vhc, Kensey; hc, Reynolds; c, Adams. Buff: 1, Douglas; 2, Adams; vhc, Lumsden; hc, c, Adams. Heavy Varieg. Yell.: 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Boothman; vhc, Adams; hc, Sawyer; c, Soden. Buff: 1, hc, Douglas; 2, Adams; 3, Sawyer; vhc, Tapp; c, Warren. Green: 1, Taylor; 2, Douglas; 3, Thompson; vhc, Booker; hc, c, Adams. Colour-fed Yell. (any colour): 1, hc, c, Adams; 2, Taylor; 3, Inglis; vhc, Simpson. Buff: 1, c, Adams; 2, Inglis; 3, hc, Douglas; vhc, Taylor. Yell., any colour, rung 1915: 1, hc, Adams; 2, 3, c, Inglis; vhc, Taylor. Buff: 1, 2, c, Inglis; 3, Carter and Glover; vhc, Adams; hc, Douglas. Yell. Hen, any colour: 1, 3, vhc, Douglas; 2, Gawne; hc, Sawyer; c, Scott. Buff: 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Inglis; vhc, Carter and Glover; hc, Adams; c, Watson. Cinn. Yell.: 1, Booker; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Adams; hc, Carter and Glover; c, Sawyer. Buff: 1, Carter and Glover; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Booker; hc, Matty; c, Adams. Varieg.: 1, c, Inglis; 2, Adams; 3, Carter and Glover; vhc, Kenny; hc, Taylor. Sell.: 1, Miller; 2, hc, Douglas; 3, Loden; vhc, Osborne; c, Scott. Nov. Yell. (any col.): 1, 3, c, Harrison; 2, Whitehead; vhc, Kensey; hc, Hicks. Buff: 1, 2, Gawne; 3, vhc, Kensey; hc, Whitehead; c, Harrison. Specials: Best Novice in show, Harrison; best bird, Adams; best Cinn., Booker; best hen, Douglas; best buff, best young bird, and best yellow, Adams.

Canary and Cage Bird Improvement Society of New South Wales.

10th annual show, Newtown Town Hall, May 26, 27. Entries were a record, notwithstanding the fact that some of the Canary sections were a bit weak, the "Cage Bird" section comprising a magnificent collection of native and foreign birds, and these brought the entries above the record. Mr. A. Russell, the genial sec. and his hard-working committee, had everything in order, and an early start was made with the judging. The popular breeds, Norwich, Cinnamons, and Yorkshires, were as fine a lot as we have seen staged in the Colony. There is no doubt concerning the fancy making progress in Australia; type and quality improve with every exhibition. The show was well supported by the public. Judges were: Yorks., R. Condey; Nor., Cinn., Mules and Hyb., A. Thompson; Crest and C.B., J. Curran; remainder, M. H. Taylor.

Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Simpson; 3, Miller; vhc, hc, Pinfold. Buff (4): 2, Miller; 3, vhc, Pinfold. Varieg. or Gr. Yell. (3): 1, sp, Miller; 2, Barnsley; vhc, Pinfold. Buff (5): 1, 2, Miller; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Pinfold. 1915 (3): All to Miller. Hen (8): 1, Miller; 2, 3, Barnsley; vhc, hc, c, Taylor. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, Kensey; 2, Inglis; 3, Stone; vhc, Gawne; hc, Whitehead; c, Brown. Buff (17): 1, Carter; 2, Dr. Richards; 3, vhc, Gawne; hc, Taylor; c, Adams. Green (7): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Douglass; 3, Stone; vhc, Stibbard; c, Booker. Varieg. Yell. (6): 1, Douglass; 2, Dr. Richards; 3, Browne; vhc, Taylor; hc, Stibbard; c, Stone. Buff (8): 1, Stone; 2, Douglass; 3, Tapp; vhc, Whitehead; c, Miller. Hen Yell. (8): 1, Douglass; 2, Gawne; 3, Stone; vhc, Dr. Richards; hc, Kensey. Buff (19): 1, Watson; 2, Inglis; 3, vhc, Gawne; hc, Stone; c, Carter and Glover. Yell., 1915 (12): 1, 2, 3, Boyle; vhc, Miller; hc, Dr. Richards; c, Inglis. Buff (12): 1, 2, Inglis; 3, Miller; vhc, Browne; hc, Kensey; c, Stone. Col-fed Yell. (8): 1, sp, Miller; sp, Douglass; 2, c, Taylor; 3, Simpson; vhc, Carter and Glover; hc, Inglis. Buff (6): 1, Inglis; 2, Douglass; 3, hc, Taylor; vhc, Adams; c, Carter and Glover. Nov., 1915: 1, vhc, hc, Harrison; 2, Nuttall; 3, Reynolds; c, Mitchell. Cinn. Cl. Yell. (4): 1, sp, 3, Taylor; 2, Booker; vhc, Brown. Buff (5): 1, Carter and Glover; 2, 3, hc, Taylor; vhc, Natty. Varieg. (10): 1, Kensey; 2, Adams; 3, Carter and Glover; vhc, Inglis; hc, Reynolds; c, Taylor. Crests, Lightly Varieg. (5): 1, 2, Stevenson; 3, Paine; vhc, Osborne. Heavy (6): 1, sp, 3, Crofts; 2, Stevenson; vhc, Paine; hc, Osborne. C.B., Cl. or Tkd. (4): 1, Stevenson. Lightly Varieg. (4): 1, Davis; 2, vhc, Meller; 3, Crofts. Heavy or Green (4): 1, Stevenson; 2, Davis; 3, Osborne; vhc, Crofts. Challenge Trophy (1): Crofts (vhc in previous class). Gouldians, Etc. (11): 1, sp, vhc, Tancred; 2, 3, Sneddon; hc, Codlin; c, Boothman. Zebra Finch, Etc. (12): 1, 2, Tancred; 3, Gawne; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Goodman; c, Boothman. Diamond Sparrow, Etc. (12): 1, 2, 3, c, Tancred; vhc, Sneddon; hc, Reynolds. A.O.V. Australian: 1, hc, Reynolds; 2, 3, Tancred; vhc, c, Sneddon. British Finch or Bunting (19): 1, Thompson; 2, Gawne; 3, Matthews; vhc, hc, Tancred; c, Osborne. Mannikin, Etc. (11): 1, Miss Heuman; 2, Reynolds; 3, hc, c, Tancred; vhc, Codlin, jun. Strawberry Finch, Etc. (11): 1, sp, 3, Reynolds; 2, vhc, Sneddon; hc, Tancred, c, Gawne. Javas (13): 1, Miss Heuman; 2, Tancred; 3, vhc, Gawne; hc, Goodman; c, Codlin, jun. A.O. Small For. (11): 1, Gawne; 2, Miss Heuman; 3, vhc, Tancred; hc, c, Reynolds. Large (11): 1, vhc, Gawne; 2, hc, Reynolds; 3, Sneddon; c, Tapp. Mule or Hyb. (7): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Osborne; vhc, Browne; hc, Whiting; c, Spicer. Softbill (11): 1, 2, Gawne; 3, c, Reynolds; vhc, hc, Tancred. Budgerigars (8): 1, Codlin, jun.; 2, vhc, Sneddon; 3, c, Reynolds; hc, Gawne. Parrots (9): 1, Mrs. Ford; 2, c Mrs. Gorman; 3, Mrs. Hadden; vhc, Nance; hc, Chapman.

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Aug. 1, St. Thomas School, 8. Table show Aug. 15. Lecture by Mr. J. R. Schofield.—A. E. Thorpe.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Aug. 1, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30.—H. Wantling.

Bowling B.F.A.—July 29, Barley Mow Hotel. Show; staged at 3. Judge, C. E. Walker, West Bowling; steward, H. Paccy.—J. Nicholl.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 1, Park Chapel Schoolroom, 8. General business, classification for open show.—J. Spencer.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Very important business.—Smith and Lees.

Coventry O.S.—Aug. 2, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8.—J. Kent.

Chorley C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30.—R. Hatch.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Important business, to decide whether we hold open show or not.—A. C. Shirley.

Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn.—Aug. 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Fix date of show and classes for same; enrol members.—D. Aitkin.

Fife C.B.L.—Aug. 5, Gothenburg, Coaltown of Wemyss, 6.—Joe Sneddon.

Glasgow and Dist. Derby O.A.—Subs. are now overdue, and members should either forward membership fee, or return member card to the subscriber.—Jas. Stewart, Jun.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—Aug. 5, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Classification, annual show, and other business.—J. H. Adam.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 29, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Business important.—Geo. Vipond.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Aug. 2, St. George's Hall, 7.30. Report of Fed. meeting; important.—Watson and Wright.

Halifax C.B.S.—July 29, Kings Cross Bandroom. Nest Feather show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Manningham.—A. Sutcliffe.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—July 29, Erewash Hotel (Station Road), 6.30 p.m. prompt. First Feather show, etc. Fanciers invited.—H. Smith.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—July 29, Minto Hotel, 6. Special meeting; business of special importance.—W. Grewar.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Aug. 1, The White Swan, 8. General debate on the Ailments of Birds.—C. B. Day and Roberts.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 29, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Club business; discussion on Control Board Scheme.—H. Best.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 2, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Classification for open show, and other important business. Members please attend and make the meeting interesting.—L. Hodgson, Jun.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Crown Hotel, 6. Lots of business to be done, and as time is limited business has to be rushed through if commenced late, and this causes disappointments.—T. C. Deans.

Newcastle-upon Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. To consider the position of the society, to decide whether an open show is to be held on the dates already arranged, and other very important business. Please note date of meeting.—J. W. Reed.

Northern Y.C.C.—Aug. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Appointing of judge for annual show.—R. Havis.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Aug. 2, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7. Allotment of patronage, etc.—C. Farrer.

Provincial Roller C.C.—July 29, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. Annual show and other important business.—J. T. Smith.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Granby Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—Wilton Jagger.

Reading C.B.S.—No meeting for August.—O. C. Smith.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 29, Station Street Cafe, 6.45. Third N.F. show; judge, Mr. W. Reid. Entry, 3d. cage. Classes for each variety Canary and 1 class British (except Goldf. and Linnet), h.m. or f.m. Judging at 7. Two specials. Meeting to follow; arrangements for members' show.—J. Peacock.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Little Regent, 8. Business important; if no members turn up there will be no more meetings this year.—J. M. Lowes.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Aug. 1, Village School, Alexandria, 8. General business.—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Aug. 3, headquarters, 8. Discussion on birdy topics opened by W. Young.—Wm. Mallinson.

West Bromwich and Handsworth.—July 29, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Young Stock show and Open show, also questions and answers on moulting.—P. T. Cowley.

Wigan C.B.S.—July 29, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Old show business.—J. McAndrew.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—July 30, Club Room, 7. Making up schedule.—R. Hutchinson.

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A Story of a Diffident Yorkshire Hen.

By F. C. HENRY, Battersea Park.

BETWEEN six and seven years ago I was employed by a gentleman who had four Yorkshires and one Roller Canary. Finding I was interested in the keeping of cage birds, he asked my opinion as regards the Roller and one of the Yorkshires. The Roller he had bought for a cock, but it had not sung since being in his possession. The Yorkshire he had bought for a hen, and he had tried her with the other three Yorkshires, but she never attempted to build a nest or laid a single egg, although the cocks were in full song.

My employer began to be under the impression it was a cock, and asked me to try and bring it on song, although I had told him it was a hen. The Roller was a cock, but in a soft moult, and I had the two birds under my care for about three months with no result. I was leaving his employment at the time, so, as I could get no song out of either he gave them to me.

Three More Rejected Suitors.

I took them home on the Saturday, and on the Monday called upon Mr. W. H. Vale (Chairman of Clapham C.B.A.) and asked his opinion. He said the Yorkshire was a hen and ought to be soon going to nest. I took her home again and ran her with a Yorkshire-Norwich cross-bred cock, but I had no result from this, so I tried her with a Linnet in full breeding condition. There was still no result, and I then borrowed a Norwich cock from a friend and had another try, but she remained indifferent to him as to the others.

At the end of August Mr. Emms, a member of Clapham C.B.A. sold me a Roller cock, and when I had had him a month I said to my wife, "I am going to find out whether that hen is barren or fertile. I am going to run her in with the Roller, and if he does not send her to nest I will give her away."

Vowing She'd Ne'er Consent, Consented

The second week in October I went home one morning, and, looking up at the cage, exclaimed "Look, that hen has gone to nest." Sure enough, she had used the material I supplied her with, and was sitting in it. The next morning I found an egg there, but it was half as long again as a usual Canary's egg.

She laid three more normal eggs, and sat for ten days. Then, while she was off for a drink, the cock got on the nest and would not leave it for her to go back, and the consequence was the nest got upset and eggs broken on cage bottom; all were fertile. The following season she went to nest three times, and laid six eggs each time. So I have come to the conclusion that one's motto must be "Never despair."

HOW SCOTTISH BIRD LIFE IS CHANGING.

IN a very interesting article entitled "Vanishing Birds and Birds that have Vanished," in the "Scotsman," July 18, Mr. O. H. Mackenzie, of Poolewe, Rosshire, says: "I am so old a man that I can easily look back to the forties in the last century—I was already then a keen observer of birds; and what changes I have seen in the bird life of this wide parish during all those long years! Changes, alas! which are not for the better, but very much for the worse.

"The Night-jar, which regularly bred here in the 'eighties and 'nineties, is also extinct; and the Corncrake is very nearly so, and why, I wonder? Certainly the Corn Bunting, the Black-headed Bunting, and the Twite are not as plentiful as they were formerly; and as to the Wheat-ear, which up till within the last few years was, I should say, the commonest small bird on our moors, there is hardly one to be seen; and no Spotted Flycatchers have turned up at all this year, and we never missed having them before.

"The House Martins have fled from us. When I was young, and up to when I was about 25, the Martins swarmed here. Every house of any size in the village of Poolewe (such as the inn and the church) had Martins' nests closely packed under the eaves, and this was nothing to the countless swarms that bred in the precipice of Tolly Rock, overhanging the deep water of Loch Maree; and so thickly did they flit over the salmon pools of the River Ewe that one could hardly cast a long line without the risk of hitting a Martin.

"Some of the readers of this article may naturally wonder if no new birds have taken the places of those that are going and gone! Well, the new birds are very few and far between, and with one or two exceptions they have no merits that we should desire them, as most of them are uninteresting or harmful.

"Many people will wonder at hearing that the Blackbird has only been here, say, 120 years. On one occasion, in the days of my grandfather, the old gamekeeper rushed in to say that he had seen an extraordinary new bird, something like a Ring Ouzel, without any white patch on its neck, and with a golden instead of a dark bill; that was the first Blackbird here, and he came to stay, and has all but driven out the Ring Ouzel, which I was told was very plentiful in pre-Blackbird days; and he eats ten times as many cherries and bores cavities into apples and pears, ripe and unripe, which the Ring Ouzel never did. The Starling and House Sparrow, of which there were none until comparatively recent times, are both horrid and harmful, and the Bullfinch, which is a new arrival, ruins all the plum bloom in the garden, and the hawthorn bloom in the shrubberies—one year my gardener had to shoot 52 Bullfinches!

"The only nice new birds we have got are one or two very small colonies of Sand Martins, but they do not seem to increase; the Redstart also appeared for a few years, and then vanished."

The Open-Air Method for Canaries.

By E. WILLIAMS, Salisbury.

I HAVE been breeding Yorkshire Canaries for 20 years, and this season have had better results than ever before. This I attribute to the adoption of an open air method of rearing Canaries. Until last October I used always to breed my birds in a spare room, but the room then being wanted by the wife I had to build an outhouse for the accommodation of the birds, which had up to then always been kept indoors. The house which I built was 7ft. long, 5ft. 6in. wide, 5ft. high at the back, and 7ft. high at the front. It was built of ¾in. matchboarding, on 2 by 2 framing.

There is a large window which is open all day, no matter what the weather, and the door also is always kept open. The apertures of window and door are kept covered with wire netting to prevent the escape of the birds, and to keep out cats. The roof is covered with felt, and the whole building cost me about £5. This money I got by selling some of the birds I reared last year in my room. I am never troubled with rats or mice because the floor of the bird room is raised from the ground, and underneath is a shelter for stray cats. These ensure that rats and mice have a very hearty welcome if they attempt to invade the bird room.

Fresh Air as a Asthma Preventive.

When I was keeping my birds indoors they always did fairly well, but I noticed that I was rarely without one or two which were suffering more or less from asthma. This trouble has been entirely removed since the birds have been in the outdoor bird room, with plenty of fresh air.

It was the second week in October before I had the house finished, and the birds then had to come out whether they died or lived, as the room in which they had been kept was required. I had a curious experience with several of the birds fainting straight away, but not one of them seemed to take any harm, and the next day they all were the better for the change.

I feed my birds right through the winter with plain canary food in the hoppers, but I give them a certain amount of mixed seed every day, and always plenty of water for bathing. They are generally in breeding condition by January, and I always pair up by February 14th. I give no egg food whatever until the young hens are hatched, and then very little. I mix four biscuits to one egg, or if the egg is a large one I use five biscuits.

Young Birds in the Snow.

This year I had young Canarics during the first week in March, while there were 10 inches of snow on the ground. From eight hens this year I have reared 53 young, and have finished breeding for the season. Most of the birds were well in the moult by July 6. I might say that this is no exception to my ordinary results, for during the past ten years I have always done about the same; the difference is that my birds seem much healthier through being out of doors.

My breeding cages are more in the nature of large boxes. They are 3ft. 6ins. in length, 3ft. high, and 10ins. deep, divided into four cages by movable partitions which may be taken out to turn the whole large cage into a flight for the winter. Each portion has a loose wire front, and the insides are painted sky blue, the outsides black. The nest pans are of earthenware, fitted with swansdown linings. These are sewn in, not stuck in, so that I am able to reverse them when they get dirty.

When painting my cages I dissolve a little camphor in turpentine, and mix with the paint. If Canary breeders would do this they would be troubled very little with red mite. The perches never touch the back of the cage. I simply push them between the wires and give them half a turn, which fixes them in position, and they are easily taken out for cleaning.

My flight cage, in which I keep 30 birds, is 7ft. long. I very rarely get a non-feeding hen or a sweating hen. I believe both of these troubles are caused through mismanagement through overfeeding or some other mistakes in the treatment. I am a great believer in watercress for the birds, and I like to keep them in high condition all through the winter, for I find with this treatment they come on naturally and early for breeding. In conclusion of these short notes I should like to say that I have taken in CAGE BIRDS every week since its first issue.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 20, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness)

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

Abertillery Pennies for Soldiers' Parcels.

At a special meeting, held July 22, writes Mr. W. Newell, Hon. Sec., Abertillery C.B.S., we decided to give all our profits from our open show to the Penny Fund held in Abertillery to provide parcels for soldiers at the Front.

Patronage Going Begging.

Kindly "twitter" for us, writes Mr. F. Cole, hon. sec. Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, 51, Melbourne Grove, E. Dulwich, S.E., and let it be known that we shall shortly be allotting our patronage. I have received several applications which show that some clubs are going to try and keep the fancy going, but it is strange what indifference one finds in some quarters.

Societies wishing to have the patronage of the Northern British Mule and Foreign Bird Club, writes Mr. W. Curry, sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, N./T., should apply early, giving particulars of classes, judge, date, etc.; same will be allotted on Aug. 26.

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At the special meeting of the Abertillery C.B.S., July 22, Mr. Jos. Parfitt gave an ablo lecture on colour feeding, which was much appreciated by all fanciers present, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. Wm. Newell, has kindly promised to send a copy of the lecture for publication in CAGE BIRDS.

We have received from Messrs. Sandiford samples of their "Royal Red" Feed and Hot Natal Pepper. Both are of excellent colour and should prove satisfactory in use; the "Royal Red" is sweet to the taste and entirely without pungency. The powdered biscuit sold by Messrs. Sandiford as "Honey Crumbs" is very pleasant in taste, and seems just the right medium for administering the colour food.

Fish for One; Fowl for the Other.

Mr. B. Humphries, of the Aviaries, Eastbourne, writes: "As I have put £200 into my business, and have a large stock of birds, and 16 pairs up for breeding, I applied at the local tribunal on July 8 for exemption. They gave me a month to sell out. One of the members of the tribunal was an alderman, who is owner of a large drapery store. This gentleman only three days before applied for exemption for one of his managers, who had already had one exemption of three months, and the tribunal granted him a further three months on the statement that business must be carried on. It reminds one of the old saying, 'Pull up the ladder, Jack, I'm all right.'"

THE PRIZE QUESTION FOR THE WEEK.

THE question for this week is, "What advice and instruction would you give to a beginner in Canary breeding?"

A prize of half-a-guinea is offered for the reply which, in the opinion of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, is the best sent in.

Answers must be accompanied by a coupon cut from this week's issue, and must reach the office of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., on Tuesday next, August 1. The coupon appears at the foot of this page, and the Editor's decision must be accepted as final.

This competition is quite distinct from the one in which we are offering six guineas in prizes.

The half-guinea prize for the best expression of opinion as to the Canary Supply Co-operative Association is awarded to Mr. T. Court, 7, McDowall Road, Camberwell, S.E., for his letter headed "Sound Philosophy," and signed "T. C." (see page 414, July 22).

The name of the winner of the prize for the best answer to the question, "What is your favourite Canary, and why?" will be announced next week.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of deep regret, writes Mr. Robt. Hutchinson, that I inform you of the great loss that has befallen one of our members, Mr. W. Stephenson, in the loss of his wife. I feel sure that all members and fanciers in Stanley and district will join me in extending their deepest sympathy to Mr. Stephenson and family in their great bereavement.

Death of "Cocky Bennett," the Veteran Australian Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.

A FEW years since we published a picture of the celebrated Cockatoo "Cocky Bennett," of Tom Ugly's Point, Australia. Now Mr. J. Curragh, our representative in Killara, Sydney, sends us the following cutting:—

"'Cocky Bennett,' a Sulphur-Crested Australian Cockatoo, died on Friday in his 120th year at Canterbury. This age is a record in longevity for an Australian Parrot so far as the official records are concerned. For many years this bird was in the possession of Mrs. Sarah Bennett, the licensee of the Sea Breeze Hotel, at Tom Ugly's Point. When she left there, about 12 months ago, she transferred the Parrot to her nephew, Mr. Murdoch Alexander Wagschall, at Woolpack Hotel, Canterbury. The old bird was absolutely featherless for the last 20 years, but it maintained its 'patter' till the day before its death. 'Cocky Bennett' was a great traveller, and is said to have journeyed seven times round the world. Mr. Wagschall has arranged to have the remains of this historic Parrot preserved by a taxidermist."

Mr. Curragh says "Cocky" was a well-known character at Tom Ugly's Point; he had a beak something like Harry Lauder's stick, quite as crooked. It had to have a piece broken off occasionally, or "Cocky" would have been in great difficulties. He had no plumage, but he was for years constantly threatening to fly. He used to flap his stumps of wings and yell, "I'll fly; I'll fly; by God! I'll fly!"

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Union is Strength.

Mr. J. Moreland writes that the Falkirk C.B.S., Grangemouth C.B.S., and Bannockburn C.B.S. have combined for the duration of the war, as many members of each society have been called up for service. Among those thus serving their country is Mr. R. Rennie, the hon. sec. of Falkirk C.B.S., and the hon. sec. of the combination is Mr. D. Aitkin, 16, King Street, Reading Muirhead, nr. Falkirk. A meeting will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Falkirk, on Aug. 5, to enrol new members and fix date and classification for the annual show.

Six Guineas in Prizes.

IN CAGE BIRDS of July 8 we announced that we should offer prizes amounting to six guineas for articles on birds or bird-keeping. As the competition closes on Tuesday next, August 1, we are reprinting a part of the announcement as originally published.

We invite one and all, whether "fanciers" or "avieulturists" (the terms have their separate meanings, but after all denote one and the same thing, *lovers of birds*) to let us have for publication for the general benefit their experiences with their pets.

In furtherance of this we offer a first prize of a guinea, and a second prize of half a guinea, for the best and second best article in each of the four sections of bird-keeping, Canaries, British, Mules and Hybrids, and Foreign; eight prizes in all, amounting to £6 6s.

We know that there are many to whom the idea of competing for money prizes does not appeal; they are fortunately so placed that they do not want the money, and they would not care to be associated with a competition. To these favoured ones we would say: mark your contributions "Not for competition," if you so wish, but let us have them, nevertheless. The prizes will be given, someone will benefit by your generosity, and all will benefit by the reading of your experiences.

Others there are who have any amount of practical experience which would be of the utmost value to less experienced bird-keepers if they could know of it, but who are deterred from entering into a competition through a lack of literary ability. We have a word to say to these also. Let us have the information; we will put it into form, even if we have to re-write the whole from start to finish, and it will suffer nothing from your own inability to express yourself in academically correct phrases.

The competition will close on Tuesday, August 1, and the prize-winners will be announced in our issue dated August 13. The Editor's decision as to the prize-winning articles must be accepted as final, and the right to publish any articles sent in, whether prize-winning efforts or not, is vested in CAGE BIRDS. Envelopes should be addressed "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.," and should be endorsed "Competition."

A July Songster.

Amid the sudden silence of song birds that saddens the countryside after Midsummer one artist of supreme merit continues to perform during July, says the "Daily Chronicle." This is the Marsh-Warbler, who combines with his own delightful notes unrivalled powers of mimicry. It is mainly by the remarkable song, the colour of the legs, and the eggs that this British mocking-bird can be distinguished from his commonplace cousin, the Reed-Warbler. Practically the Marsh-Warbler was discovered in recent years by Mr. Warde Fowler, a don of Lincoln College, who knows more about the Romans than the Romans knew about themselves, and is also a zealous naturalist.

[All the records given in Witherby's "Handlist of British Birds" of the nesting of the Marsh-Warbler in our country belong to the present century except "Norfolk, possibly once about 1880." and "Warwick, 30 or 40 years ago." It is one of the latest of our song visitors, arriving in late May or early June, and it leaves us at the end of August. —Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

Anyone Seen Jackie?

"Jackie," the pet Raven of the Welsh Regt., disappeared from Cardiff Barracks on Thursday, July 21. "Jackie," who had been brought home by the late Col. C. B. Morland, seems to have got scared by the practice of the military fire brigade. He could say "Hullo" and "Halt" with comical distinctness. Nothing pleased him more than the gift of a shilling (or other bright coin) to play with and hide. He had a penchant for matches, and would carefully collect a scattered boxful and ultimately hide the box.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

I was surprised on opening my copy of CAGE BIRDS to see the portrait of my Chaffinch, writes Mr. John Sykes, Musselburgh. Besides winning first prize at the Glasgow Red Cross Show he has won firsts at the Crystal Palace, Carlisle, Gateshead, City of Glasgow, Bathgate, and other shows. The bird is now deep in the moult, a little earlier than in previous years. During the moult I keep it supplied with soft food mixed with a little colour feed, the same as I give to all my Chaffinches, Brambles, and Hawfinches, besides their usual seed diet. I give them also plenty of wild seed and a few live earwigs, meal-worms, etc. On bright days they always have a bath, but I avoid giving them this on a dull day for fear of a chill. They would bath at any time, and I know that some say that if a bird is inclined for a bath it will take no harm even on a dull day. I have found it otherwise, however, so I do not now seek trouble. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

A CANARY FANCIER'S HONOUR VINDICATED.

A case which is of much importance to fanciers in general has just been decided at Aberdeen. It was alleged by the legal representative of the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S., advocate Mr. J. Munro, that a well-known Aberdeen fancier, Mr. Wm. Allison, had fraudulently won a silver challenge cup with a purchased bird, the competition for the cup being open only to birds bred by the exhibitor.

After a long hearing, the account of which, specially reported for CAGE BIRDS, appeared partly in last week's issue, and is concluded on page 433 this week, the Sheriff assoilzied the defendant with expenses, which is the Scotch way of saying that Mr. Allison is freed from the accusation, and the prosecuting society has to pay the costs of the proceedings. The Sheriff said he was satisfied that the purchased bird had died, as stated by Mr. Allison, and that the bird with which he had won the cup was not the same.

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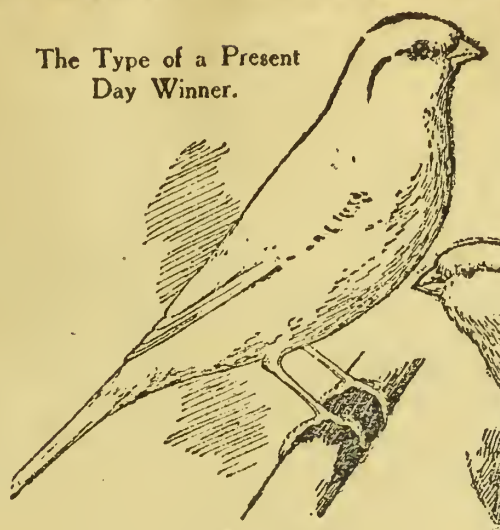
To be pinned to the answer, and forwarded to reach the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., not later than 1st post, Tuesday, 1 Aug.

THE WILD CANARY AND SOME OF ITS DESCENDANTS.



The Wild Canary, from which all present-day varieties have been evolved.

The Type of a Present Day Winner.



NEW and OLD IN NORWICH CANARIES.

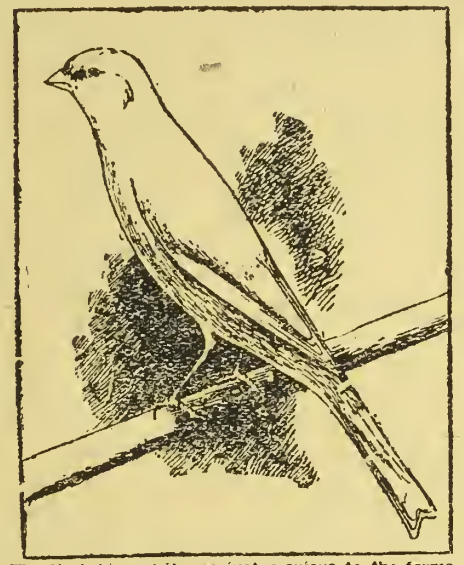




THE LIZARD CANARY.
The Lizard Canary is a distinctly beautiful variety, notable for being only a "one year" bird. It only retains its attractive spangling for the space of twelve months.

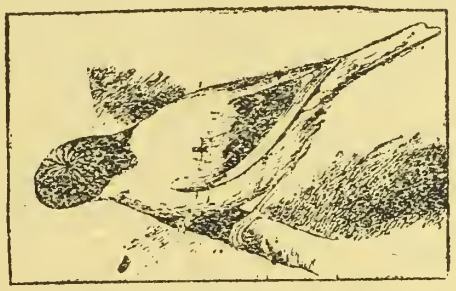


The Yorkshire-cum-Lancashire of the early days of the Fancy.



The Yorkshire as it was just previous to the formation of the Yorkshire Union.

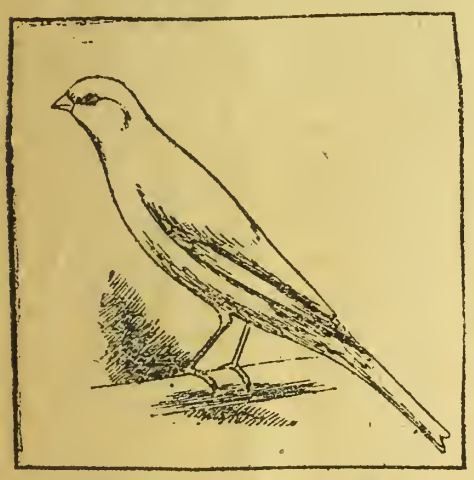
A First Prize Winner at the Crystal Palace 40 years ago.



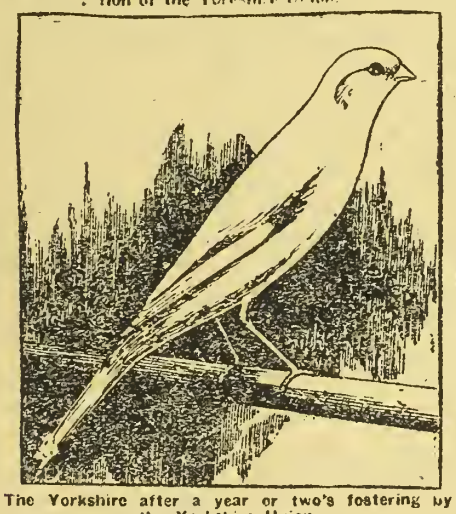
THE CRESTED CANARY.
The Crested Canary is remarkable for the crest or top-knot of feathers, and the rounder and more splendidly feathered the "crest" the more valuable the bird. Crested Canaries have frequently been sold for more than £50 each.



THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.
The Scotchman's delight. These birds are not too easily bred or kept.



The Yorkshire after the refining influences of the Belgian and Norwich crosses.



The Yorkshire after a year or two's fostering by the Yorkshire Union.

FOR A WINNING YORKSHIRE OF TO-DAY SEE FRONT PAGE ILLUSTRATION.

MY FAVOURITE CANARY; AND WHY

A Selection from the opinions of our readers, as given in competition for our weekly prize.

Song, rather than Beauty.

SIR,—It has always been somewhat of a mystery to me why the Norwich, the Yorkshire, the Crested, or the Lancashire should receive the attention they do from English breeders. The Canary, I take it, is primarily and essentially a *song* bird. That is the raison d'être of it as a cage bird at all.

But it would seem that as time went on the breeders, in this country at least, lost the original idea, and concerned themselves about "improving" the shape, size, and colour of the bird. So far have they gone in their perverted aims that I am told that in order to improve certain of these features they will even treat a bird in such a manner as to prevent it singing! And this, so that all its vitality might go towards some physical aspect which they endeavour to attain.

So much for the English system of Canary breeding. But it has not been so with the more astute German. He saw, and kept in mind, the one chief factor of the bird as a cage bird. If anything had possibilities of improvement, it was the *song*, not its shape, or its pose, or its colour. So with every cunning device that he could use, with flute and pipe, and organ, he set about to train and control the wonderful vocal abilities of the bird. The result is what we have in the Roller Canaries. With their slow, restful type of song, they have earned for themselves the sobriquet of "musical boxes."

The ordinary English Canary, with its overpoweringly shrill song, is anything but a songster for the home. It is a "chopper," whose broken and harsh song jars upon the ears of the listener. But with the trained Roller its mellow-toned voice and depth of tone are so restrained that even in the smallest room its song is a delight to listen to.

Now, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred when the average person buys a Canary for his home, does he not want a songster? Whoever heard of a buyer, I mean, of course, the ordinary person, and not the professional fancier, enquire if the bird he was about to purchase was a Yorkshire, or a Norwich, or a Lancashire? No; all that matters to him is whether it can *sing*, and *sing well*.

Now I do not think that in that statement I can be contradicted. And yet, why has the breeding and training of the Roller been so neglected in this country? Surely if mere prettiness is the end in view, there are plenty of foreign birds that could be kept.

There is also another good point in the Roller's favour. He will sing quite readily by artificial light. Kept in his shaded box cage during the working hours of the day, so soon as his cage doors are opened, and the gaslight floods his little home, he pours forth a flood of those wonderful tours, the hollow roll, the bass roll, the hollow bell, the bubbling water tour, and the flute notes—each in itself a marvel of vocal effort.

So persistent are they with their song that they have been known to fall dead from their perches whilst singing, the result of a burst blood-vessel in the brain through over-exertion. Not the exertion of the shrill "chopper," but the exertion of the mellow-toned voice of a trained Roller. Mr. J. Tomlinson, the eminent judge of this type of Canary, observes in the current issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, that a Roller which came before him "brought for me a new type of the koller-like tour, to wit, a good hollow roll, and while this was being sung there came the slow and restful beat of a bell note, given in the same time as a good set of flutes."

It is for such qualities as these that the Roller Canary deserves far more attention than he gets. In comparison with other types his only drawbacks are admitted to be his small size and insignificant shape and colour. But against these we have his pre-eminent qualities in his extraordinary singing powers, and, after all, these are, as I have already pointed out, *the* object in view of most cage bird owners. So I plead for the Roller, the singer par excellence, as my favourite Canary.

R. DUGDILL.

SIR,—My favourite Canary is the common little songster who was, before this awful war, imported annually in immense numbers from Germany. My reasons for liking him best is that he is, above all, the companion of the lowly and the poor, the pet bird of children, and of lonely hard-working women. Five shillings, or less, will buy him, and he is a frugal feeder; a hardy bird withal, who can endure draught and smoke, and occasional fasts, due to the absence or forgetfulness of his owner, better than any other bird I know.

Take a walk in the poorer streets of any great city—London, Paris, or Rome; or cast your eyes up to the attics and down to the basements, even in the more fashionable quarters of any town, and you are perfectly certain to see in many, many a window of nursery or kitchen a cheerful little cock Canary whose merry song gladdens the heart of some solitary child or friendless maid-of-all-work.

In face of the facts, it is evident mistake to speak of these small songsters as delicate birds. In reality there is none hardier. In spite of cramped space, smoky atmosphere, short commons (one halfpenny per week is often poor Dick's whole allowance for seed), he will survive for twenty years or more. I knew one such bird who lived in a narrow London lane for twenty-five years, singing to the last.

Though not so brightly coloured as their finer English relatives, these little songsters are lighter and more graceful on the wing, more like our wild Finches, both in their airy movements and in their choice of food. Such an expensive luxury as hard-boiled egg is not for them, but they will thank you with a sweeter song for a bundle of weeds from your garden, or a handful of flowering grass from the park.

(Miss) DYDDGU HAMILTON.

SIR,—My favourite is the Roller. The reason for this is that I am a great admirer of the song of birds, the Canary in particular, and, of course, the Roller far excels in song all other breeds of Canaries.

Another reason for my choice is that in the Roller I have in view, first and foremost, the improvement and perfecting of the song, and, secondly—and this is by no means an unimportant object—the improvement in colour and style of the bird. I claim this second object can be obtained without prejudice to the singing qualities. With these two objects in view I claim to have more scope for genuine all-round improvement in my favourite than can be claimed for other breeds of Canaries.

Yet another point in favour of Rollers is that more improvement can be attained by very careful treatment (quite independent of breeding) than can be achieved in the rearing and keeping of other breeds. I allude to the training of the young for song. I believe that teaching by a first-class tutor has quite

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MY FAVOURITE CANARY.

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as much, if not more, influence on a young bird than its breeding or strain; thus, with only an ordinary-bred youngster, it is quite possible, by using a first-class tutor, to produce a very respectable songster.

From a commercial point of view, I consider the Roller, or, I might say, the Roller with good song, coupled with good colour and style, is the ideal cage bird for the general public, from whom comes the greatest demand. As an exhibition bird pure and simple, the Roller must take a back seat, but apart from this one drawback, I claim the Roller as the most generally interesting Canary to breed and keep, and the best all-round bird to meet the commercial competition of the "hated Hun." HENRY NEVE.

Lovers of the Yorkshire.

SIR,—The Yorkshire is my real favourite because he is the "Gentleman of the Fancy," and it is the gentleman in everything we have to look to to be complete. He is soon on good terms with a lady, and all a fancier requires is to get his better half to help him. He is a made variety, purely the breeder's study. He always looks superior to any other Canary when in either stock or show cage, and no show is complete without him, and you can easily see his good and bad points when in the show cage. Yorkshires are the most prolific breeders, and are much better than any other variety for feeders, as they can easily reach, with that long neck and legs, over the strong youngsters at the front of a nest to feed the others behind. They are very sensible, for after the first time or two of teaching with the stick they never forget how to run in show cages, and they soon make it quite a business to show you their grand position and gracefulness. Last, and by no means least, there is always a fine market for them. J. GIBBONS.

SIR,—In reply to your question, "Which is my favourite Canary?" I would say that I am not an expert upon Canaries, but have for several seasons reared and kept the Yorkshire variety, that being my favourite of the Canary family. I consider the Yorkshire Canary a most handsome bird with his bold, upright, and graceful carriage. He is, at the same time, a fine songster, and I do not think he can be beaten as regards these points.

Perhaps he is a little bit timid among strangers at first, but he will soon make friends and become strongly attached to his master, and will more than repay for his small cost of keeping. I have found Yorkshires the best of parents, rearing their young perfectly, and also prolific breeders.

The young Yorkshires I have found easy to tame. I have one at present eleven weeks old which will take food from my lips and pull my hair; several others I am in hopes of taming in the same way.

The Yorkshire Canary, I think, is a most captivating pet, for his shape and ways are all that can be desired. Given a roomy cage, proper seed, and a bath occasionally (this they enjoy), one should not have any trouble in keeping this beautiful bird. If any reader of CAGE BIRDS will try keeping Yorkshires for a hobby, he will never regret trying the experiment, as I have found, with proper care and treatment, this variety is one of the most interesting of our feathered pets. For the reasons given, the Yorkshire Canary is my favourite bird. W. KNIGHTLEY.

A Vote for the "Wee Gems."

SIR,—Having decided, after some little experience with common Canaries, to procure and breed something better, I visited one of the good shows in Yorkshire to see what exhibits would suit my taste. Knowing that the Crested Norwich was called the king of the Canary tribe, I went half in love with them beforehand.

I therefore viewed Crests very carefully, then the Norwich Plainheads, passing on to the Yorkshires, admiring each in turn, and finally turned to the Border section.

After the long feathered Crest, the bull-necked Plainhead, and the tall and stately Yorkshire, the "Wee Gem" seemed to me the very essence of all that was sweet and beautiful in the Canary world. These at once took my fancy, and after again going through all the classes, British and Foreign included, I decided that a pair of the "Wee Gems" was necessary to my complete happiness.

I arranged to purchase a good pair from a breeder across the border whose birds were little pictures, and he sent down a sweetly pretty pair, with which I was successful in breeding some lovely youngsters which are perfectly delightful to see and a great joy to possess. I have no hesitation in stating that my favourite was and still is the "Border."

He is alert, vivacious, dainty, prolific, the very essence of vigour and life, and, above all, charmingly sociable. He is one of the smartest birds bred to-day, and for lightness and silkiness of feather he may be equalled, but certainly not excelled.

Moreover, it is decreed that the Border shall not be colour fed, and should be judged for carriage, type, and quality of feather. Thus these birds are bred and shown (or should be) just as nature made and coloured them, without the aid of any artificial food for colouring, which is, to my mind, "as it should be."

The colour feeding question is one with which I have no quarrel; the Norwich and Yorkshire look very fine when well coloured, but the "Wee Gem" is par excellence without it, and I should be extremely sorry to see it used on them. Let the Norwich and Yorkshire breed and colour their birds, and the best of luck to them all, but give me the Border, the "Wee bonnie Border."

A. J. WORRALL.

Norwich for Colour, Quality and Shape.

SIR,—To my mind there is nothing to compete with the Norwich Plainhead. You wish to know why, and I have had the same question asked me by many friends interested in our feathered pets. I consider the Norwich is the most typical Canary we possess. It is such a lovely, robust, and well-made bird that it takes the eye at most of our shows, therefore it has my vote wherever it appears.

The ideal Norwich, to my mind, should be a bird of colour, quality, and shape; size and carriage are also of great importance. The head should be bold and neatly moulded, of good entrance, no flatness wanted here, nicely arched, with a clear eye, and free from any browiness or loose feathers, as in our Crest-bred. I might say here that nothing is worse than a puny head on a standard sized body. The neck should be short and thick, with a broad, deep, and the chest nicely rounded, as we see in our Bullfinch, and the bird should be well filled-in down the back, showing nothing of shoulders. Wings short, of a compactness in harmony with the body, and meeting only at the tips; no overlapping as we often see. The tail nicely carried, not too long, and well packed. Legs short, and well set back, showing a little thigh. If the legs are long and too forward, to my mind the bird has a stilty appearance. It should possess a nice, easy-going style, and stand well across the perch, no crouching, as we sometimes see. I also like to see a certain amount of briskness, and the feathers to have a nice soft and silky texture; there must be no coarseness about them. A Norwich must be short and compactly made, and I consider birds of good quality are generally also good coloured. A. M. GRAHAM.

SIR,—From my earliest recollection birds have been well represented in my existence. What with Dad's Jackdaws, Mother's Larks, and my brothers (there were seven of us) all favouring different species, we were never without a very interesting collection. In late years, when I got a home of my own together, I began to think it was time I had some more birds. I went to a good bird show (I believe it was the first show I had ever seen). The splendid specimens that I saw staged there opened my eyes properly. I wandered round and round looking at the various birds, and couldn't make up my mind which was the finest one there until I came across the Norwich section, and that finished me at once. Never had I seen such birds for colour, shape, or size, and I decided then and there that Norwich was to be my section in future. Since that day I have never been without a good Norwich, and although I have now about five different species, the old fancy is still the favourite. The only reason that I can give is because I cannot help it. I really think if I were drawing my old age pension, and somebody offered me a good pair of Norwich cheap, I should have to invest part of the proceeds in the purchase.

W. H. PYKE.

SIR,—The Norwich Plainhead is my favourite Canary. My first reason is that, being a working man, I want my hobby to be self-supporting, and I know of no variety that can beat the Norwich Plainhead for this purpose. There is no more robust and prolific Canary, and a first-class specimen, with his noble bearing, active gait, well fitting jacket, and beautiful colour is a thing of beauty, and the admiration of everyone, fancier or not. They breed more freely than most varieties, show committees provide better classification for them, and, partially through this, the Norwich Plainhead has become the most popular variety in the Canary world. High-class birds that can win even in novice classes command a high price; the surplus, too, fetch a better price than other kinds as household pets. They are not subject to disease, especially that dreaded complaint blindness, so much as some other varieties. A Norwich Canary will make himself at home either in the mansion or the outhouse, and I am sure that anyone wishing to take up Canaries as a hobby cannot do better than start with a good pair of Norwich Plainheads, which I am sure will soon prove their right to be considered favourites, as have mine. J. BASTOCK.

Canary Supply Co-operative Association.

An Important Decision. Many Applicants for Secretaryship.

The Committee met at CAGE BIRDS' Offices on Monday, July 24. Present: Messrs. H. J. Fulljames (Cage Birds' League), in the chair, J. C. Birch (Queen's Park C.B.A.), H. W. Gutierrez (British Roller C.C.), H. J. Kybert (East Ham C.B.S.), J. Jeffrey (Metropolitan C.B.A.), and W. H. Vale (Clapham C.B.A.).

Practically the whole of the business consisted in the consideration of the many applications for the position of Organising Secretary. In the end thirty letters were laid aside, the applicants for one or another reason not being considered suitable, and a number selected for further consideration. The Chairman was requested to communicate with the writers of the latter asking for an interview at the next committee meeting.

A letter was also read from an applicant for the post of Depot Manager, and the Chairman was asked to inform the writer that the post was not on offer until after the Association had been fully organised.

First Come, First Served.

An important proposition was moved by Mr. Kybert, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, and carried unanimously, to the effect that the first 250 shares in the Association should be issued at 5s. discount. Applicants for the first 250 shares, therefore, will have to pay only 15s., namely, 5s. on application and the balance of 10s. in two or more instalments as may be hereafter called up; such shares to rank on an equality with the later £1 shares, and to bear full interest and bonus benefits.

The consideration of details of the scheme of co-operation was deferred to the next meeting, July 31, and it was agreed that this meeting commence at 7.

A letter from Mr. G. S. Packer, under the heading "Co-operative Canary Breeding," is published in our correspondence columns, and this, as well as others, will receive the attention of the committee in due course. There is just one point in the letter, however, to which we may here refer, in case a similar misunderstanding may exist in the minds of others. Mr. Packer says that the price that will be offered by the association is 5s. per bird, on the average. In the scheme as outlined by Mr. Usher, and which is, we repeat, only a tentative one, the figure of 5s. was mentioned as a "safe estimate" of the average. Mr. Usher says very distinctly, "high class birds would fetch pounds, and the average would probably work out considerably higher."

There are two ways of putting a scheme before the public. One way is to underestimate expenses and overestimate receipts, and the other way is to estimate expenses at the extreme and the receipts at the minimum. The former method is immensely more alluring, but Mr. Usher has very rightly chosen the latter method, and there can be no reasonable doubt that the expenses will not reach the estimated amount, and that the receipts will exceed the minimum quoted.

Correspondence.

Seventy-two Young in a Bad Season.

SIR,—It may be of interest for you to know that during this season, with the valuable assistance I receive from your weekly paper, CAGE BIRDS, I am rearing 72 young birds (Yorkshires and Cinnamons). These are all fine and healthy. At present I hold three cups, though a few years since I should not have thought this possible. If one keeps in touch with the many ideas suggested in CAGE BIRDS there is no reason why quality of birds should not be had, and quantity also may come to the keen fancier. HY. CRAVEN.

Abandonment of Llandudno Show.

SIR,—It will be seen by the report of our last committee meeting that owing to circumstances arising out of the war, the above show has had to be abandoned for this year.

On behalf of my committee, I desire to take this opportunity of thanking all those fanciers who, in response to our appeal, so kindly offered their support, which will be borne in mind when arrangements for the next show are being made.

Allow me to thank you for your courtesy in placing your columns at my disposal.

GEO. E. CRAGG, Hon. Sec.

White Robins in Ireland.

An Irish Way of Putting It.

SIR,—The enclosed was sent to me from Ireland; the place mentioned is in County Wexford. I may add I saw a White Sparrow with a black-bib this year:—

"Whole white birds are to be seen near the residence of Mr. M. Breen, D.C., Mandoran. The birds number four and are believed to be Robins, about the same size, and have exactly the same chirps. Some children in the locality say that they were hatched in a Robin's nest, and that those birds are new comers, while *older people state they saw them about the same place forty years ago.*"

(Miss) A. BUTLER.

[The italics are ours.—Editor.]

The Elusive Chaffinch-Canary Mule.

Has Anyone Ever Got Fertile Eggs?

SIR,—Even negative results are sometimes not without their value. This spring, aspiring to breed the above hitherto unaccomplished cross, I procured four strong singing cock Chaffies, three of which were steady, and gave them as mates three very nice Norwich hens born last year, and a larger Norwich hen which had previously bred with a Twite. The result is altogether disappointing, as everyone of the fifty eggs laid has proved to be clear. No doubt among your very numerous readers there are many who have tried their hand at this cross. I wonder if any of them have got so far as to secure fertile eggs, or even eggs showing any sign of fertility?

MAY RAYNOR.

Hazeleigh Rectory, Maldon.

A Bird that Would Not Go Away.

SIR,—I note with interest Mr. W. S. Harper's letter under this heading. The bird mentioned is quite an ordinary specimen of the Tree Sparrow (*Fringilla Montana*). At the recent show of the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. the bird was open to inspection at my invitation, and it was quite a disappointment to those present to identify the supposed Greenfinch-Sparrow as a Tree Sparrow. Among other well-known exhibitors and experts, Mr. W. Shakespeare, one of the oldest of birdy men, named it on sight. Tree Sparrows are rather uncommon in London, but in severe wintry weather a few can usually be found in Sclater Street, E., probably to the consternation of the vendors, who invent all manner of names for them, the favourite perhaps being "Hill Bunting." They are valued at ninepence or so, according to the appearance of the buyer. The latter part of the letter, *re* its apparent tameness, is astonishing, as Tree Sparrows are absolutely untameable; the only steady one I have seen was in a case—stuffed. F. C. KNIGHT.

The Song of the Virginian Cardinal.

SIR,—I write to correct a trifling clerical error that appeared in my contribution *re* Virginian Cardinals which appeared in your issue of July 15, due no doubt, to my somewhat illegible writing.

On page 398, column 3, last word of line 4, "chirping" should read "churring." As a matter of fact, "Chirping" does not at all convey the noise I mean, which is a kind of Chur-r-r-r-r—just exactly similar to that made by Java Sparrows quarrelling.

I would also like to correct a mistake I made in ascribing song No. IV., commencing "Who-are-you," etc., to a Virginian Cardinal. At the time I thought the matter was beyond any possible doubt, for although I had not actually seen the bird singing this stanza, the aviary from which the song issued contains no other bird, so I believed, capable of producing any sound remotely resembling the one described.

Careful observation since then, however, has made it quite certain that the singer is *not* the cock Cardinal, and I don't think it possible that it can come from the old hen, as she is now well in the moult.

The sound appears to come from amidst the grass, and, though it seems almost incredible to me, I now begin to incline to the opinion that it must issue from one of a pair of Common Quail inhabiting the same aviary.

If this, indeed, proves to be the case, the Quail has incontestable claims to be considered a musical songster, though I admit I have never heard of any such claim being made before on behalf of these birds. Perhaps some of your readers who have kept Quail could throw some light on the subject. As soon as I have *definitely* identified the songster I will let you know.

GERALD E. RATTIGAN.

(Correspondence continued in next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 430.)

Hybrid Breeding Made Easy(?)

Sir,—I have heard a lot about Hybrid breeding, and how uncertain it is, but I think the following way would not be so bad. First you have a large outside bird house somewhere about 10ft. long, 6ft. high, and 5ft. wide, and a nice lot of birds in it, including all the British finches; Linnets and Goldfinches, and so on. Also a number of Canaries, cocks and hens. All these are flying loose for the first round of eggs from the Canary hens, and then for the second round you cage up the Canary cocks by themselves in single cages in the same room. When they are all singing (the cocks, I mean) they will bring the Canary hens on, and then the British finches have their opportunity. Watch for the eggs that will be laid, and you have a few clutches ready for hatching hybrids. Don't you think we could get any number of hybrids in this way? I would just like to hear some opinions.

H. Robinson.

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

Sir,—I see Mr. Crawhall has met the secretary of Newcastle C.B.S., who is in a distressed state owing to the condition of the club; but what is the cause, and why have only nine members paid their annual subscription? I hope Mr. Crawhall's appeal will not be in vain, but I am afraid it will, because the majority of last year's members say they do not mean to pay unless the society is reconstructed. We should try to encourage and help matters and be sociable one to another, and until this is adopted, and other matters put right, I am confident that Newcastle C.B.S. is finished, so the sooner we make a start the better. Now, present and past members, put your shoulder to the wheel, and make Newcastle Society second to none as in former years; but try a meeting on a Saturday night, so as to give everyone a chance to attend. Anxious.

[A portion of this letter was a personal reference which we should not be justified in publishing in a letter not signed in the proper name of the writer; it has, therefore, been deleted.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

Co-operative Canary Breeding.

A Pessimistic View.

Sir,—It is a puzzle to me who will deal with this association in the manner suggested. Take my own case, which must be like hundreds of your readers. I bought my first stock for breeding from a well-known cup winner who advertised in Cage Birds, and I sell many of my own young stock by the same means, and to those who know me, my average for cocks and hens being about 12s. 6d. each (cocks 20s., hens 5s.), which is a very different average from 5s. offered by the association. It would be out of the question my dealing with them, and so will say many of your readers.

Up to the present I should say all breeders have been able to dispose of their young birds to the dealers who live in their neighbourhood or through advertising in your paper, or through their friends, and that they get better terms than those mentioned by the association.

To produce the vast numbers that appear to be required, and sell at the price mentioned, it appears to me one would have to go in for colony breeding on a very large scale to make a business of it. To take it up as a hobby and breed in small cages one could never do it without selling the article produced at something like 50 per cent. less than it had cost, that is if they sell at 5s. average. To my mind, the association would want an agent in different centres to go round, bargain, and buy the entire young stock out and out (cheque from the association), the agent having his own packing cages and clearing the stock away.

Take my own case again, which must be like so many. This year I have about 50 young ones, of which I want to sell about 40. I expect to dispose of them by advertising in Cage Birds and through my friends. In the suggested idea the agent could call, he would see the class of birds, all rung, hear them sing, and by clearing out the lot at one sale we might come to terms. But I should never think of sending the lot to London to get just what might be offered, or fetch what they sold them for

The above arrangement would save the breeder a lot of trouble, all going at one deal, and to the agent on the spot. Of course, a bird expert would know from headquarters the demand of the market, and purchase the class of bird required, both low and high-priced birds.

It appears to me there would be friction by sending birds to London in large numbers, and not bought out and out before being sent. One would be interested to know, after the association had bought all these thousands of birds, to whom they are going to sell them.

G. S. Packer.

In Quest of a Brother.

Sir,—On reading through Cage Birds I notice in its pages the name of a wounded soldier, Lce.-Cpl. Cleverly, at Salisbury; it is on page 383, July 8 issue, and is in connection with the wounded soldiers' scheme. I may say that I think it is my brother, and if so I should like to communicate with him. I have a brother in the Army, but do not know where he is. The only thing I know he is wounded, and I think he joined a Glo'ster Regiment. Of course, he may not be my brother, but, anyhow, I am pleased he is a lover of birds, and, being a fancier myself, I feel deeply interested, and should be more so if he happened to be my brother; then it would be double praise for your valuable paper, Cage Birds, which was the means of me finding him. I may say that my wife sends me Cage Birds every week from home, for my last orders when I left to join the Army, 18 months ago, were, "Don't forget to send me Cage Birds." My full address is Corpl. E. Cleverly, 22192, 13th Battn. S. Wales Borderers, D Company, Hut 26, Kinmel Park, nr. Rhyl, N. Wales.

E. Cleverly.

Song Birds Under Fire.

Sir,—A letter received by us from a British soldier and bird fancier in France, which we think would be of interest to the readers of Cage Birds, is as follows:—

"I will now try and tell you a little about the bird life out here, and what I have seen and heard. The Larks are quite as good as our own from a singing point of view, and it is simply splendid to hear them when we are in the trenches. What is more remarkable is to hear several Larks singing in the air and at the same time shells bursting all round at the airmen, but it does not stop the Larks. The finest bit of music I have heard out here was the song of a Thrush. It came and sat on an iron chimney in front of the billet where I am now staying, and sang for quite an hour, and it has been seen and heard there several times since. It was really the best Thrush I have ever heard. The place around here is thick with Chaffinches, and it is nothing unusual to have two or three singing at once along the fire trench near by, but they have not a good finish to their song from a Chaffinch singer's point, though I have seen some good specimens for the show bench. I have seen birds of all kinds here, but I was surprised when I found the House Martins in the cowsheds and stables; there are dozens of nests on the ceilings, and, of course, anyone can have a good view without interrupting them. I shall be able to tell you all about them when I come home." Spratt's Patent, Ltd.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Sir,—Mr. Gordon Stewart's letter referring to Sub Rosa's article under the above heading made me wonder what I had been thinking about to miss an article on a subject in which I am so much interested. I thought I had read my Cage Birds from cover to cover, but upon reference to your issue of July 8 found the article which had escaped my attention.

I am at one with your correspondent in many of his assertions; but why say that there is less chance of keeping up size through inbreeding? If other things can be fixed in a strain by its use, why not size also? If you can fix good heads in your birds by the judicious mating of related stock, why not also fix size? I know it is affirmed by some that the mating of relatives tends to diminish the size of the progeny, but if your correspondent will do me the honour to read the extract from the late Mr. Comyns' book which I gave in my lecture before the Northern Border Club, he will find that a breeder of pigeons found after 10 years' inbreeding from two pairs of birds he had better, and in some cases larger, birds than the originals. The conclusion I have come to, so far as my own experience of inbreeding goes, is that for the first one or two generations—which is as far as I have gone at present—there is no diminution of size.

This season, from a father and daughter mating, I have two youngsters larger than either parent even in the nest feather, so that when moulted they should be very much bigger birds than their parents. From the only other pair of this relationship I have unfortunately no youngsters. This may or may not be the result of close relationship, but I rather think it is because the cock is getting old and past his breeding time.

The point that "Sub Rosa" emphasises, that inbreeding should only be carried on with exhibition stock, does not necessarily mean that other relationship than father and daughter may not be used. I know many fanciers who will not breed nearer than cousins; these may not necessarily be exhibition specimens. We must recognise that there are near and remote relations, yet, so long as there is relationship at all in the birds mated up, there is a degree of inbreeding even if it is only 32nd or 64th cousins. I have known men spend more than £25 or £30 on exhibition stock, and have very few show birds from them, and I have known others spend as many shillings and at their first attempt breed birds that they foolishly have sold for as many pounds as they gave shillings for their parents, hoping that they could breed as good the next season, but it never came off.

To the man who breeds one good bird I say keep it, pair it back to its parent, and the following season pair it to its progeny. If a cock, run with two or even three daughters, for it is not always the best progeny that breed the best. I will give you an instance brought to my notice last year. One of the best yellow Yorkshire hens bred in this North-East part of England last year was bred from father and daughter mating, but it was from the worst daughter. From the better daughter only average stuff was obtained.

Since you published my article I have had a conversation with a fancier who was interested in Aberdeen Angus cattle; he told me that a prominent exhibitor bred most of his winners from this mating of father and daughter. Another gentleman told me of an instance of inbreeding with poultry, where, after twelve years' inbreeding, they suddenly reverted to the jungle fowl type. Unfortunately, he could not give the particulars of the type of fowl or the methods employed, but it ought to act as a warning not to indulge too freely, but to watch every step with extreme care. If any of your readers have any data or experience to relate they would render exhibitors a service if they would send them to you for publication T. C. Crawhall.

[We commend the last sentence of Mr. Crawhall's admirable letter to the notice of our readers. Knowledge disseminated becomes of value to all, and ultimately those who first gave of their knowledge benefit by the experience of others. Many doctrines that are carefully nursed by those who selfishly keep them to themselves are based upon limited personal experience, and their worth or worthlessness is only proved after years of work. If they are subjected to a wider test than is possible to any individual person, their merits or demerits become more quickly proved, and proved beyond doubt, so that what is in the beginning more or less of a belief soon becomes an established fact if there is anything in it, or soon becomes discarded if it is proved to be without sound foundation. This can only be to the universal benefit, and may save years of wasted effort. —Ed. Cage Birds.]

Profitable Canary Breeding.

A Celebrated Breeder of Yorkshire Canaries Plumps for the Breeding Cage System.

Sir,—Well! what about this colony system of breeding Canaries? To my mind it is much like other questions. Much can be said both for and against the system; it has its adherents, and its followers are no doubt guided by the principles of the method being most suitable to their individual circumstances. Long years of experience have already taught fanciers that there are divers roads which lead to success; it is the results of these various ways which our Editor wants us to give for the benefit of our fellow fanciers, and thus give a helping hand, no matter how small, in the "great push" to capture the German Canary trade.

The question—What shall I do to be on the right track? no doubt involves the fate of every person about to take up the hobby of Canary breeding, and rational persons will not rest satisfied until they have a clear understanding on the matter.

Franklin is accredited with having told the world that "God helps them that help themselves," and I know of no instance wherein this axiom is more clearly demonstrated than in the breeding of Canaries. It is to the assiduous, plodding, hard-working fancier that the fruits of his labours will come.

I am in no wise desirous of throwing a "wet rag" on the aspirations of persons about to take up the hobby of Canary culture, for I know of no time in the history of Canary breeding when such a golden opportunity presented itself to the uninitiated. They have the strong arm of Cage Birds to lean upon, with a very willing Editor to render all assistance possible, a rising market for their surplus stock at considerably advanced prices compared with past years, and an unlimited demand for high-class stock at remunerative prices, all things which the old-time fanciers would fain have enjoyed.

I have had something like thirty years of Canary breeding in its progression, but have no elaborate knowledge of the colony system of breeding. Formerly I was possessed of two large flights, each 26 ft. long, 4 ft. 6 ins. high, by 4 ft. 6 ins. wide. In these I bred with four hens and one cock in each flight, with only normal results. The advantages so far as regarded [illegible], feeding, and number of cocks required, were acceptable, but the disadvantages in respect of quarrel some bouts were too numerous for my liking, hens fighting for one and the same nest, both laying in the same nest, and at times both sitting on the same nest, heads and tails.

There were occasions where one hen happened to be sitting and the others not, and as soon as the sitting hen left her nest for a feed one of the other hens would immediately go on to the eggs, and this procedure would invariably result in a violently contentious bout before the intruder could be ejected.

At other times I found two or more nests of youngsters about to take the sticks at one and the same time, and this baffled me in keeping a strict account as to how each inmate of the flight was bred. However, such a strict account is not needed if one is simply breeding common birds for the market, and even if a strict account was needed it could better be carried out by the ringing process than was the case in bygone days.

Over twenty years have elapsed since I discarded this system of breeding in numbers, preferring breeding in single cages, varying in size from 14 by 14 ins. to 3 ft. 6 ins. by 2 ft. 6 ins. and 19 ins. from back to front. This latter cage has served me well; in such a cage I place one cock with two hens, making provision for two nests at each end, thereby taking measures for each hen to have a spare nest in case they should come on nesting again before the young have already left their nest.

Last season I brought eleven fine youngsters from the first round in one particular cage from mother and daughter, the latter of which had been bred in the very same cage the season previous. Among the above-named youngsters there was one particular bird, a clear pink-eyed yellow cock, which stood 2nd at Skelmanthorpe in the cup class for unflighted Yorks. the first time out, afterwards adding several 1sts to his account, and finally passing into the hands of a Nottingham fancier for the sum of £6.

This season I again placed in this large cage a couple of hens, along with a suitable partner, which, by the way, I let remain there during the season. However, my little troubles began (things which are never to seek); they would insist on sharing the same nest, do what I may, so, thinks I, out you come and in goes another trio. Then all went on plain sailing, both hens going down to sit on the very same day, and bringing forth nine fine chicks, one of which has since gone the way of all flesh, leaving me with eight for round one, not a bad start. One, a year old eye ticked yellow hen, is again sitting on five good eggs, which are due to hatch on July 16, whilst its stable companion, a big, fine, hot coloured young yellow hen, I had to remove on account of its refusal to go to nest again, and because of its interference with the other hen, which by this time had again laid a clutch of five eggs which she was about to incubate.

So much for the big cage and its occupants, but my interests have long been centred in the system of breeding in single cages, which are roomy, measuring 26 by 19 by 11 ins. I have a stack of such uniform cages, sixteen in number, which have been in use for over twenty years, and are in better condition for breeding purposes than on the very day I got them new. I usually give these cages two very thin coats before putting up for breeding, one of best white paint, and finishing off with a coat of Todd's best white bath enamel for inside only, thus making them as smooth as glass, and rendering them red mite proof, so to speak, for I have not seen such a thing in my room for years.

I find the system of single breeders most adaptable to my requirements; it has a great many good points to recommend its use, some of which I will enumerate. The first of these is that a strict ancestral line of descent can be kept, this being a very important matter for those about to become engaged in the pursuit of breeding high-class stock: in fact, I consider it an indispensable procedure, for a fancier that does not know the lineage of his stock is simply like a ship without a rudder. Haphazard breeding wastes you hours of precious time, and brings you numberless keen disappointments.

Next item is, you can more suitably pair up your stock, you can reserve one particular cock for your favourite hen, or if you be wishful you can comfortably run one cock with six hens, providing you have sufficient time at your disposal, just as you could in the colony system of breeding. Furthermore, if you should have a cock bird contract that obnoxious habit of egg eating, he is more readily detected in the single breeder than would be the case under the colony system.

Some hens refuse to brood without their partner, whilst on the other hand some turn very spiteful when about to incubate; these numerous little troubles I find more readily adjusted under the system of breeding in cages than would be the case if the colony system was applied, therefore personally I plump for the single breeder in preference to the colony system. Thos. Bennett

NOTES FROM AN OLD DIARY.

By T. H. KINCH.

(Continued from page 400.)

I FIRST bought a Canary for a cock, and, of course, I was "had"—it turned out to be a hen. I grieved over it for a time, but it turned out to be a good breeder and feeder.

I hand-reared some Redstarts, Nightingales, and Blackcaps, and raised by these means enough to buy a Canary, which cost me a very large sum, 7s. 6d. Many a day did I go and listen to this bird singing, quite unknown to the owner. It was a stormer, and came from Norwich, so I suppose you could call it a Norwich bird.

I bred from two nests of birds. This was the start, and I consider I was lucky. How many times I examined this pair during the year to see if they had the "pip" I could not say. That was the only disease I was acquainted with. How I dread to think of my foolishness in pricking the oil glands of the birds for the pip, when no pip existed, only in my foolish and unenlightened brain, but by accident light dawned upon me. A stranger explained to me that it was Nature's medicine chest, and this caused me to think. I can say that from that day to this I have never done so cruel an action, and have stopped many others doing the cruel trick. Such is ignorance.

Owls and Hawks in a Loft.

I have caught in the daytime quite a number of Owls. These I kept in the loft over the stables, but was caught in the act, and had at once to release them. I have taken two kinds of Owls from one tree, also Sparrow and Kestrel Hawks. For many years I have hand-reared nests of Bullfinches and Goldfinches, and generally a nest of Linnets.

As I refer to my diary, so does it refresh my memory, once I had a nest of eggs given me from a pair of Yorkshires, the hen dying. These I placed under some Linnets in the garden, and after they got to about eight days of age, I hand-reared them, and brought up three—two I kept, and one I returned to the giver. I have done the same since on several occasions, with good results.

In practising this experiment, you must make sure the eggs are in safety, and not likely to be taken. I chose the Linnets' nests because they were the safest, and not likely to be disturbed.

A Pig-sty as an Aviary.

An old pigsty made of bricks I netted with fish netting, and make into quite an artistic aviary, planting in it all kinds of trees and shrubs in old pails and pots, nests of various kinds I placed in these to get my birds to breed.

I tried the Hedge Sparrow to breed with a Robin, and cock Yellowhammer with a hen Chaffinch, and another kind of Buntry. These, of course, turned out failures.

The Grey and Yellow Wagtail I had, and tried to pair, but they refused. Three kinds of Tits I had there at one time, but one by one I lost them, owing to their getting through the double netting. I was not at all sorry, for they took up much of my time in searching for their natural food.

I once kept an Ox-eye Tit for five years in a cage, and it proved a great pet; at last I killed it by giving it flies from a fly-paper. A nest of Redstarts I raised at this time, and gave them to Dr. Bradburn at the time when he was compiling his noted work, and many a letter have we written comparing notes. I advocated hemp seed for fresh-caught birds, which I believe he at last also strongly advocated.

I believe that Bullfinches and Goldfinches have always held the greatest hold on my love. Many and many a nest have I hand-reared of these, and many a pet has been made, and many a tale could I unfold respecting the Bullfinch. Many a dozen have caught in trap cages during the winter and spring, when they have been after the fruit buds; I knew if I did not catch them in that way they would have been shot, for the damage they do to the gooseberry and plum buds is considerable.

But yet, on the other hand, the owners of these trees would let the fruit stay upon the trees until it either rotted or fell off, and yet would not allow one of the most beautiful of our British birds a feed. Some are never happy unless they are destroying life, especially those who possess a gun. I have laughed many a time to see a would-be sportsman stalking a sitting bird in a tree, and seen his delight if successful. The trap cage was a home-made one, and I have caught dozens of birds in this way, using a Goldfinch and Bullfinch as coy birds, and baiting the trap with hemp seed.

Through the Cage Bottom.

Once I caught a fine Nut-hatch, which I kept for over three years; it then got away through knocking in the cage bottom. The bird gave me no end of pleasure. It was amusing to see it hide its food in the crevices at the back of its cage; not that it ever wanted for food, but I suppose only from habit or nature.

At large, I believe they do store their food for future use, but why, when in a cage and well fed, I could not understand. This bird would take food from my fingers, and then go straight away and hide it.

What a lesson can be learnt from Nature if one will only study it. After I grew up an accident, through a fork being stuck into my knee-joint, caused me to be unable to get about without crutches, so for amusement and to pass the time away I was always on the look-out for something to amuse myself, and many a lesson have I learnt from the wild birds, which have been my hobby from boyhood.

I can now say that if I had not had them to occupy my mind I cannot imagine what I should have done. Read I could not when in pain, neither could I stay indoors if fine. If I could only get out then I found plenty to relieve my pain and cause me excitement, especially in the spring, by watching the birds building their nests, laying their eggs, and rearing their young. I carefully noted all these for further reference, recorded the first nests and eggs each year, also the arrival and departure of our spring and autumn visitors.

Many a time have I passed a joke with our shepherd, who was one of the old school (in fact, he is alive now, and over 80 years of age), by saying I had heard the Cuckoo in January or February if the weather was mild; but he always capped me by saying he had heard it a week ago.

A Senseless Practice.

This man, to my knowledge, has cut some dozens of birds' tongues to make them talk, but I do think that I was the means of stopping this cruel practice by speaking to the police about it, and they cautioned him. This firmness frightened him, but severed our friendship.

Now I am on this subject I may say that he used to use a piece of silver (as he said), but I quite believe it was a piece of tin, and cut under the tongue. At first I know he used a pair of scissors and cut the point of the tongue off.

A Jackdaw was once brought to me nearly dead by two of the daughters of a lord, who asked me to save it. They said the tongue had been cut, and I asked them by whom. They said the butler, who understood birds (well, he did, in his way, for he had a pair of Canaries for about a twelvemonth). I told them that I should like to serve him the same.

The Coloration of Eggs.

Quite one of the curios in my experience was a white egg in a Hedge-sparrow's nest—four blue eggs and one white. Now there is a problem to think out. I have thought this over many a time, but as yet cannot solve it. I was not able to learn if that egg was laid first or last.

This is not the only instance I have noticed in wild birds' eggs. I have often thought that possibly—but, of course, cannot prove it—that such an egg would turn out an Albino. The young I was not able to see, as the nest got destroyed.

Some years ago I found in my garden a Hedge Sparrow's nest with four eggs. One of these was most peculiar. This egg had spots on it. I saw the young raised, and feeding in my garden, one turned out to be a cinnamon—quite a rara avis, this bird. I pointed it out to several friends, who tried to catch it for me. Now, did that peculiarly-marked egg bring forth that cinnamon Hedge Sparrow? I must say that I could not solve the question. I sometimes think it might be so

Are these Albino's produced from natural-coloured eggs? If not, there is still a problem to be solved respecting the natural markings on the various eggs. Inbreeding may be the cause, which I think is more than possible in these unusual markings and unnatural eggs.

I am sorry that I have not as yet been able to solve the question to my satisfaction, and I am quite afraid that I shall not be able now, as my health will not allow me; but I still should like some naturalist to take this up and settle the question.

I am quite sure that the cock bird does have some influence over the markings of the eggs, i.e., judging from my experience by Canaries' eggs; one cock would cause the markings on some eggs to be quite different to others; then, when I reversed the cocks, they became quite natural. I do find that I have much to learn yet over the egg markings, but I am still giving it my closest study.

Canaries' eggs vary very much in marking, but does a heavy marked egg produce a heavy marked bird, or a slightly marked egg a clear or ticked bird? Several times have I marked eggs to test this problem, but cannot as yet speak positively. This article is only dealing with wild birds. The Canaries I will leave for the present.

In this district (Ramsey) I have neither noticed nor heard of any good specimens of the Albino. The cinnamon Hedge Sparrow I saw myself, and can vouch for it. I have heard this year of a black-and-white Blackbird. These are the only two instances which I have heard of in over 20 years. There may have been more; if so I did not hear of them. But I daresay I should have done, or my friend, who is a naturalist, would have had some knowledge of them, for everyone takes rarities to him, and I then see them.

This friend had a collection of 20 little Owls at one time, and it was he who identified them, and has done all he could since he found them out to preserve them. Many a boy he has bought them from, giving a few pence for them, and then liberating them.

Cannot bird life—its modes, ways, and usefulness—be introduced into schools, and taught the young? Many a useful lesson could be taught, if only to promote kindness and check cruelty. It would be far better than some of the lessons now taught.

Thanks to some of our large manufacturing firms, pictures of birds, etc., are now hung up in the schools. This is a step in the right direction, for there is nothing like making a good impression on the young. Many a coloured plate of birds have I given to boys interested in birds, and many a time have I named the eggs for them, and assisted them to study bird life.

(To be continued.)

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My Black-cheeked Lovebirds.

By F. GOODWIN (London, S.E.)

THESE beautiful hardy little birds with their acrobatic ways and gollywog eyes (which give them a cunning appearance), are very attractive as pet birds, and although somewhat a shy species they have been bred by many aviculturists, so you see so far as Lovebirds are concerned they are really the ideal. Unfortunately, the sexes are very difficult to tell, as you will see later by my experience. Appearance is very little to go by, as my birds not only differed in shape but also in disposition; how they deceived me I shall never forget.

Bad for the Lilac Bushes.

I received my Black-cheeks over two years ago, and well I knew it. I had been congratulating myself upon the condition of some very nice lilac bushes which were doing well in the aviary, which contained some Parrakeets, a condition which very seldom exists. As the weather became settled I turned the new-comers into the aviary and dreamed of young Black-cheeks. The first thing they did was to challenge all the other birds to fight until they found some Redrump Parrakeets that had youngsters too much for them, and then they went for those lilac bushes like bulldogs in a rage. Every leaf was bitten off in a very short time; still not contented, they started on the small branches, and finished my bushes for ever.

Having made all the litter that was possible, they started entering every hole they could find until they decided to get married and keep home in earnest, clearing all the pieces up in the aviary and filling up a nest-box to the top. But it was all a fraud; they deserted this nest and started with another box. Mating seemed to take place many times a day, and I really thought fertile eggs would make their appearance; but they were only playing at it.

At a time when success seemed at hand the one that had been playing the part of a good husband got between the door and canvas that opened into the open. My wife went to give fresh water, and not noticing the position of the bird opened the door and away he went over the tops of shops and across the Old Kent Road. My wife brought the sad news down to my works, and of course I said good-bye to it, but home I went and put a cage over the aviary with a string attached to the door, and inside a nice spray of millet.

The Return of the Wanderer.

The day passed without a sign of the truant, but next day towards evening a well-known clear note was heard from the house-top, the Black-cheek in the aviary began answering, and down the free one came, and a great amount of fuss took place. Soon he made for that millet, and the door was pulled to pretty quickly I can assure you. What this bird had managed to find to keep him alive for two days is a mystery to me, as there are very few gardens around.

Now, if only a judge could have seen it he would have given it first prize. Talk about depth of colour; it was all there right to the skin, and I should think he had been down all the chimney pots in the neighbourhood. I returned him to the aviary next morning, but his adventures had seemed to upset things, and no eggs were laid for that season.

Next season into the aviary they went again, but they dissolved partnership straight away, and started building in different nest-boxes. As I missed them one morning, I thought things were strange, so I had a look at the nest-boxes, and there was an egg in each one. I could not believe my own eyes, after what had taken place the year before; so early on the next alternate morning I caught up the bird which had previously persuaded me it was a cock, and waited events. It was not long before an egg was presented to me. The way this bird had deceived me in playing the part of a good husband as it did is not likely to be forgotten.

As both birds were now laying, I did not wish to part with either, so I advertised for a "certain" cock. I got no offers of cocks, only people wanting to buy my hen, so I sold the deceiver, as I thought if this bird got away again and reached London she might give me a call; but up to the present she has not done so.

An Embarrassment of Riches.

A few weeks passed, and again I advertised. Then it rained cock birds, for I was offered no less than five and I secured one, but the season had worn on and I had very little hopes of a nest. Into the aviary he went, however, but he took no notice of the hen, but she meant having another nest and laid three very nice white eggs and sat like a broody hen, but it was useless as the eggs were, of course, unfertile. The bitter cold nights were now here, so I caught my birds up for the winter, as my aviary is not suitable for winter accommodation.

I believe in giving my birds all the exercise I can, so during the winter I give them a fly around the room about twice a week, and it is very amusing to see them go round looking to see what mischief can be done. When Black-cheeked Lovebirds are flying around, however, it is as well to beware of your picture cords and frames, otherwise you may get into serious trouble with the wife, but to see them pop their heads over from behind the top of a picture is another picture in itself; they are acrobats indeed.

Obedient, though Mischievous.

I have trained my birds to go into their cages when I wish; not only these birds, but other Parrakeets as well. Bird-keepers who wish to give their birds this treat must be very careful for some time or they may have trouble. Only one bird must be liberated at a time, otherwise they will dash about anywhere. As soon as one bird has got used to flying about in the room his mate will generally follow. Precaution must, of course, be taken to cover any fires or mirrors, and the windows by the drawing of the curtains.

Black-cheeked Lovebirds have been bred in large cages, and can stand any amount of cold weather, so long as they have a good dry shelter, and a husk to sleep in. The food is Canary seed and white millet, and for a change spray millet, also plenty of grass seed through the summer, the diet being so simple that no one should be deterred from keeping such highly amusing little creatures.

ABERDEEN FANCIERS AT LAW.

A Disputed Challenge Cup.

SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR "CAGE BIRDS."

(Continued from page 417.)

A cup and a rose bowl were given at the show as special prizes, and as far as I remember I awarded the cup to the cock and the rose bowl to the hen. Mr. Allison won both trophies. I remember hearing that the birds that won these trophies were brother and sister. From the appearance of the two birds that won the trophies I formed the opinion that they were very closely related. They were both first-class birds. In selecting the winners, what I go upon as a judge is, first, the type or shape of the bird, then the quality, and the feathers. We give points for the head, tail, body, and size, and then balance them all up. But it is type and quality which counts first. Colour counts for nothing; it is just a matter of opinion. Type means the shape of a bird. You get all shapes amongst Norwich. I was a judge at the Aberdeen show on a previous occasion some years before, but I have been judging at shows for the last dozen years and have seen birds of all classes. I know that for several years Mr. Allison has been an exhibitor at various shows throughout Scotland, and that he has been a successful exhibitor. I know that of my own knowledge. The birds that Mr. Allison has exhibited are of a very high quality. I could not say how many birds he exhibited at the Aberdeen show last year. Q.: Would you say the birds generally exhibited by Mr. Allison at the Aberdeen show were superior to the birds shown by any other man in Aberdeen? A.: Yes, I would say that; but you hardly require to ask that question, as the birds won, and that means that they were the best.

Re-examined: In judging Norwich Canaries, colour is left out altogether. I do not say it goes for nothing; but it counts for very little. It is type and quality that counts; colour is a matter of opinion.

By the Commissioner: Four birds were put before me for the cup, and the whole of them belonged to the defender. There were more than four entries, but they remained after the "weeding out."

Alexander Thomson, stonecutter, 27, Stafford Street, Aberdeen, examined by Mr. Munro, said he was not a member of the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S., and had no interest in the Society. He was a breeder of Canaries, and had been a breeder close on 40 years. On 9th June he saw a bird in Mr. Aitken's office. Q.: Had you ever seen that bird before? A.: Yes. I had seen it in the Ball Room of the Music Hall at the Aberdeen bird show. Q.: Did you take any particular notice of it? A.: Yes, because it was a particularly good bird, the best I had ever seen. I made a good examination of it. I mentioned this particular bird as an outstanding bird to Mr. Strachan, Mr. Sandieson, and a few more. I next saw the bird at the Bon-Accord show on 1st January. I was a judge there myself. I recognised the bird at once as the bird I saw on 18th December. It took the first prize. I saw the bird next in Mr. Aitken's office. Q.: Is there any doubt in your mind that it was the same bird? A.: None; it was the same bird. Q.: What particular points were there about this bird to single it out? A.: The particular points were its head and neck. It was very strong in that. Q.: What about the size? A.: It is a great size for a young bird. Q.: Anything about its feather and colour? A.: It had the best colour ever I saw. Q.: Have you seen any birds equal to it in your 40 years' experience? A.: No, I never saw one I liked so well.

The Sheriff—Q.: Is this the bird in court? A.: That is it. That is not his natural colour. His colour has faded; that is when they are casting their feathers, or moulting.

Re-examined: I think it is the highest-coloured young bird ever I saw. In the matter of colour it is an outstanding bird. There was nothing like it for colour in the show. Q.: Do you know Mr. Allison's birds? A.: I have just seen them in the show. Q.: Had he anything in the show from which he could have bred that bird for colour? A.: The colour is artificially put on. Q.: Aberdeen fanciers cannot put on that colour? A.: No. Q.: And if they do they have not done it in your 40 years' experience? A.: No. Q.: Was it much superior to anything else Mr. Allison had in the show? A.: Oh, much.

Cross-examined: I have exhibited birds at south shows, but not this last year. I exhibited at the Crystal Palace about 22 years ago. Q.: Within the last few years has the quality of the birds exhibited at the Aberdeen shows depreciated very much generally? A.: They have depreciated a little. Q.: How long has Mr. Allison been exhibiting at shows in Aberdeen? A.: Seven or eight years. I know he also competes at the big shows in the south. He was a pretty successful exhibitor. He won this cup at the same show in Aberdeen for two years. Q.: You have told us that the colouring of the bird is artificially produced? A.: Yes. Q.: And you apparently suggest that people in Aberdeen are so far behind the people in the south that they cannot do it? A.: They cannot do it so well as the people in the south. Q.: Does it not occur to you that Mr. Allison, having been a competitor in the south, must necessarily have acquired the skill to produce the colouring? A.: I do not know. I have had more experience than Mr. Allison, and have not succeeded. There is not one of them in Aberdeen can do it. Q.: How many birds had Mr. Allison forward at the show on 18th December? A.: I could not say exactly. I did not count his exhibits. He had a good many forward, and he was very successful. Q.: So successful indeed that he gained the cup and rose bowl, and his birds were the only ones qualified to compete? A.: It was his birds that won them. Q.: He had birds in the classes eligible to compete for the cup and rose bowl? A.: I do not know whether they were eligible or not. Q.: And therefore the competition for the cup and rose bowl was confined to Mr. Allison? A.: Yes, I believe so.

The Sheriff: You say that bird is unmistakable? A.: Yes, unmistakable. I could pick him out among a thousand. I don't believe there is another like him in Scotland.

John Strachan, joiner, 34, Rosemount Place, examined by Mr. Munro: I am not a member of the Society, and have no interest in this bird whatever. I have been a fancier for about 30 to 35 years. Q.: Is that the bird you saw in Mr. Aitken's office? A.: Yes. Q.: Is there any possibility of a man of your experience mistaking that bird? A.: No one could mistake that bird. Q.: When did you first see it. A.: In the bird show in the Music Hall on 18th December. The bird attracted my attention. There was not a young bird like it in the show. It is many years since a young bird like that was bred in Aberdeen. Q.: Was the bird spoken about among the fanciers as an outstanding bird? A.: Yes, as something rare in this part of the country. I next saw the bird in the Bon-Accord show on New Year's Day. Q.: Did you recognise it at once? A.: Yes, without any doubt whatever. Q.: Was it recognised as the bird that had been exhibited on 18th December? A.: Yes. Q.: When did you see it next? A.: In Mr. Aitken's office. Q.: You had no doubt about the bird? A.: No. There was nothing approaching the bird. The bird is particularly good in the head and neck. All over he is particularly good, but he has a weakness in being inclined to carry his wing a little high. No one ever coloured a bird like it in Aberdeen. I have no doubt at all that it is the same bird.

Cross-examined—Q.: I think in recent years the quality of the birds exhibited in Aberdeen has not been up to the former high standard? A.: Nothing like it. Q.: Surely you do not go so far as to suggest that it is impossible for anyone in Aberdeen to breed as good a bird? A.: I would not say they could not do it if they had the material. Q.: Did you notice whether that bird crosses its wings? A.: It does not cross its wings. There is just one fault with the wing, and I have mentioned it.

Re-examined: There is a peculiarity in the wing in respect that the bird carries it a little high.

By the Sheriff—Q.: You say this is an exceptional bird? A.: He is a really good bird. Q.: You have not seen such a fine bird in Aberdeen? A.: Not bred in Aberdeen. Q.: Have you ever seen the defender's stock? A.: Only in the show.

James Sandison, mason, 629, Great Northern Road, deposed: I am a member of the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S., and have been a fancier for about 30 years. I could not say I have seen that bird in court before to my recollection. I did not see it in Mr. Aitken's office. Q.: Is there anything exceptional about that bird? A.: Not particularly. I do not think that is the bird that was at the show. This bird might have been at the show, but I did not take any special notice of it. Q.: Did you have any conversation with Mr. Allison about the birds at the Aberdeen show? A.: Yes, I met him one day in the station and asked him if he had bred that bird, as there was a rumour that he had bought it. He denied it. I said I did not believe he had bred it, and he said: "All right. I don't care what you believe." Q.: Was there anything peculiar about the bird that took the prize? A.: Yes. He had a bad wing carriage. Q.: Is that a good size of a bird? A.: Yes. A fair size. He has an exceptionally good head. Q.: Is it an exceptionally good type of a bird? A.: Not particular.

Cross-examined: Birds are washed before being exhibited. Q.: If you were washing a bird would you be bound to notice any markings upon it. A.: Yes.

By the Sheriff: I saw this bird at the show. Q.: Did you doubt whether it had been bred in Aberdeen? A.: Not at the time. Q.: But you came to doubt it? A.: Yes, and said so to the defender. Q.: Was it Mr. Hector who suggested the doubt in your mind? A.: No, it was not Mr. Hector. Q.: Is that the bird or not? A.: No, I do not think that is the bird at all. Q.: Why not? A.: It was far superior to this bird. The bird that was exhibited was a finer specimen than this one. Q.: Are you sure about this from your experience? A.: Yes. Q.: Do you think the bird produced could be bred in Aberdeen? A.: Oh, yes. Q.: But you do not think the one that gained the cup could be bred in Aberdeen? A.: No, it was too good a bird. There is not the stock in Aberdeen to breed a bird like it. This is an inferior bird to it.

Robert J. Robertson, compositor, 4, Hosefield Road: I am secretary of the Amalgamated Cage Bird Society, and produce the schedule for competition. At page 19, No. 3, there is offered "A handsome silver challenge cup for the best young Norwich bred by a member, in classes 9 to 13 inclusive (confined to 8 miles radius)." Mr. Allison had taken the prize twice before, and if he took it a third time it became his own. I do not remember the bird particularly. I was too busy with my other duties.

Cross-examined: The rules of competition are given at the beginning of the book. Rule XI. says: "Any member or exhibitor having objections to any bird as not being eligible for competition, according to Rules 6 and 7, must lodge the same in writing with the Secretary, stating the grounds of protest, before the birds leave the exhibition; and in all cases where an objection is made the objector must lodge 2s. 6d." Q.: Did any person lodge a protest prior to the exhibits being removed, against any of Mr. Allison's birds. A.: No.

John Hector, president of the Aberdeen Amalgamated Cage Bird Society.—I have been a fancier for about 20 years. The bird in court is the same as the bird that was exhibited at the show in December, but he is in somewhat poorer condition. Q.: With your experience, is there any mistake? A.: No, I do not think I ever saw a head on a young bird equal to that one, but I must say he looked better, because he was staged for the occasion and washed immediately before. Q.: What are the outstanding points about that bird? A.: His head, I would say, and he is a big size. In brilliancy and depth of colour, he stood out from all the others in the show. Q.: Have you seen anything like it in Aberdeen? A.: No, not bred in Aberdeen. Q.: And you are not prepared to believe that the bird that took the prize was bred in Aberdeen? A.: No, I would not say it was bred in Aberdeen. Q.: What about its wing? A.: I did not take particular notice of it. Q.: Some question arose about the right of Mr. Allison to the cup? A.: There was a very strong feeling amongst the fanciers in Aberdeen in connection with the bird, and owing to the dissatisfaction the society took action. I had no ill-will against Mr. Allison. I never was on bad terms with him. Q.: Anything you did, you did as president of the society? A.: Certainly. I got several letters and there was a meeting of the society called for 3rd March. Previous to going to the meeting I called upon Mr. Allison, and asked him if he would come, and he said "No." I said to him I have some letters in my pocket that prove that you did not breed this bird, and it is not right you should do this sort of thing to working men in the society. He said, "Let me see them," and I said, "I cannot show them," but I said, "I am going to bring up this matter to-night, and my reason for calling is to see if we can settle it before bringing it up. You know you did not breed the bird." I waited for an answer. "No," he said, "I won't say that I bred the bird, and I won't say I didn't; all I say is that I showed the bird according to the rules of your society." I pressed the matter, and he said he did not care, he had made about £60 by selling birds this year, and was prepared to fight it. Previous to this there was a fancier in Aberdeen who knew he bought the bird for £15. Q.: Had anything been said about fighting before he mentioned it? A.: No, certainly not.

By the Sheriff: I said we did not want to fight it as it was unseemly, especially at the present time, and that he must first go into the matter calmly and get the matter settled. He said: "I have nothing more to say in the matter." Q.: What you wanted him to own up to was that you believed he had committed a fraud on the society. A.: To say either that he bred the bird, or did not breed it. Q.: The result was that you left him without getting any definite answer? A.: None whatever. Mr. Allinson attended a meeting on the 31st March, and I said, "Have you come to make a statement," and he said, "I'm afraid not." I said, "I'm sorry for that. You know you did not breed the bird." He then said, "The bird was bred at Cults, and you have the wrong end of the stick." The meeting went on with the business, and this matter was taken up last, and Mr. Allison was asked to leave, but he refused to do so. At last, when he saw he had not the meeting with him, he rose and left the room. Even then I followed him and said, "Cannot we settle this matter," and he said, "No, you will find yourselves in the wrong box; the bird was bred at Cults."

Cross-examination.—Q.: He declined to give any further information until the letters were shown him; he wanted to know what foundation there was for such a charge? A.: We declined to show the letters.

The Sheriff.—Q.: Your position is that you considered this was a fraud from the beginning? A.: Yes. Q.: And you still hold that opinion? A.: I still hold that opinion. Q.: You thought you had sufficient evidence that this bird had not been bred by defender, but had been bought? A.: Yes. Q.: And that is the view you are maintaining now? A.: Yes.

This closed the evidence for the pursuers.

William Allison, The Brae, Cults, defender.—I am a bird fancier, and attend all the shows both in England and Scotland, and buy the very best birds I can get. I have taken an interest in birds all my days, and by visiting the shows have become conversant with the best classes of birds produced. The highest price I ever paid for birds was to Mr. Lawson, Carlisle, when I purchased a yellow cock for £15. I also bought from Mr. Lawson a buff variegated cock for £4. I have been exhibiting regularly at the society's show in Aberdeen for eight or nine years. I have always been fairly successful, some years better than others. I have devoted special attention to colour. It is internal treatment. At the time I was at the Carlisle show I met Mr. Lawson and fancied one of his birds, which I purchased for £15. The birds arrived in Aberdeen on November 19, and at Cults station at 9 o'clock in the morning. I entered six specimens for the Cowdenbeath show, the entries for which closed on 15th November, four days before these two birds came from Carlisle. I despatched the case of birds to the Cowdenbeath show on the afternoon of the 19th. The birds that arrived from Carlisle were very soft and out of condition. They were not in a condition to be shown at Cowdenbeath. The bird in court was hatched on June 6. It was the first nest of the pair that year. It was bred from a buff cock and a yellow hen. This hen was shown at Glasgow as a cock and was 1st. The bird was sent to Cowdenbeath show and was 1st in the open class there. The second time it was shown was at the Aberdeen show on 18th December, and it was 1st there. I showed ten birds altogether. Q.: Had you any birds forward bred from the same pair as this one was bred from? A.: Yes, I had the first young yellow hen. Q.: So that it was a full sister of this one? A.: Yes, but a later nest. Q.: How many birds do you keep altogether? A.: At the end of the year about 60 or 70. The Carlisle bird which he bought for £15 improved and seemed to be getting on all right, and was kept in the kitchen. It took suddenly ill, however, and died on the first Tuesday of the New Year. I buried it in the garden. All the members of the household knew about this. I was a bit down in the mouth about it myself. It was Mr. Hector himself that first saw the bird at Carlisle, and he having told me about it I looked out for it. I would not have known anything about it unless he told me. At the interview with Mr. Hector I said I showed the bird according to the rules of the competition. The schedule distinctly says that the bird must be bred by the exhibitor within an eight miles radius of Aberdeen, and my answer to that was that I accepted the conditions. He said, "What become of the Carlisle bird?" and I said, "The Carlisle bird has nothing whatever to do with the matter, and I have nothing more to say." I lost my temper, because it was a slap at me, and I did not like it. I declined to meet the committee until they had shown me the letters which they alleged justified the charge they made against me. I adhered to that position and declined to meet them until I knew what they were accusing me of. Q.: Have you any observations to make as to the class of birds shown at Aberdeen for the past few years? A.: For myself, it is rarely I buy birds in Aberdeen. I go further afield to buy specimens. Q.: The result of your efforts in that direction is that you are able to stage the best birds shown in Aberdeen? A.: Yes. Q.: And you repudiate the suggestion that you win prizes by buying a bird from another man? A.: I would not do it.

Cross-examination.—Q.: Is there anything special about that bird in court? A.: It is a good bird. I have seen a better. Q.: Was the bird you bought from Mr. Lawson very outstanding? A.: It was a bigger bird than that. It was an unflighted bird.

It was the best bird I ever had. Q.: I suppose no one could mistake Mr. Lawson's bird for this one? A.: In his opinion, he might think it was the bird he sold to me. He could be mistaken because he had no opportunity of comparing both birds. Q.: Is the bird in court as good a bird? A.: No, it is smaller. Q.: You say there is nothing special about its colour? A.: It is a good coloured bird. There is nothing about its wing to attract attention. Q.: Did you ever show Mr. Lawson's bird anywhere? A.: I did not. Q.: Why? A.: Because the bird was soft and ill. Q.: When did you first get to know there was a suspicion about the bird? A.: Mr. Hector intimated to me in March that he had letters in his possession saying that the bird exhibited at the Aberdeen show was not correctly bred. When I bought the bird from Mr. Lawson I made no bargain with him at all. I sent him on the cheque and did not say I did not wish the transaction spoken about because it was a big price.

Re-examined.—Q.: Is there a mark upon that bird in court? A.: There is. Q.: Where. A.: On the left thigh. Q.: You heard Mr. Lawson say he washed the bird and he had never observed any mark upon it? A.: Yes, he said so. At the time the bird was shown the mark was larger than it is now, and he must have seen it. Q.: That proves to demonstration that it is not his bird? A.: Yes

The Sheriff.—Q.: Can you show the mark? A.: Yes.

Defender took the bird from the cage and showed the mark to the Sheriff.

The Sheriff: Is Mr. Lawson a skilled man in birds? A.: Yes, I should say he is. Q.: Then it comes to this that he says the bird in court is the bird he sold to you, and you say that it is not? A.: Yes. Q.: Does it not strike you as an extraordinary way of repudiating a charge to say, "I won't say I bred it, and I won't say I did not?" A.: It might have been better to have said it was a lie. Q.: That would have impressed me. To the plain man your answer suggests that you thought there might be some loophole you could get through? A.: I did not look at it in that light. Q.: That is the way I look at it, and it was a strange, and, to me, crooked answer to a straight question.

Mr. Aitken: He wanted to know who was bringing the charge against him.

Peter Walker, stationmaster, Cults, said two birds came to Mr. Allison at Cults at 9.4 on the morning of 19th November, from Carlisle.

Mr. W. Allison, senr., said the bird in court was hatched in the first week of June last. It was shown at Cowdenbeath and Aberdeen shows. There was a mark on it by which it could be identified, on the left thigh. He remembered his son purchasing two birds at Carlisle, and they arrived at Cults on 19th November. They were both sold, and not as a condition to be shown. The two birds from Carlisle were kept in the kitchen, and he took them up to the birdroom next morning. The Carlisle bird was never shown at all because it was ill. It died on the first Tuesday of the New Year, and was buried in the garden. It was about a month ill. It was slightly bigger, and slightly deeper in the chest than the bird in court.

The Sheriff: Q.: There is no doubt about it that the Carlisle bird is under the sod, and that this bird in court is not the same one? A.: I am perfectly certain about it.

Mrs. Allison and Miss Allison corroborated

Alexander G. Forrest, solicitor, Perth, said he had exhibited Norwich Canaries for the past ten years. The season for exhibiting was usually from the beginning of October until the end of December. He usually visited most of the principal shows. The defender, Mr. Allison, and was a very successful exhibitor. Witness was at the Cowdenbeath show in November last year, and noticed Mr. Allison's exhibits. There was a cup for the best Norwich Canary in the show, and Mr. Allison won that cup with a variegated cock. He had a yellow cock there as well, but it was beaten by his variegated one. Q.: In your experience of breeding birds, assuming you had bred a Canary and parted with it in the month of November, and did not see it again until it was in the moulting season, would you be able to identify it? A.: No, certainly not I would not undertake to do so. Q.: Do you think it is possible to do it? A.: Not with any degree of certainty, because the bird might have undergone quite a change. In the height of the breeding and moulting season the bird is all drawn out of shape. Q.: I understand that fanciers usually wash the birds before showing? A.: Yes. Q.: In washing, would you be bound to observe if there was any distinctive marks upon the bird? A.: Undoubtedly. Q.: You examined this bird, which is now before the court? A.: Yes. Q.: Did you find a mark upon that bird? A.: Yes, there is a small mark on the left thigh. Q.: Would the owner of that bird be bound to have noticed that mark in washing the bird? A.: He would be bound to see it. Q.: And I take it that if the owner of the bird had washed it and saw no mark, it follows that that is not the bird he washed? A.: That is so. Q.: You saw this bird at the Cowdenbeath show? A.: Yes. I did not see it at the Aberdeen show. Q.: Speaking generally of the defender's birds, have you found them very good specimens? A.: Yes, they can hold their own with any in Scotland. He breeds exceptionally good birds. Q.: Did you see what was pointed out to you as the parents of this bird? A.: Yes. It is quite like a bird from these parents. When I heard this bird was off these parents I was not at all surprised. It has quite the characteristics of the parents. Q.: Has Mr. Allison been very successful in breeding with the colour of his birds? A.: Yes. This bird was bred from a yellow hen, and was so highly coloured that it was shown as a cock. I remember him purchasing the mother of this bird in Glasgow some years ago. It was eventually discovered to be a hen.

Cross-examined: I have been in the Fancy for about ten years. Q.: Is there anything outstanding about that bird in court? A.: It is a good all-round specimen. I have not been at the Aberdeen shows. I know that very few of the Aberdeen fanciers exhibit at the larger shows. Their class is not very high. Q.: You would be surprised to learn that the man who bred that bird and parted company with it for six months was able to identify it? A.: No, I think he has made a mistake. Q.: Is there anything peculiar about the wing carriage of this bird? A.: I think the wing carriage is quite good. Q.: Is there anything abnormal? A.: No, I do not see it. There is no trace of the wings crossing.

Edward Barron, Glasgow, said he had been a breeder of Norwich Canaries and had acted as judge at various shows. He knew Mr. Allison, who was practically the only Aberdeen exhibitor at the south shows. He was one of the most successful exhibitors in Scotland. His birds were of a very high standard. Q.: I understand a point is made to get the colour as high as possible? A.: Yes, that is a point of the Norwich. Q.: How is that result reached? A.: There are many ways. Colour feeding is one of them. Q.: And has Mr. Lawson been very successful in that? A.: Yes, they have good colour. According to the catalogue, I do not think anybody else could have won the cup. Colour may be a point, but it is really the shape of the bird. I have seen this bird in Mr. Lawson's house. Q.: Did you find any mark upon it? A.: Yes, just at the thigh. Q.: Supposing that bird had been washed by the owner prior to sending it to the show, would he be bound to have seen that mark? A.: He would be a very careless owner that did not see it. Q.: A person who says he identifies this bird and states that he put it to two shows and washed it before putting it to the shows, and found no mark upon it, what have you to say to that? I should think he was making a mistake. Q.: Is that mark on the bird before the court a natural mark? A.: It appears to be a natural mark. I saw the parents of the bird. They

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are both typical big birds, much after the same style. The hen is an exceptionally high-coloured hen. The father is a good-coloured bird, and the mother, which was mistaken for a cock, has very good colour. As a young bird it was exhibited as a cock. Q.: What have you to say about Mr. Allison's stock? A.: He has a very high standard of stock.

Cross-examined: I have had twelve years' experience of the Fancy. Q.: Is there anything outstanding about that bird there? A.: It is a good-headed bird. Q.: Did you ever see a bird with a better head? A.: Oh, yes. Q.: Are you familiar with the kind of Canaries bred in Aberdeen? A.: I have seen one or two of them. Q.: For all you know that might be an outstanding bird in the Aberdeen show? A.: As far as I know, it might be. Q. So that it might strike an Aberdeen fancier much more than it would strike you as an exceptionally fine bird? A.: Yes. Q.: What about the colour of the bird? A.: It is a good colour. Q.: Isn't it exceptionally good? A.: I would not say so. In the breeding season a bird that is judged on shape would be very difficult to identify, because in the breeding season it loses that shape. Q.: If a man with 20 or 30 years' experience bred a bird and sold it for £15, and say, six or eight months afterwards could recognise it, would you be surprised at that? A.: It would all depend what he based his judgment upon. If the bird was in show condition there was a chance: It is a most difficult thing to tell a bird in the breeding season.

Mr. Andrew Maxwell (Partick, Glasgow) said he had bred Norwich Canaries and been a judge at the Scottish National Show. Mr. Allison was one of the principal exhibitors in Scotland at the present time. He had few equals in Scotland, and had been very successful. Q.: Judging from what he has exhibited at the various shows, do you think he is quite able to breed young birds fit to hold their own at any show? A.: Yes, I think so. Q.: I think very few of the Aberdeen fanciers go to the south shows? A.: Very few. I have seen Mr. Allison's stock of birds. It is a very fine stock. I have examined the bird in court. There is a mark upon it. Q.: Is that a mark which was bound to have been seen by any person washing it? A.: Yes, I would certainly say so. Q.: Is there anything else about the bird which could identify it after an interval of six months? A.: No. It would not be possible to identify it at this time of the year. The effect of the breeding season is that the bird loses shape. I would not take it upon myself to recognise the bird. It is the difference between the show condition and the breeding condition. I saw the parents of the bird, and they were well matched and likely to produce exhibition stock. Mr. Allison's stock is one of the finest Norwich all-round stocks.

Cross-examined: Q.: Are you prepared to say that a man who has bred and sold a bird for £15 would not know it six months afterwards? A.: Yes. I am prepared to say that. The chances are that he would not know it. Q.: Would you say that the bird in court has any tendency to cross its wings? A.: I find the very opposite.

This closed the proof, and the Sheriff intimated that he would give judgment on Thursday, July 20.

Verdict for the Defender with Costs.

On July 20 the Sheriff delivered judgment. He said that the only question was whether it had been proved that the bird which was exhibited was Lawson's bird or not. He had read the evidence with much attention, and he might say that the result of his deliberations was that the pursuers had failed to prove that the bird exhibited at the show was Lawson's bird. He thought it was a matter of common experience, and at all events it was in the evidence of both sides of the case, that it was extremely difficult to recognise a bird, which had only been seen in full plumage at the show, five or six months later in the breeding season.

The bird which was produced in court unquestionably had a characteristic mark on its left leg, which it was said would have readily been seen by the owner of the bird while he was washing it in preparation for showing. Lawson, the breeder of the bird, had no recollection of that mark at all. There was also a difference of opinion as to whether the bird crossed its wings. Lawson said the wings crossed, but several witnesses said there was no such tendency. Defender's family said that the bird was never out of the house until it died in January, and he was not prepared to say that that was a concocted story. With regard to defender's attitude when the charge was formulated, one would have supposed that he would have faced his accusers and told them that it was a lie. That was the natural plain man's way of treating a matter of that kind, but of course the human mind was a crooked thing, and some people had different methods of doing things. He thought pursuers had been unsuccessful in proving their case, and accordingly assoilzied defender, with expenses.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

J. P.—Answered by post.

A QUESTION OF FEEDING (T.W.B.H.).—When you have the young in a nursery hung on the front of the breeding cage, in which the hen is commencing to sit on another clutch of eggs, you must supply the same dietary for the old birds in the breeder as when the young are in with them. This is necessary in order that the cock may go on with the feeding of the young with soft food until they are capable of feeding themselves well on soft food at least. It is quite possible that the hen will get a little more rich egg food under these circumstances than might otherwise be deemed advisable, but, after all, this is a very secondary matter, as the young brood that are so nearly reared to a point of safety are the first consideration, and the extra feeding of the hen will not necessarily do any harm at all either way. You should also place a small shallow saucer of egg food in the nursery and sprinkle a little dry summer rape on top of it every morning to encourage the young to begin to help themselves, and as soon as you see that they are eating the soft food freely, and beginning to pick the rape, you may remove them to a cage by themselves, leaving the parents at liberty to go on with the other brood. There is no reason why the eggs now sitting should not be productive, and the young safely reared, provided the old birds do not drop into moult, which is the greatest risk now, but even if they should do so and the young have reached a week or so old, you should be able to save them by hand-rearing. It is not at all unusual for young birds only two days short of three weeks old to scurry out of the nest and not return to it, when the nest is touched for any purpose. It is far more trouble to keep a strong robust brood in the nest at this age than to scare them out.

YOUNG DYING (Mrs. Fitzgerald).—Although, as I am now saying almost every week, it is not possible to say with any degree of certainty what is the cause of birds dying, without a proper post-mortem examination, I think the evidence in your case is strongly in favour of the birds dying from the absorption of ptomaine poisons, for which the condition of the hemp seed would be quite accountable. A rather large proportion of it is quite unfit for food, and unless you can get a sample in which the kernel is of a nice milky-white colour when the seed is broken open, I would advise you to discard the use of hemp altogether for the time being. For the treatment of any birds that are now ill add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate or soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water for three consecutive days, and afterwards give instead four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week. As regards the food, give an unlimited supply of good sound canary seed, and in addition give separately each morning a heaped teaspoonful of egg food, mixed rather on the dry side and well sprinkled with maw seed, to each two birds, and in the afternoon throw out any that remains; wash the vessel and give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp (only if good sound seed), niger, white millet, teazle, summer rape, and broken groats. A pinch of rape may also be placed on top of the vessel of canary seed each morning until it is seen that the birds are eating the canary seed quite freely. A few seed stalks of plantain, trusses of seed heads of shepherd's purse, grass or sorrel seed heads, or blooms of nasturtiums or marigolds, may be given in place of other green food and to amuse the birds. Beyond this follow the general directions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and your losses should quickly cease.

IS IT CRITICAL? (Heathley).—No, I do not think there is any particular fatality about the ninth day of a young Canary's existence, any more than there is about the eighth or the tenth. That is, there is just the usual infantile risks lurking round about this time, or during the period when the quills are about making their appearance through the skin. I am inclined to think that the cause of your birds dying in the way you describe is that the hen is an indifferent feeder and allowed the youngest and weakest of the brood to "go to the wall." There are many hens that have this fault when the youngsters vary considerably in age and size, as frequently happens when the eggs hatch out on consecutive days, as your brood seems to have done. When a youngster is hatched three days later than the first of the brood, its chances of survival under a careless or indifferent hen are rather remote at any time, and it is to prevent this that fanciers adopt the method of removing the first three eggs as they are laid each day, and returning them on the evening of the third day, so that all may start incubation simultaneously and the young will hatch within a reasonably short period, and thereby all get a fairly even start in life. Should you have any more broods with these obvious inequalities in size and strength, you would do well to so transpose the chicks that all in each nest are reasonably equal in these respects, and you would find these losses materially less in consequence. When this is done an apparently small nest is of little moment, as each chick will be equally able to hold its own in the struggle for existence; but in your particular case it was quite right for you to give them more elbow room, though I doubt if it would have answered in the early part of the season when the nights were very chilly. As I read your letter it seems to me you have in use one of the old-fashioned breeding cages with a separate small compartment built in for the receptacle of the nest. If this is so, you would do well to get a modern type of box cage for another season, as the former type has many very objectionable features. The little peccadilloes of the varicgated hen would probably have been cured by giving her the mate you wished her to have and leaving things to follow their own course after. "Hooson's choice," without the alternative, would doubtless have cured her unreasonableness.

EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS (Tyrone).—Clean cage daily and strew the floor well with clean dry sawdust, and see that the perches are kept quite clean until the looseness is quite removed. Then, the following treatment should soon set matters right. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape only. In addition give separately a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted well with carbonate of bismuth and a pinch of maw seed sprinkled over all. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, and broken groats, or crushed arrowroot biscuit. In the water mix a small teaspoonful of chalk mixture, which may be had of any chemist. When giving this remove the water vessel for an hour or so, then shake up the mixture in the water and hang on cage for a short time, so that the bird will drink before the chalk has all settled to the bottom again; then remove it again for an hour or so and continue these tactics for two or three days, as may be necessary, that is, until the droppings have recovered the normal consistency. Do not give any succulent greenstuff at present, but seed heads of shepherd's purse, plantain stalks, or dandelion seed heads will do no harm.

INFLAMED EYE (H.Y.).—Get a few camomile flowers from a chemist, put six or eight into a teacup, fill up with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour. Then strain off the clear liquid, add a small teaspoonful of boracic acid, stir until dissolved, and when cold bathe the eye with a little of this liquid each evening for a week or so, as may seem necessary, using a small wad of wool and a drop of fresh liquid each time, and burning at once that which has been used. The loss of feathers is due to the rubbing caused by the irritation, and they will doubtless be reproduced quickly when the eye trouble is removed.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

COLOUR-FEEDING BRITISH BIRDS (Colour).—The questions of colour-feeding or not colour-feeding British birds is quite a matter of taste. My own idea is that a little colour-feed improves certain birds, but a good deal spoils them, better not to feed at all than overdo it. As yours are all together in the aviary, I would advise you to mix a portion of a good brand of sweet pepper in with the soft food, and let them help themselves, probably all will take some; the greedy ones, as usual, will get the lion's share, and come out strongest, and as these will probably be the Greenfinch and Siskin, no harm will be done. It is just possible that some will refuse to touch it. If either of these should happen to be the Bramble, Redpoll, or Chaffinch, it will not matter, as these birds are not improved by feeding. A good natural coloured specimen is hard to beat. Now about the quantity; commence with just a little at first, working it up gradually to a teaspoonful in six of tho egg-food, which will be quite strong enough. Colour is such an unknown quantity you cannot depend upon a bird coming out a certain shade; it all depends upon the amount of natural colour the bird possesses, and the state of its health; weakly birds never come out so rich as the robust ones. (2) The sample of wild seed sent is quite useful, it contains many different species. Give it to the birds in addition to their regular seeds, and let them select what they like. As yours is a mixed collection it is possible all will be eaten. (3) Your note on the Cuckoo is quite usual, the young ones generally find their way to gardens and shrubberies, where their particular food would be plentiful.

NO LUCK (Leo).—I am sorry your season has been a bad one, but I fear others besides yourself have been disappointed. The trouble with your Greenfinch is caused by an error in diet, certain food perhaps does not suit this particular bird. Where several are kept, the same food will sometimes keep most of them healthy, and yet you will have one or two doing badly on it. Your treatment should be as follows:—First cage the bird off by itself, give an aperient of ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in one ounce of water, repeating the dose two days later. Allow a spoonful of scalded or soaked rape seed daily, and the same quantity of soft food; give no other seeds until it is eaten. Squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon juice in the drinking water daily. As your bird will soon be moulting, the new feathers will appear then on the bare places, if not before. (2) It is the usual practice to allow muling pairs to fly together for part of the winter at least; this is done to let the birds get thoroughly used to each other before breeding time. Occasionally one can notice that certain birds take to each other; these should be paired together if it does not interfere with one's plans, as these mutual friendships generally tend to success. By letting them all fly together occasionally they lose all fear of each other, and friendships are strengthened. At this season of the year they can be caged as most convenient.

MAGPIES, JAYS, AND JACKDAWS (Magpie).—The best way of feeding the larger British birds is to have a sound staple food, such as Melox or high-class chicken meal, soaked in hot water or gravy. Give them all scraps from the table, such as potato, suet pudding, bread and milk, lean meat, etc. Offer occasionally a small dead bird or mouse, beetles and any large insects you can procure. A few acorns, maize, and barley, will be acceptable, besides fruit. All these should not be given at once, but managed so that the birds get a variety in diet. (3) The cage or aviary should not be less than 3 feet in length. Short lengths of broom handles make capital perches, two of these placed one foot apart will do admirably. Magpies, Jays, and Daws all make an effort to talk, but of the three I prefer the Magpie. Get a hand-reared bird and commence his education at once by repeating a few words to him every time you go near the cage; he will soon imitate you. Wire netting makes a good front to the cage, the mesh should be ¾ or 1 inch; it looks neater than a larger one, and prevents the bird getting his head through. Water and food should be placed outside. As a rule cats will not molest these large birds. One good blow from the powerful beak is sufficient for most pussies.

TROUBLE WITH JACKDAW AND JAYS. (E. T.).—I fancy from the particulars you send me that you are giving your birds too much meat. This should be used sparingly with all birds kept in confinement. An aperient will probably put them both right. Give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in one ounce of water, and let them have this to drink for one day, then repeat two days later, and afterwards give them a dose occasionally. Reduce the quantity of butcher's meat; but if you can get a small dead bird or mouse, you can let them have it. I would also advise you to give them a little fruit of some kind daily. If the foot of the young Jay is at all sore, bathe it with a solution of boracic acid. Keep cage and perches perfectly clean. Read reply to "Magpie" in this issue.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BLUE-FRONT WITH BRITTLE FEATHERS AND DIARRHŒA (M. F. H.).—Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit (any kind it will take), dry biscuits, crusts, and a little plain cake, nuts (shelled and unshelled), grit, cuttle-bone, water, and a chunk of wood should be continually in the cage. It can have green peas and a piece of raw carrot, and other green food. Give also a little boiled maize; boil till soft (the corn should remain whole and not be a wet sticky mass), drain off the water, add ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion, stir with a fork and supply when cool; this must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the water with chemical food. Keep in as regular a temperature as possible and out of all draught, yet not in a stuffy corner; it must have light and air without draught. Report progress in two or three weeks.

BIRD MEDICINES AND BUDGERIGARS. (Espérance).—The medicines referred to are good for all species of cage birds; but I cannot say if they are now good, though if kept as you state they should be. You should remember what they appeared like when received, and if no change has taken place it should be a reasonable inference that they are fit for use; more than this, I cannot say. Re chemical food, colour the drinking water lightly with this at first, and when it becomes accustomed to it it can be given much stronger, but at first they often refuse to drink the water if it is at all highly coloured. Keep the bird in a fairly regular temperature, but where it will get light and air, yet not be in a draught. It has been a bad year for birds, the dull, wet, cold weather has been responsible for many losses among all classes of birds.

HAND-REARING BUDGIES AND COCKATEELS (D. I. P.).—I must apologise for having informed you wrongly, but the book in question was written by a successful breeder of both species, and I quite understood it contained the information asked for. I must confess to not having read it. Personally, I have never bothered with hand-rearing either species, but a lady aviculturist has had much success with the following method: The really troublesome part is the first few days with quite young birds, but they soon learn to eat from a dish and take to white millet quite naturally as soon as they are able to crack it. For the first two or three days the food must be given quite sloppy, and is simply poured down their throats (of course only a drop at a time); the food used was Osborne biscuits and crushed wheat, varied with "Uvceo" and crushed wheat, made moist with weak milk (condensed milk and boiling water). They were kept in a snugly lined basket in a warm part of the bathroom, and while unfledged, were lightly covered with a piece of flannel to take the place of the brooding parent.

WHAT PARROT? (A. R. B).—Your query must have gone astray, or it would certainly have been answered. Green Parrakeets are almost legion, and it is not always easy to answer from a written description. It is not a Budgerigar, but, I think, a young Ring-necked Parrakeet, and it cannot be sexed at present as the young birds and adult hens are similar in plumage and have no ring round the neck, like the adult males. Diet: Seed mixture, dry biscuits, ripe fruit, green food, shelled nuts, and a little plain cake, grit, cuttle bone, water, and a chunk of wood should be continuously in the cage.

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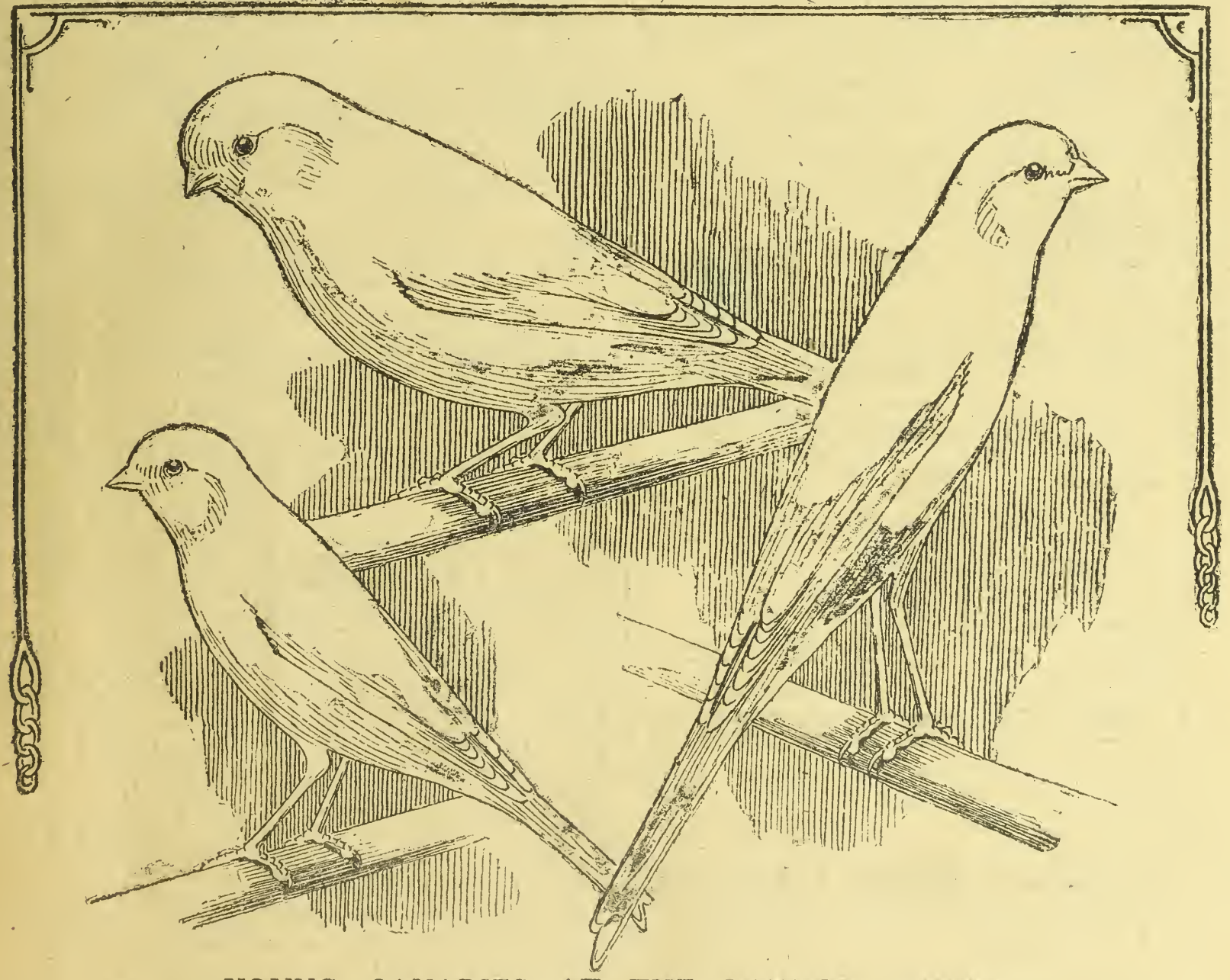
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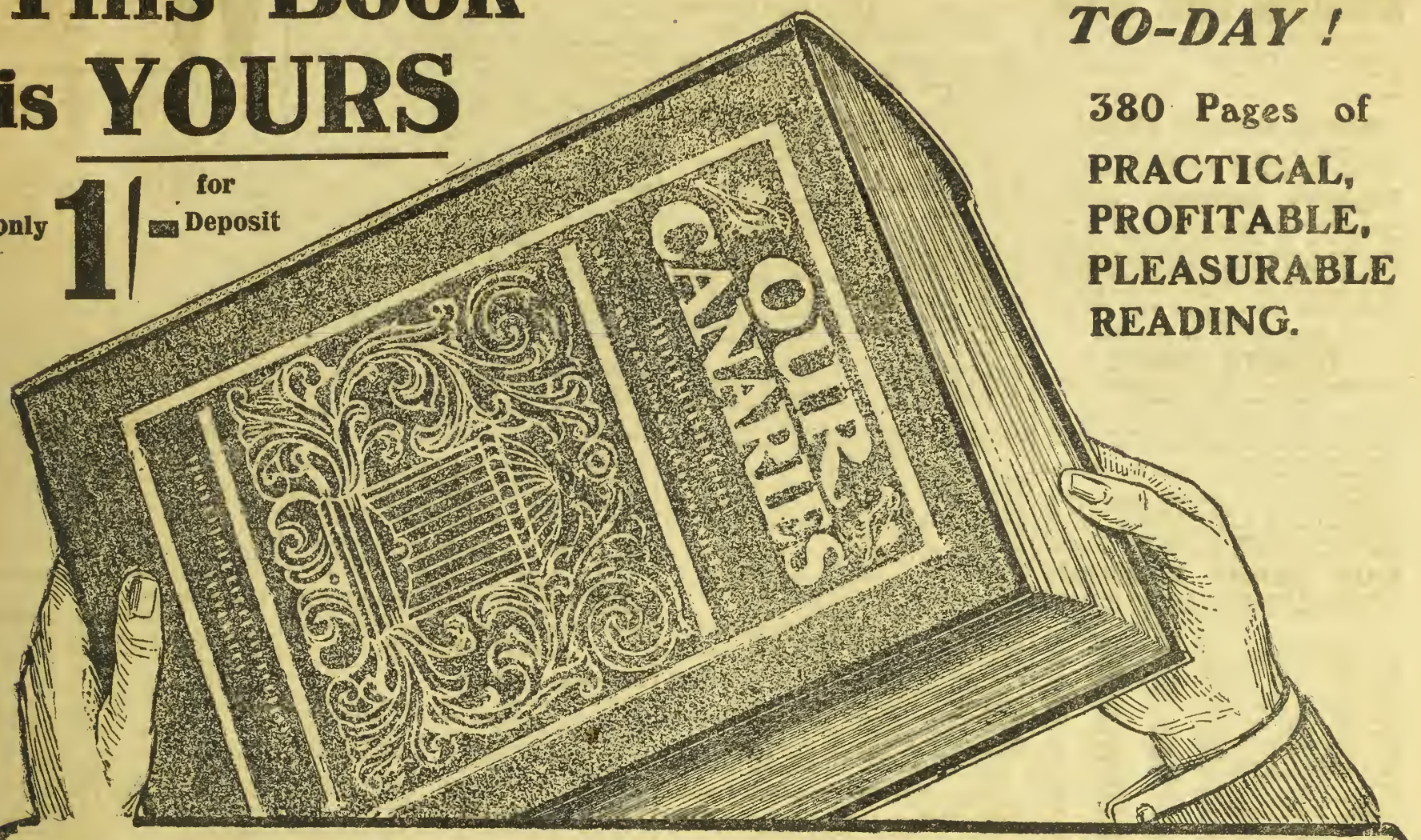
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PONTEFRACT.

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LEEDS.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Linnet contest, July 30; 21 birds sang. 1, Watson; 2, Knott; 3, Smith; 4, Thompson. Judges, Mr. Lacy, J. Thompson; timekeeper, B. Oaky.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Linnet singing contests, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, July 30; 19 birds sang: 1, H .Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, shared between H. Playforth and Pickersgill. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

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HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

2nd F.F. show, July 29, headquarters; 57 birds staged, all Yorkshires. Judge, Mr. Mundell, Bradford, who gave general satisfaction. Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, Haigh; 2, Cheetham; 3, Bray; vhc, c, Sykes; he, Skinn. Buff (16): 1, sp, Whitehead; 2, Calverley; 3, Skinn; vhc, A. Radley; he, Bray; c, Smithies. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell. (17): 1, Cheetham; 2, Haigh; 3, c, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, he, Sykes. Buff (10): 1, Thorpe; 2, Skinn; 3, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, Bray; he, c, Shanks. Cinn. Mkd. (5): 1, Sykes; 2, Gledhill; 3, Cox; vhc, Hicks; he, A. Radley. Table show proposed for Aug. 7 has been put back until Aug. 14.—A. Lawford, Sec.

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Nest feather show, Victoria Hall, July 22. Owing to members having a poor breeding season entries were very few, but quality was up to its usual standard. In the challenge bowl class Messrs. Hathaway and Elliott scored equal points, 11 each. Mr. J. Gibbons, Wolverhampton, judged, and gave complete satisfaction. Challenge Bowl: 1, 4, Hathaway; 2, 3, Elliott; vhc, c, England; he, Lee. Hen: 1, 4, vhc, Hathaway; 2, Elliott; 3, England; he, Wood; c, Lee. Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell.: 1 2, Hathaway; 3, England; 4 Lee. Buff: 1, Elliott; 2, Lee; 3, England. Tkd. or Lightly Varieg. Yell.: 1, 3, Hathaway; 2, Elliott; 4, England; vhc, Wood. Buff: 1, Elliott; 2, Hathaway; 3, England; 4, Lee. Heavily Varieg. or Green: 1, Wood.

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BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

3rd F.F. show, held Victoria Hotel, July 22. Mr. W. Richmond judged 44 birds and gave general satisfaction. Class 1 (8): 1, Smith; 2, 4, Boocock; 3, Dykes. Class 2 (6): 1, Greenwood; 2, Dykes; 3, Chittenden; 4, Alred. Class 3 (5): 1, 3, Boocock; 2, Greenwood; 4, Bloomfield. Class 4 (6): 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Chittenden; 4, Boocock. Class 5 (8): 1, Boocock; 2, 3, Chittenden; 4, Greenwood. Class 6 (5): 1 Dykes; 2, Chittenden; 3, Goult; 4, Bloomfield. Class 7 (7): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Greenwood; 4, Alred. Special best bird, Dykes, most points champ., Dykes; Nov., Greenwood. Points up to date, Champ.: Boocock 59, Dykes 53, Chittenden 41, Bloomfield 36, Fretwell 25. Nov.: Greenwood 43, Smith 27, Alred 15, Goult 11, Lloyd 10, Riddihough 4.

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First young bird and British show, July 22, St. Thomas' Institute. There was a grand turn-out of birds, 73 being staged. Mr. Riseborough judged and gave great satisfaction. Special winners: Best bird, Greenwell; three nominated birds, Baxter; most points and most entries, Curry; best novice, Fraser; best Linnet or Goldf.: Waters. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, spl., Fraser; 2, Dixon. Buff: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Watson; vhc, he, Fraser; c, Dixon. Nor. Varieg. Yell.: 1, vhc, Coppock; 2, Gleghorn; 3, Watson; he, Dixon. Buff: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Dixon. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Baxter. Buff: 1, 2, Baxter; 3, vhc, Gleghorn. Yorks Varieg. Yell.: 3, Hirons. Buff: 1, Hirons. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Buff: 1, Baxter; 2, Barnes; 3, Dixon. Mkd., Varieg. or Yell.: 1, sp., Greenwell; 2, 3, Barnes. Buff: 1, Baxter. Green Yell., Self or Foul: 1, Greenwell; 2, Peacock. Buff: 1, Peacock; 2, 3, Greenwell. Rollers: 1, 2, 3, Baker. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Peacock; 3, Fraser; vhc, Dixon. Mules: 1, Hirons; 2, Brown. Goldf.: 1, spl, Waters; 2, Curry. Greenf.: 1, Ridley; 2, 3, Duke. Linnet, H.-M.: 1, spl, Waters; 2, Ridley; 3, Scott; vhc, Curry. F.-M.: 1. he, Curry; 2, Waters; 3, Greenwell; vhc, Baker; c, Duke. Chaff., etc.: 1, Dixon; 2, Waters; 3, Curry; vhc, Ridley. Siskin, etc.: 1, Dixon; 2, Waters; 3, Curry; vhc, Ridley. Siskin, etc.: 1, Greenwell; 2, Waters; 3, Curry; vhc, Scott; he, c, Peacock. Softbill: 1, 2, Curry.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Ninth annual young bird show of Canaries and Mules, under the auspices of the Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Canary Club, City Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, July 29. Norwich and Yorks. failed to come up in numbers to former years, but Borders showed a marked improvement both in type and in numbers, and the class provided for Greens fully realised its inception, the competition being exceptionally keen, and the birds of a very high standard. Another innovation was a class for Lizards, which contained a few clear and broken cap golds and silvers of exceptional merit. Mr. W. B. Gillies won special best bird with a very neat variegated Border. Mr. A. McFarlane, Shawlands, judged. The show was well patronised during the afternoon, and many well-known faces were seen. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, Dick. Buff.: 1, Dick; 2, 3 and 4, Findlay. Var. Yell.: 1, Dick; 2, Findlay. Buff: 1, Dick; 2 and 3, Findlay. Cl. or Tkd. Bord. (8): 1 and 2, Gillies; 3 and 4, Cassidy; 5, F. McGowan; 6 and 7, Findlay. Var. (11): 1, sp and 2, Gillies; 3, 6 and 7, Chalmers; 4, Adam; 5, F. McGowan. Green (10): 1 and 3, Gillies; 2 and 6, F. McGowan; 4, Chalmers; 5 and 7, Adam. Cinn. (6): 1, 3, 5 and 6, Findlay; 2 and 4, Gillies. Liz. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Adam. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Steel; 2, Anderson; 3, Robb. Buff: 1 and 4, Whitelaw; 2 and 3, Steel. A.O.V.: 1 and 5, Findlay; 2 and 4, Adam; 3, Dick. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Steel; 2 and 3, Adam. Nov., A.V.: 1 and 3, Cassidy; 2, Whitelaw.—J. H. Adam, sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual young bird show, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., July 15th inst. The show was a great success, there being 20 entries more than last year, and in the opinion of the judge the birds were of better merit. Visitors from all parts gave the show a visit; the birds were well staged round the large club room by the show committee, Messrs. Harrison, Durham, and Dyer. Mr. H. Bell is going well for the silver cup with 30 points, and Gilbert, the runner-up, with 21 points. Mr. Herring won special best bird; Mrs. Harrison, best bird shown by a lady; other specials were won by Messrs. Herring, H. Bell, F. Harrison, W. Gilbert, Durham, and Shakespeare. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Champ. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Buff (2): 1, Gilbert; 2, H. Bell. Mark or Varieg. Yell. (4): 1, Shakespeare; 2, Gilbert; 3, vhc, Bell. Buff (3): 1, 3, Bell; 2, Gilbert. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (3): 1, Herring; 2, 3, Gilbert. Buff (4): 1, Herring; 2, 3, vhc, Gilbert. Mark or Varieg. Yell. (2): 1, 2, Herring. Buff (2): 1, 2, Herring. Bord.: 1, Shakespeare. Amat. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (1): 1, Harrison. Buff (2): 1, 3, Cullers. Mark or Varieg. Buff (4): 1, vhc, Harrison; 2, Ayris; 3, Cullers. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (3): 1, 2, 3, Stubb. Buff (1): 1, Stubb. Mark or arieg. Yell. (2): 1, Stubb; 2, Mrs. Harrison. Buff (1): 1, Stubb. Crest or C.B. (1): 1, Ayris. A.O.V. (2): 1, Harrison; 2, Ayris. Nov. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (2): 1, M. A. Bell; 2, Etherington. Buff (2): 1, Etherington; 2, M. A. Bell. Mark or Varieg. Yell.: 1, M. A. Bell. Buff: 1, M. A. Bell. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Dyer. Buff (4): 1, Durham; 2, 3, Dyer. Mark or Varieg. Yell. (9): 1, 2, Durham; 3, Dyer. Buff (4): 1, 3, Durham; 2, vhc, Dyer. Mules 1916, Light Goldf., Cap., Goldf. (2): 1, H. Bell; 2, M. A. Bell. Linnet or Siskin (4): 1, Durham; 2, Miss Cullers. Our old member, F. Green, who has been wounded and is now well, had a good time with us.—W. Gilbert.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, July 29, Fountain Inn. Entries were not so good as at last show, but some very good birds were staged. Mr. T. Boocock, Bolton Woods, showed a champion yellow and a good yellow uneven marked. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged, and his awards were well received. Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, 4, T. Boocock; vhc, Stebbings; he, Wilcock. Buff: 1, Wilcock; 2, T. Boocock. Varieg. Yell.: 1, 2, T. Boocock; 3, Pearson; 4, he, Stebbings. Buff: 1, Stebbings; 2, Pearson. Yell. Nor.: 1, Markwell; 2, Wilcock. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Markwell. No meeting until Sept. 2, owing to holidays, etc.—Sam Wilcock, sec.

W.C.O.S.

Nest feather show, July 19, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street. Entries were about the same, 64 birds being staged, and quality was again top line, especially in Norwich and Cinnamons. Judges:—Yorks., C. Large; Nor., W. Spillman; Cinns. and A.O.V., A. Brown; British and Mules, W. Oliver. Cup winners, most points: Yorks., Craven; Nor., Moffitt; Crests, Bavage; Cinns., Craven; A.O.V., Rowe; Mules, Perrin; British, Cheney; Novice, Deakin.—J. E. Rowe, Press Corres.—The marked prize list sent gives the principal winners as follows:—Yorks., Craven, Olver, Hambley; Nor., Moffit, Deakin; Cinn., Rapson, Craven, Perrin; Mules, Rowe, Large, Perrin, Wells, Hainbley; Brit., Hambley, Chency, Smale; For., Smale.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Nest feather show, Barley Mow Hotel, Wakefield-road. 58 birds were judged to the satisfaction of all, by C. S. Walker, West Bowling. Champion Section.—Class 1 (5): 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, 4, Robinson. Class 2 (12): 1, 2, Casey; 3, 4, Padgett. Class 3 (3): 1, Casey; 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson; Class 4 (6): 1, 3, 4, Casey; 2, Robinson. Class 5 (5): 1, Pownall Bros.; 2, 3, Hudson. Class 6 (2): 1, Pownall Bros.; 2, Hudson. Novice.—Class 7 (6): 1, 4, Robinson; 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Nicholl. Class 8 (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Hodgson; 3, 4, Nicholl. Class 9 (5): 1, Nicholl; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Wood and Mirfield. Class 10 (6): 1, J. G. Hodgsen; 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Nicholl; 4, Robinson. Class 11 (1): 1, Robinson. Class 12 (2): 1, Nicholl; 2, Wood and Mirfield. Highest points in N.F. shows, Champ.: Casey 55, points for medal, 67 cup; Padgett, 45 medal, 53 cup. Novice.—Robinson 51, 63; Wood and Mirfield, 38, 45; Nicholl, 54, 67; J. G. Hodgson, 37, 58.—J. Nicholl, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Second young bird show, July 24, Carlton Hotel, with 75 entries. British came up better at this show. Messrs. Escott and James, Porth, and Winstone put down some excellent birds in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections, and birds were shown by members who were unable to show at the June show: novice classes were much stronger. Special best bird was won by Mr. E. Thomas with a var. yell Nor., runner up Mr. Skerratt with a Yorks. Other special winners were Wells, most points Nor. and Yorks.: James, Nov. Nor.; Bevan, Nov. Yorks.; Winstone, Brit. Mr. Maggs and Mr. Bank judged Canaries, Mr. H. C. Smith, British. Norwich, Class 1: 1, E. Thomas. Class 2: 1, 4, James and Wills; 2, Phelps; 3, Thomas. Class 3: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, James and Wills; 4, Phelps. Class 4: 1, vhc, Winston; 2, Thomas; 3, 4, James and Wills. Nov. Nor., Class 5: 1, Escott and James; 2, J. James. Class 6: 1, 3, Rev. Norriss; 2, 4, vhc, he, James. Class 7: 1, 3, 4, James; 2, Escott and James. Class 8: 1, Bevan; 2, Rev. Norriss. Yorks., Class 9: 1, James and Wills; Class 10: 1, James and Wills. Class 11: 1, 2, James and Wills. Class 12: 1, 3, James and Wills; 2, Brailli. Nov. Yorks., Class 13: 1, Bevan; 2, 3, Skerratt; 4, Manning. Class 14: 1, Skerratt; 2, White; 3, Bevan. Class 15: 1, Skerratt; 2, 3, Bevan. Class 16: 1, 3, Bevan; 2, White; 4, Rev. Yeoman; vhc, Manning. Mule, 1916: 1, Escott and James. Any age: 1, 2, 4, Winstone; 3, Bevan. Goldf.: 1, 2, Escott and James; 3, Winstone. Bullf.: 1, 2, Winstone; 3, Escott and James; 4, Bevan. Greenf.: 1, 3, Winstone; 2, 4, vhc, Escott and James. Linnet, etc.: 1, 2, 4, c, Winstone; 3, vhc, Escott and James; he, Bevan. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Winstone; 2, 3, Escott and James.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, July 8, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Hill Street; over 90 birds entered, about 30 more than last year. Mr. W. G. Andrews, who had been selected as judge, was unable to keep the engagement owing to working on munitions. However, Mr. G. Baker, Perry Barr, was secured at an hour's notice, and gave entire satisfaction. We were pleased to see so many out-of-town members, Messrs. Kettle (Kidderminster), Clarke (Hagley), Loach (Wolverhampton), Price (Walsall), Greenwood (Coleshill), Richards (Bromsgrove), and Mrs. B. Robinson (Redditch) all being present, in addition to a great number of local members. There were 33 entries in Norwich classes, 34 in Yorks., 22 in Mule and British classes, and 2 in others. This speaks well for the growth of nearly every section of the Society. We were extremely sorry Mr. J. A. Eckersley's birds did not turn up for the Norwich classes after having been entered. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Collier; vhc, Loach. Buff: 1, Loach; 2, 3, Derry. Var.: 1, 3, he, Bastock; 2, Collier; vhc, Loach; c, Derry. Nov. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, sp, and 2, Carter. Buff: 1, sp, 3, Harris; 2, Jones; vhc, Westwood; he, Wakefield; c, Jeffrey. Nov. Var.: 1, Ward; 2, vhc, Westwood; 3, Jones; he, Wakefield; c, Matty. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, sp, he, Cowley; 2, vbc, Swinden; 3, Richards; c, Barron. Buff: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, he, Richards; vbc and c, Ankers. Var.: 1, Cowley; 2, Richards; 3, Ankers. Nov. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2 and sp, Sheldon; 3, c, W. Clarke; vhc, W. Clarke; he, Allen. Buff: 1, 3, Hawkesford; 2, vbc, Sheldon; he and c, Chattaway. Nov. Var.: 1, 2, 3, Sheldon; vhc, c, W. Clarke; he and c, Chattaway. Cinn. Buff: 1, Matty. Mule or Hyb., any age: 1, Bastock; 2, Robinson; 3, Price. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, Ward; 2, Barron; vhc, Ward; he, Robinson; c, Parkes. Linnet, Siskin, etc.: 1, Barron; 2, 3, Ward; vhc, he, Robinson; c, Parkes. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Robinson; vhc, Barron. Softbill: 1, Robinson; 2, Jeffreys.—A. C. Shirley, sec.

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Annual nest feather show, Co-op. Hall, July 15. Members put up a grand show. Entries were 120, and quality was of the usual high class. The success is undoubtedly due to the energy of our sec., Mr. G. Greenwell. Norwich were not so plentiful as last year, but Border classes were of high merit. Mr. Wigglesworth won the cup with three grand Yorks. for the third year in succession. Mr. McCloud spl. best Canary, a tip-top yell. Nor., it being the first time this young fancier has shown. Mr. Couchman won spl. best Brit. with a very good Goldf., and Mr. Masterman most points in British. Our secretary won the runner-up medal. The attendance was a record. Mr. Crawhall judged and gave every satisfaction. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Edwards; vhc, Bainbridge. Buff: 1, McGinn; 2, 3, McGinn; vhc, Coultard; he, McKay. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, McKay; 2, McGinn; 3, he, Fleck; vhc, Bainbridge; c, Wordsworth. Buff: 1, McGinn; 2, Couchman; 3, Edwards; vhc, Fleck; he, McKay. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Wiggleworth; 3, vhc, Bainbridge. Buff: 1, 2, Wiggleworth; 3, vhc, Bainbridge. Bord. Yell. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Johnson; 2, c, Affleck; 3, Craig; vhc, Bevor; he, Espie. Buff: 1, 2, Bevor; 3, Lucas; vhc, Espie; he, White; c, Couchman. Yell. Mkd. or Var.: 1, Greenwell; 2, 3, Bevor. Buff: 1, Lucas; 2, Affleck; 3, Espie; vhc, Craig; he, Johnston; c, Blakey. Gr. Yell.: 1, c, Greenwell; 2, Johnston; 3, Montgomery; vhc, Affleck; he Blakey. Buff: 1, Montgomery; 2, vhc, Farrer; 3, Greenwell; he, Johnston; c, Greenwich. Cinn: 1, 3, Farrer; 2, vhc, c, McDougall; he, Espie. Cinn. Nor.: 1, Simpson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Masterman. Mules, Dark: 1, Hirons; 2, Bevor. Goldf.: 1 Couchman best Brit.; 2, Scott; 3, Johnston; vhc, he, Masterman; c, McGinn. Greenf.: 1, Hooper; 2, Johnston; 3, vhc, Masterman; he, Greenwell. Linnet, H.-M.: 1, Johnston; 2, Simpson; 3, Scott; vhc, Masterman; he, Fleck. F.-M.: 1, Coultard; 2, Simpson; 3, Couchman; vhc, Masterman; he, Greenwell. Chaff., etc.: 1, 2, c, Hopper; 3, vhc, Couchman; he, Simpson. Siskin, etc.: 1, c, Masterman; 2, Scott; 3, Johnston; vhc, Greenwell; he, Simpson.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Nest feather show July 29, Colliery Inn, with a good entry of 74 birds. We are running 57 classes in our annual show, Nov. 4, and six or more singing birds to be drawn for the aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' fund, half the proceeds to each society. Mr. Riseborough and Mr. Swann judged. Norwich Yell.: 1, vhc, 2, sp, Briggs; 3, Elliott; he, Forster, Bailes. Buff: 1, Bates; 2 and 3, Elliott; vhc, Goldin. Crest or C.B.: 1, 2, he, c, Stanger; 3 and 4, W. Forster. Yorks.: 1 and he, Wyhatt; 2 and 3, Forster; vhc, Goldin; c, Towers. Bord.: 1 and 3, Towers; 2, vhc and he, Young; c, Stanger. A.O.V.: 1, Stanger. Mule or Hyb.: 1 and 3, Boyd; 2, Forster. Linnet: 1, Young; 2 and 3, Boyd; vhc, Goldin. Greenf.: 1 and 2, Boyd; 3, Towers; vhc, McDonald. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Forster, 2, Towers. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Rev. Appleton; 2, Forster. A.V. Finch: 1, McDonald. A.O. Brit.: 1, Boyd; 2, Stanger.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Second N.F. show, July 22, headquarters. Mr. A. Wellings judged the 106 birds staged and gave complete satisfaction. Special best bird, Handley. Champ. most points, Wilson. Nov., Worrall. Challenge cup, Hindley, 40; Wilson, 37; Tullock, 31; Fairclough, 26; Leadbitter, 17. Nov. cup: Worrall, 80; Huston, 52; Satterthwaite, 37; Cothliff, 28; Croft, 20; G. Wright, 20; Howard, 9. Champ. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, c, Tullock; vhc, Bracken; he, Handley. Buff: 1. Wilson: 2, vbc, Satterthwaite; 3, Tullock; he, c, Bracken. Uneven mkd. or var. buff: 1, Bracken; 2, Tullock; 3, vhc, Satterthwaite. Yorks Green Self Yell.: 1, spl, 3, Handley; 2, Wilson; vhc, he, Fairclough; c, Leadbitter. Foul Yell.: 1, Wilson; 2, Handley; 3, Tullock. Self Buff: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Fairclough; vhc, c, Leadbitter; he, Wilson. Nov. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Howard; 2, 3, Huston; vhc, c, Satterthwaite; he, Worrall. Buff: 1, vhc, Huston; 2, he, Satterthwaite; 3, Worrall; c, G. R. Wright. Uneven or Var. Yell.: 1, Howard; 2, Croft; 3, G. R. Wright. Buff: 1, Croft; 2, 3, vhc, Worrall; he, G. R. Wright; c, Satterthwaite. Cinn. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Worrall; 3, Satterthwaite. Buff: 1. Satterthwaite; 2, Worrall. Yorks. Green Self Yell.: 1, Huston; 2, 3, Worrall. Foul Yell.: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, Satterthwaite. Self Buff: 1, 2, Worrall; 3, Huston; vhc, Wright. Foul Buff: 1, 2, Huston; 3, Cothliff; vhc, Worrall; he, Wilson. A. E. Huyton, Hon. Sec.

HOLSWORTHY.

There was a nice little collection at the show of the Holsworthy Society on July 27, and quality generally was good. The show was run for the benefit of the fund for supplying comforts to Devon lads with the forces in Mesopotamia and India. Mr. Hicks and his committee had all the arrangements well in hand, and judging by the attendance the venture should prove a big success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (9): 1, 2, he, c, spl, Badcock Bros., lovely, feathered buff, grand shape and style; 2, smart, stylish, young yellow, holds himself well, nice qual. of feather; 3, vhc, Hicks, neat shapely young buff, good feather and pos.; 4, Carpenter. A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, vhc, he, spl, Hicks, smart, typical, well feathered cl. yell. Nor., and a neat varieg. buff Crest; 2, 3, French, varieg. yell. Nor., bonny, type, col., and qual., but had a damaged tail, 3, very shapely, silky feathered buff Nor. MULE (7): 1, spl, Tooze, large, well feathered, nicely mkd. dark buff Goldf.-Can.; 2, Hicks, grandly feathered buff Greenie-Can., good shape and size; 3, vbc, Rendles, big yell. varieg. Goldf.-Can., not in the best of form; 4, Hunt; he, Miss M. Parker; c, Shoebrook. GOLDF. (7): 1, 2, spl, Miss Amy Viale, beauties, very rich col. faces, grand feather and bars, full of style, very steady, 1st has it in size of blaze; 3, 4, c, French, wonderful body col., grand style and feather, smaller in blaze, 4, nicely mkd., good col., but wild: vhc, he, Hicks. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, spl, Hicks, a grandly mkd., good col., nicely feathered Yellow Bunting, a good Greenf., another Bunting, and a Greenf. FOR. (2): 1, 2, he, Carpenter, very nicely mkd., good col. Budgerigar.

PLASMARL C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 22. This being the first venture the society is to be congratulated on the way everything was turned out. The show was acknowledged to be one of the prettiest shows held in the neighbourhood. Entries numbered 130. Mr. J. Hocking judged, and seemed to give satisfaction. The officials, who included Messrs. H. Fry, D. Rees, T. James, D. C. Jones, A. Bowen, Dutton, and R. Isaac, show manager, intend holding an open show at an early date.

Nor. Yell.: 1, sp, Jones; 2, 3, Slocombe. Buff: 1, 2, Richards; 3, Slocombe. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Owens. Buff: 1, Hayward; 2, 3, Owens. Bord. Yell.: 1, sp, 3, 4, Davies; 2, vhc, Richards; he, Gilbert. Buff: 1, Richards; 2, 3, Evans; 4, Rees. Gr.: 1, 2, 3, Richards. Cinn.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Morgans. Dark Goldf. Mule: 1, sp, 3, Shaw; 2, 4, 5, Mathews; 6, Slocombe. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, G. Jones. Buff: 1, 3, D. C. Jones; 2, Slee; 4, James. Hen: 1, sp, Slee; 2, 3, D. C. Jones. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Hayward. Buff: 1, Hayward; 2, D. C. Jones; 3, 4, Fery. Hen: 1, sp, 3, Fry; 2, 4, Hayward. Bord. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, James; 3, Hill; 4, vhc, Dommett. Buff: 1, 3, 4, 5, Edgington; 2, Rees; 7, 8, Hill. Green: 1, Dommett. Cinn.: 1, 2, Davies. Linnet Mule: 1, 2, 3, Rees. Old Birds.—Nor.: 1, Davies; 2, D. C. Jones; 3, Slocombe; 4, Dutton. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Owen; 4, Hayward; 5, Gamage. Bord. Cl.: 1, James; 2, 3, Davies; 4, Yeandle; 5, Richards; 6, 7, Rees. Green: 1, Yeandle; 2, 3, Richards. Cinn.: 1, Yeandle. Goldf.: 1, Slocombe; 2, 5, J. Rees; 3, 4, J. J. Rees; 6, Watkins. Linnet: 1, Slocombe; 2, Gregory; 3, Comley. Bullf.: 1, 2, Gregory; 3, 4, 5, Thomas. Greenf.: 1, 2, 3, Gregory. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Lucas; 2, 3, 4, Gregory. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Lucas; 2, Shaw; 3, 5, Gully; 4, 6, Dutton.—Alf Hutchings.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Selecting officers for open show. Members please attend so that we can get work in hand.—W. Newell.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Important business; fixing of show, etc.—Geo. Sawer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Bodmin Street Schoolroom, 8. We hope to have a lecture on British birds.—D. Havenhand.

Barry F. and F.S.—Aug. 12, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show and lecture.—H. P. Thomas.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Select judges for annual show, etc.; N.F. show for Norwich and Borders, two classes each, clears and marks; birds staged 7.30. Mr. Jos. Carr judge.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Church Inn, 7. Electing sec.—J. Brooks.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Aug. 8, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 7.30. Club and show business.—Jos. Kilshaw.

Bowling B.F.A.—No meeting on August Bank Holiday.—J. Nicholl.

Burnley C.B.S.—Aug. 6, 75, Lindsay Street. Gen. meeting; business important.—W. Broxup. (Please send your address and use our printed cards.—Ed.)

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Aug. 5, King's Head Hotel (T. Thompson's), 6.30. Annual show schedule, specials, etc., and other business.—R. Ward.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Howard's Dining Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Aug. 5, 8. Enrol new members; unsold tickets for young stock show returnable; all fanciers welcome.—A. Wright.

Cowdenbeath.—Aug. 5, Raith Arms Inn, 6. Gen. business.—A. Robertson.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Balance-sheet F.F. show. Question night, limit three question only on paper. Mr. H. Norman will attend.—W. D. Eryett.

Denton C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Sec.'s Residence, 8. Gen. business.—A. Wright.

East Ardsley.—Aug. 5. No meeting.—A. Walton.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Aug. 5, Station Hotel. Members' show; birds staged at 3. L. C. Casey judge. Monthly meeting at 7; business important.—B. Hainsworth.

Halifax O.S.—Aug. 5, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Business important, and lecture on Wild Seeds by Mr. F. Greenwood, Hebden Bridge.—J. J. Dunn.

Islington F.A.—Aug. 7, Headquarters, 8. Young stock show and other very important business.—W. Bibb.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.45. Final arrangements for table N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 5, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Altering of annual show date, and important discussion; new members invited; subs. due.—T. J. McGregor.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Aug. 10, Oldham Hall, 8. Methods of moulting British birds, by Mr. C. Houlton. Fanciers cordially invited.—T. R. Jones.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Aug. 5, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Election of new members; prizes for the late young bird show, and other business.—W. Gilbert

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. To consider the position of the society, to decide whether an open show is to be held on the dates already arranged, and other very important business. Please note date.—J. W. Reed.

Partick C.B.C.—Aug. 4, Forresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road, 8. Classification of Border Fancies for annual show.—T. Fraser.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Headquarters, Baker's Restaurant, 6.30. Appointment of judges and classification for open show; presentation of prize cards.—W. D. Lewis.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Aug. 11, Union Buildings, 7.45. Arrangements for old bird show and general business.—F. Faulkner.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Mrs. H. Ahbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 6.30. Business important; intending members please attend. Annual subs. must be paid by Sept. 19, 1916, to exhibit at open show, Oct. 7, at reduced entry fee.—Wm. Dodd.

S. London Col. F.A.—Aug. 10, Headquarters. Gen. meeting. Annual show arrangements and reading of balance-sheet.—W. Whitman.

South Shields "Always Ready."—Aug. 9, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Business important; hearty invitation to all fanciers.—J. W. Watson.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Aug. 9, Reid Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Aug. 7, Red Lion Hotel, 8. General business.—J. Glover.

Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Also members' show Aug. 5; stage at 3; judge, Mr. J. Horsfield, Bradford.—W. Walker.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne Association.—Aug. 9, Station Hotel, 7. Very important show business and balance-sheet of N.F. show; subs. due.—G. Greenwell.

West of Scotland.—Aug. 5, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather show; Mules. Hybrids, etc.; new members still being enrolled.—W. Hutchison.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Aug. 5, 7. To elect judges. Members are requested to attend to give their vote in support of Mr. R. Peart.—R. Hutchinson.

Windhill C.B.S.—No meeting Aug. 5.—J. Taylor.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Aug. 5, Ship Inn, 7. Classification annual show, and other business.—F. Moore.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Market Tavern, 6.45. To hear recommendation of sub-committee with regard to Union trophies, and other business.—S. Midgley.

The Shows.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Old Boars Head, July 29, Mr. Massey presiding over rather a meagre attendance. Mr. C. C. Dabbs was elected a member. Messrs. Lyons, Massey, and Wareing were elected judges for open show, Dec. 1 and 2. Decided to support the list of rules sent out by the Leeds club.—J. T. Smith, hon. sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, July 13; Mr. W. French presided over a rather small attendance, seeing the meeting was important. Decided not to hold an open show this year, owing to present circumstances, and some of our members having to join the colours, but to have a members' show, so as to keep the ball rolling. Judge elected at next meeting.—J. E. Rowe, Press Corresp.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held July 29, Griffin Hotel, Mr. F. Heaton chair. Owing to the holidays the meeting had been brought forward a week, but there was a very poor turn-up of members. Breeders round here seem to have done fairly well, taking the samples of weather we have had into consideration. The following is a copy of rules for the Federation of Roller Clubs proposed by the Leeds Club, copies of which have been sent to all the different Roller Clubs.

Rules of the British Roller Canary Association.

The Association shall be called "the British Roller Canary Association," and shall be composed of any number of Roller Canary Clubs of the British Isles.

The headquarters of the Association shall be at —— or such place as shall be decided upon from time to time at the annual delegate meeting.

The business of the Association shall be transacted by a Control Board, such board to consist of delegates drawn from the associated clubs, and shall consist of a President, Vice-President or Presidents, sec., and treasurer, who shall retire annually, but shall be eligible to return to office. Only one delegate from each club shall be appointed, and the Control Board shall meet not less than once a year.

It shall be the duty of the Control Board to issue all rings and deal with all special prizes. It shall also make, rescind, or amend any rules, which must be rigidly adhered to by all clubs, and shall decide the time and place of the next annual meeting.

It shall be the duty of the Control Board to regulate the standard of song, and in no case shall any club alter this standard without the authority of the Control Board, which shall be given at the annual meeting. Any suggested alterations of the standard of song shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Association six months prior to the annual meeting, and it shall be the duty of the secretary to send these suggestions out to all the clubs of the Association to be discussed and voted upon, so that each club can instruct its delegate to vote on the question as to whether an alteration shall be made or not.

Contributions to the Association shall be determined from time to time by the annual delegate meeting.

The rules of the British Roller Canary Club shall be in operation until the first annual meeting of the proposed Association takes place.

It will be understood that the above rules are as proposed by the Leeds Club. All the other clubs have been sent a copy and asked to give their opinion of them; by this means it is hoped to have a proper code formed to be put before the delegates at the meeting to be held in Leeds on November 4 next.—H. Best, sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Adjourned general meeting, July 15, Market Tav., Bradford. Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair. Competitions and prizes were arranged on somewhat similar lines to last year, the first prize in champion classes being the new trophy, to be known as the "Sheffield O.S. Challenge Trophy (presented by Dr. Craig), value £10 10s." Full details of other prizes and their donors will be given later. Result of draw for the ten patronage shows:—October 14, City of Bradford; Oct. 21, Bradford West; Nov. 3-4, Sheffield O.S.; Nov. 18, Huddersfield; Nov. 25, Laisterdyke; Dec. 2, Windhill; Dec. 9, Gt. Horton O.S.; Dec. 16, Bradford East; Dec. 23, Halifax and Dist.; Jan. 6, Shipley.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER.

General meeting, July 18, St. Thomas' Schools, Ardwick. Rev. J. W. Wragg presided over a well-attended meeting. Classification was arranged to meet the requirements of the B.B. and M.C., so that we could apply for their patronage. The agenda included a lecture by Mr. Schofield, but owing to being called upon to work at the last moment, he was unable to be present. The secretary has received a letter saying he will fulfil the engagement next meeting night, Aug. 1, so turn up in good numbers to hear him. The subject will be "Inbreeding." Owing to many of the members being unable to exhibit at the first feather show, we have decided to hold a nest feather table show, August 15; two sections—open, and amateur and novices; 10 classes, viz., Yorks. yell., buff, Nor. yell., buff, A.O.V. Can. in each section birds staged 8 prompt. Fee 3d. per cage. Special most points and for most birds. Mr. H. Boothman judge.—J. Spencer.

N.W. GLASGOW C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and F.F. show and show of British, Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, Wapinshall Street, June 27, Mr. P. Thom presiding over a good attendance. In the F.F. show over 50 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Park and Fyfe, Norwich; Mr. Park, Yorks. and Bord.; and Mr. Fyfe British, both being awarded a hearty vote of thanks. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl, spl. best bird, 2, spl, 4, 5, Crawford; 3, Stewart; 6, Graham. Buff: 1, 2, Crawford; 3, 4, Stewart; 5, Houston; 6, Sloan; 7, spl, Pringle. Variegated. Yell.: 1, Crawford; 2, 5, Thom; 3, spl, Stewart; 4, Houston; 6, spl, Sloan. Variegated. Buff: 1, Thom; 2, Graham; 3, Sloan; 4, Crawford; 5, Pringle. Yorks. Cl. and Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl, Pinnock. Buff: 1, spl, Pinnock; 2, Boullet; 3, Findlay. Bord. Cl. and Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl, Brown; 2, Ingram; 3, spl, Brown; 4, spl, Phillips. Bord. Cl. and Tkd. Buff: 1, Ingram; 2, 5, Loan; 3, 6, Phillips; 4, Brown. Variegated. Yell.: 1, 3, Phillips; 2, Loan; 4, Ingram; 5, Brown. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, spl, Loan; 3, 5, Phillips; 4, Ingram. Chaffinch: 1, spl, Adams; 2, Brown. Large Brit.: 1, spl, Adams.—P. Houston, Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting at Norwich, July 27, Mr. J. J. Smith chair, and attendance not equal to average. Sec. stated the financial position of the club to date, and announced that he would do this at each meeting. The balance to the credit of the club has reached a very respectable figure, and this was regarded as very satisfactory. Subs. for ten members had been received that day per Mr. Chapman, the energetic sec. of the Lynn Society. The correspondence received since the last meeting was most important, and the points raised occupied almost the whole time at disposal. Sec. was instructed on the lines in which to reply to a letter from the Lynn members asking for information relating to patronage, etc. The meeting was delighted with a letter from Mr. Barritt, of Ipswich, and sec. indicated how he intended to deal with this matter. During the evening Mr. Mackley addressed those present on a subject of personal interest, and was heartily thanked for the manner in which he had decided the question. The Committee will at once proceed to draft the rules of the club, and the results of their efforts will be submitted for discussion at next meeting.—R. Tomlinson, hon. sec.

The Colour-Feeding of Canaries.

By W. CONNELLY (Glasgow).

A seasonable article by an old hand that should be of great value to novices and may convey some wrinkles even to experienced breeders.

IN giving my experience on the question of colour-feeding Canaries I would just like to state at the commencement that I am not a staunch believer in the practice at all, for it must be understood that in order to get the rich, warm colour which is necessary to success on the show bench, hot cayenne must be mixed with the tasteless pepper. This is where my strong objection to the practice comes in. If any fancier wishes to find out for himself further reason, let him taste the hot pepper, and I am sure he will not go further into the rights of the question.

I have found out from experience that birds live a longer life without colour-feeding. Some birds certainly become very fond of the pepper, but such birds in my experience have not been long livers. I believe also there is more success to be obtained during the breeding season from non-fed birds than from birds which have been colour-fed. However, as all the rest do it, and it is quite legal, and as the birds certainly looks better in their artificial colour, then we must use it if we happen to breed a few decent youngsters.

War Time Economy.

Some fanciers put their whole stock on the colour-food. This I think is a waste of time, trouble, and expense, particularly during the present circumstances when everything is at such an extortionate price, and economy is the order of the day. Therefore, from my own stock I pick out only a few which I think are really worth the colour-feeding, but even in doing this I do not forget to reserve a few for the non-fed classes or for singing cocks, or feeding hens; these look quite nice enough for me in their natural colour.

After I have picked out those I purpose colour-feeding, I put them into a large flight cage with a perch at each end, and also a perch opposite each drinker; these latter are placed on the bottom bar. I then cover up the whole front with brown paper, excepting for leaving just sufficient room for them to get at the drinkers and seed hoppers.

It is a very important point to keep off a strong light, and I therefore also draw down the window blind while there are no young being reared. The subdued light has the effect of inducing the birds to rest themselves more during the trying period of the moult, and this is very essential.

The large flight helps them to throw off their old feathers and helps to grow the new ones more quickly. The quicker the moult the better, and this is the time to feed them well. At this period I give my birds crushed oats, quaker oats, and oatmeal, "the backbone of Scotland." I also give them plenty of "Red Rat Tails" when in season.

Now we come to the mixing of the colour-food. I get 2 lbs. of tasteless pepper, put this into a large basin, add ½-lb. of brown sugar, and six tablespoonfuls of cod liver oil. The cod liver oil is, I know, a very nourishing food, and is also a preventive against colds. Then I add half a gill of the best brandy. This enriches the colour, and makes the colour-food keep for any length of time.

After mixing this all thoroughly together I take a portion out and put into an air-tight tin especially for use with the British birds, and for introducing to the Canaries to get them to take colour-food to which is added the hot pepper. To the remainder I add 2 ozs. of hot natal, mixing well together and put into a tin.

I begin by giving the tasteless pepper to the young birds when about 10 weeks old, that is to say, as regards the early broods of the season; with the later broods I give it to the young at eight weeks old. They generally take to it freely, but if not I take away the seed boxes at night, leaving the colour-food, and replace the seed boxes next morning about breakfast time, and in the meantime the birds will have partaken of a good quantity of the colour-food.

In the beginning I mix the food in the proportion of 4 to 1—that is, 4 teaspoonfuls or tablespoonfuls of egg and biscuit to one of the colour-food. When they begin to cast their feathers I increase the proportion of the colour-food to one part of colour to three parts of biscuit and egg, and this I continue until the birds have moulted all their body feathers except their head feathers. Then I begin to reduce the strength of the colour back to the 1 in 4 until the birds are completely moulted, and after that I give just a little occasionally.

To make the egg-food I use to one hard-boiled egg six grated biscuits. These may be either tea biscuits, Osborne biscuits, or sponge cake. I have used them all with good results. By way of economy Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Food is a fine substitute for egg and biscuits and is much cheaper. Every third day I give a small piece of sulphate of iron in their drinking water to fix the colour.

To Assist the Moult.

For all my birds, old and young, colour-fed or non-fed, also for the British during the moult, I use the following mixture: I get sixpennyworth of saffron from the chemist, put this into a large jug, add about a quart of boiling water, let it stand by the fire all night to draw out all the colour from the saffron, then add fourpennyworth of sweet spirits of nitre and half-gill of dark rum. This mixture I find is a grand thing to assist the birds in casting off all their old feathers, and in producing a fine colour in the new plumage.

If with any of the old birds any difficulty is noticed in the starting of the moult, or if they become stuck in the moult, I add just a little flowers of sulphur to the egg-food, put them into a box cage, and turn the back of the cage to the window so that they have just sufficient light to see their way to the seed and water.

Another good plan is to bring them into a warm kitchen, and when they have well started return them to the bird-room. Great care must be taken when giving the sulphur as it opens all pores, and they are apt to catch cold; I therefore adopt this plan only as a last resource.

I give my birds during the whole time of moulting plenty of linseed, and the bath as often as they will take it. Those that are shy of the bath I spray well. Nothing beats this for putting sheen on the feathers, and helping their growth.

When the birds are well through the moult those that are intended for showing can be run into their show cages, and a small piece of colour-food can be placed on a pin fixed between the wires to finish them off.

As a last word to the novice I would say feed your birds well, keep them clean, and they will repay you for your trouble.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

General meeting and table show, Deansgate Hotel, July 17, with a good attendance. General business was October show arrangements. Result of table show:—Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2 and 3, Wilkinson; 4 and vhc, Riley. Buff: 1, Wilkinson; 2 and 3, Wilson; 4, Riley. Nor.: 1 and 3, Hayward; 2, A. G. Smith; 4 and vhc, Raynes. Brit.: 1 and 3, Fairhurst; 2, Mitchell. Wilkinson took sp most entries, and Riley sp for judging competition. Next meeting Aug. 21. Sorry to have to report the death of one of our members in Mr. Barrass, the old Lancashire fancier, but I expect a full account will be reported by the Rochdale Society.—J. Green, hon. sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, July 27, headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding over a large attendance. New member accepted, Mr. A. Gooding, London. The following were selected to judge at annual show, Nov. 9 and 10, Mr. Netherwood, Chorley; Mr. Willows, Wednesbury; and Mr. Tomlinson, Newcastle, Staffs. Members who were unable to be present please note the August meeting will be held a week earlier, Aug. 24, when Mr. H. G. Hill will give a paper on the training of the Roller Canary. On conclusion of business several members brought birds for explanation of different tours, Mr. Willows being elected as judge, and a very interesting and educational time was spent. A hearty vote of thanks closed the meeting.—J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec.

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England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.B., H.W.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 80, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Aberscynan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

The Annual Open Show of the Abertillery C.B.S., which will be held in aid of the local Penny Fund, is fixed for October 18. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. Newell, 62, Princess St., Abertillery.

Many thanks to yourself and Mr. Norman for the excellent illustration of my wing ticked yellow Yorkshire on the front page of Cage Birds, writes Mr. A. W. Farmer. This particular youngster I have shown three times, each time under a different judge, and on each occasion it has taken the special for best Yorkshire, so I consider it has had a good start in life.

In "British Birds" for August, Messrs. Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn, one shilling monthly, Mr. J. H. Owen continues his "Breeding Habits of the Sparrow Hawk." The records of the recovery of marked birds will repay careful reading. They show that in many cases birds return again and again to their birthplace so long as they survive the dangers of their yearly double journey.

The opening article in the July issue of Bird Notes, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club is on Grebes, by Mr. W. S. Bally. Mr. D. Dewar concludes his very interesting notes on Bird Catching in India, this last instalment giving the method of catching small birds on lined canes jointed together like a fishing rod, a system which is sometimes employed in England for the taking of such birds as Golden-crested Wrens. Other articles are "Visits to Members' Aviaries," by Mr. W. T. Page; "Some Colony Birds," by the Rev. C. R. Dawson; and "Early Notes of the Season," by Mr. E. H. Bright.

House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, or Hybrid.

In our issue of July 22 there appeared a letter, under the heading of "A Bird that would not go Away," describing how the owner of a bird, about the identity of which he was in doubt, took it to a London show, with the result that it was pronounced to be a Tree Sparrow. The following week we published a letter from Mr. Knight, the Hon. Sec. of Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., in which it was stated with confidence that the bird was "quite an ordinary specimen of the Tree Sparrow," and that amongst those who had definitely made this statement was one of the oldest of British bird exhibitors, Mr. W. Shakespeare. As it was upon our own suggestion that the bird had been taken to the show for expert opinion, in order that the owner might get corroboration of our own decision that it was a *House* Sparrow, we wrote asking for the bird to be brought to our office a second time. Further to make sure, we invited a gentleman whose knowledge is second to that of no one to be here to see the bird.

In due course the bird was brought, but it had died in the meantime through the breaking of a blood vessel in the brain. We are sorry to have to differ from the authorities at the Highgate Show, but there is no doubt whatever that the bird is, or, rather, was, as we said at first, a House Sparrow. A wing of the dead bird is being kept at our offices for the inspection of anyone interested, or we would send this by post upon the promise of its being returned to us.

THE PRIZE QUESTION FOR THE WEEK.

THE question for this week is "What is your favourite British Finch, and how do you keep it?"

Answers must be accompanied by a coupon cut from this week's issue, and must reach the office of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., not later than the first post on Tuesday next, August 8. The coupon appears at the foot of this page, and the Editor's decision must be accepted as final.

The half-guinea prize for the best answer to "What is your favourite Canary, and why?" is awarded to Mr. R. Dugdill, 176, Valley Road, Streatham, S.W., whose letter appeared on page 429 of our last week's issue.

OBITUARY.

Mr. ROBERT BARRASS (Rochdale).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, Hon. Sec., Rochdale O.S., that I have to inform you, and fanciers generally, of the very sudden death of Mr. Robert Barrass on Saturday, July 22. He was laid to rest on July 26 in the Rochdale Cemetery in his 69th year, and was followed to his last resting-place by the following members of the Rochdale O.S.: Messrs. T. Collings, S. Entwisle, J. Sutton, R. Blincoe, J. Liddle, T. Ashworth, J. Buckley, and C. Whitehead. The Oldham Society was represented by Mr. W. Hardy, and the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. by the Hon. Sec., Mr. Green.

Mr. Barrass was one of the first members of the Rochdale Ornithological Society, and was the Hon. Treasurer from the inception of the club until his death. He was a man without fear or favour, always working for the benefit of the club, and his favourite bird the Lancashire Coppy, also, to a lesser degree, the Lizard Canary. He bred the finest Lancashires ever shown on the bench. Not for a year or two, but for the last thirty years, he could always put a winning team of birds on the show bench. He had judged at most of the shows in the North, and always gave satisfaction. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, and our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and family in their sad bereavement.

I am home on leave till Monday, writes Mr. H. Lewis, The Zoo, Wellington Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, and Mrs. Lewis tells me she gets a lot of enquiries for birds, etc. I should be glad if you notify your readers that I am serving with His Majesty's Forces, and have closed the trading department until further notice.

Private Arthur Downs, late of Manchester, but now "somewhere in France," writes expressing good wishes and saying that he would be glad to hear from his old Mancunian friends. His address is Private A. Downs, 34269, 2nd Manchester, 30 Division, A.P.O., Section 17, I.B.D., B.E.F. Private Downs says he gets his Cage Birds every week as at home, and wishes all a successful season.

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All applications for patronage of the Border Fancy Canary Club must be sent before the last Saturday of this month. Application forms can be had by applying to the Secretary, W. B. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead.

In the City and Suburban Show report, in "C.B.," July 22, writes Mr. S. Richards, you credit Mr. Knight for winning special for best in section with his charming Waxwing; it should read S. Richards.

Mr. A. E. Thorpe, Hon. Sec. of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S., writes that admission to the table show of the society on August 15, at St. Thomas's School, is free, and that friends will be welcome. The birds will be staged at 8 p.m.

Mr. T. R. Trower, who resigned from the Committee of the Canary Supply Co-operative Association three or four weeks since, writes that he specially wishes his resignation to be made known, as "several of the customers of Trower and Co. very strongly object to my belonging to a trading concern dealing with Canaries, and do not know I have resigned."

Brechin C.B.S. has decided to holds its open show as usual, on Nov. 4, writes Mr. J. Crabb, Sec., and has engaged the following well known judges: Norwich, Mr. J. Calderwood, Kilmarnock; Borders, Mr. W. S. Clark, Irvine; and British, Mr. A. McLean, Larkhall. The classification has been extended in Green and Cinnamon Borders, and there are four unflighted Norwich classes, and a few extra classes for British. Secretaries kindly note date to avoid clashing.

Thrushes from the Firing Line.

A soldier has brought over two young Thrushes from the trenches as a present to Miss Perry, the quartermaster of the Victoria Station buffet.

"LITTLE WORLDS."

An Outside View.

The writer of a letter to the "Times," headed "Small People and Small Outlooks," says, among other things: "If you turn from some attempted realization of the daily and hourly happenings in Flanders or at sea, to the contemplation of, let us say, half-a-dozen weekly papers picked up at random from a bookstall, you might almost rub your eyes and wonder if the people for whom they are written are living in the same universe as yourself. They are; but it is a universe made up of little worlds and little interests; and it is the going on with those little interests, the inhabiting of those little worlds, that makes life sweet and desirable, and that ultimately makes people willing to offer sacrifices in order that such life may continue to be possible. It is only very great souls indeed that can inhabit the universe; it is only people of a wide outlook and experience and education who can find their chief interest in the large world of public affairs. For most a habitation much smaller, much more intimate, has to be found.

These little worlds are endless in their interests and varieties—sports, hobbies, arts, industries all go to their composition; and each little world, each hobby, has a "press" of its own, or at the least some little paper which comes forth weekly, in which the enthusiast can see the preoccupations of his soul reflected in type, and stimulate them by pondering on methods, "wrinkles," and accessories.

Just to take a single example, there is a whole world of people in England profoundly occupied with little birds in cages, and the breeding, feeding, housing (and of course selling) of them. If you pick up one of the papers referred to you will find your whole vision of things reduced to a microscopic scale and be plunged into a world where the minutest matters assume, as in a bilious nightmare, gigantic proportions. You will find an excited correspondence on the merits of a particular kind of perch for birds in cages; you will be confronted with a reputation secured by the invention of an implement known as a "tin drinker"—not (as you might imagine) a vessel of tin which performs the action of drinking, but one in which the problem of how it can be drunk out of has been triumphantly solved. And you will find in this world all the features of your larger world reproduced on a minute scale—correspondence, parliaments, conferences, discussions, speeches, frauds, scientific discoveries, financial triumphs and failures; and you will find some man, who in what you would call ordinary life is a seed merchant, a plumber, or a carpenter, referred to with awe as one of the "leading lights of the Fancy."

In all these worlds it is possible to be eminent, though the mere man in the street may have never so much as heard your name. And one who has to take orders all day and submit to the reproofs of soulless superiors in an office may break out at evening into a rare effulgence, and even have testimonials presented to him, and be the object of awe and envy to those whose footsteps are as yet on the lowest rung of his particular ladder."

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

In the Courts.

A Warning to Cat Owners.

At Solihull County Court, Aug. 29, an action was brought by Richard Thomas Barron, Sparkhill, against Thomas Lewis, Sparkhill, to recover £11 9s. 6d. damages done to prize Canaries and alleged to have been caused by defendant's cat. It appeared from plaintiff's evidence that he had an aviary containing 80 prize Canaries at the back of his house, and on Sunday, May 21, he went to the aviary and found a cat inside with a Canary in its mouth. The breeding cages had been upset, and several birds were flying loose in the aviary. Plaintiff went in and picked the cat up and recognised it as the defendant's, as he knew it very well. He threw it down and it ran into Lewis's garden, and he showed Mrs. Lewis the cat with the bird in its mouth. Subsequently he found six birds had been killed, and two so badly injured that they had to be destroyed. Twenty eggs were smashed. Plaintiff wrote suggesting a neighbourly settlement, but no reply was received, and on the plaintiff's solicitor writing, defendant denied that he was the owner of the cat.—Mr. A. C. Shirley, secretary of the City of Birmingham Cage Birds' Society, spoke as to the amount of the claim being extremely moderate.—Evidence having been called to support plaintiff's story the defendant went into the box and denied that it was his cat. —Similar evidence was given by Mrs. Lewis and a neighbour.—His Honour said he had come to the conclusion that it was the defendant's cat which did the damage. Cats were given much license to roam about, but he thought it was a duty on the owner to take reasonable care that cats were not allowed to wander on to other people's premises and into bird houses. In this case that duty was, he thought, neglected, and judgment would be given for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed and costs.

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The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 413.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, which will embrace the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity. The housing, feeding, general management, diseases, breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally, the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

THE plants suitable for an aviary are many and varied. The ideal plan, it seems to me, is to have it all jungly growth, except a path to the shelter or food-hoppers. This can be covered with gravel or sand, the former for preference, as it is easily raked over and can be renewed at frequent intervals. The centre of the aviary should be kept comparatively clear of high growing plants, as those prevent the birds from exercising their wings.

To Beautify the Aviary.

One of the most useful plants, and probably the one most in favour with those who have aviaries, is the privet, which can be bought very cheaply and affords a good bushy shelter. Perennial sunflowers will help to brighten the interior, as also does a small rockery covered with nasturtiums. Canary creeper is well adapted for covering wood work, but many prefer to have this hidden with Virginia cork which gives a very rustic and finished appearance and is strongly to be recommended. If any small pieces are left over delightful nesting places can be made with them.

For the jungle old gooseberry bushes, pampas grass, oats, wheat, nettles, and seed-bearing grasses are all excellent, and if some of the bird seed is scattered occasionally, it will germinate and the birds will have it more in the form in which they pick it up while in a state of freedom.

To complete the aviary plenty of twiggy branches should be supplied, both in the shelter house and in the flights. In the breeding season, however, nests assume a position of vital importance. I do not propose to write a treatise on the different sorts of nests, for their name is legion, but simply to give a few standard types which are easily procurable.

I have already mentioned the method of making use of corners by forming them into nesting places with cork and moss. The British Finches that breed in captivity can usually be relied on to build their own with perhaps a little outside help, provided they have the materials.

A Useful Nesting Material.

One of the best lining materials for nests is purified deer hair. It is the most expensive, costing about 1s. 6d. per lb., but as one pound will make between 80 and 100 nests it cannot be considered a luxury. It can be hung up in small racks supplied for the purpose, care being taken to place them out of reach of wet. This, with a liberal supply of dried moss, is usually all that is required, provided sites, such as earthenware pans, small boxes, travelling cages, etc., are supplied in likely and unlikely spots under the covered flight. For Foreign Finches small rush nests are very suitable. These usually cost about 6d. ready made, and are a good investment for those who keep this type of bird.

Foreign birds usually require a more varied selection of nesting places than British. Budgerigars, for instance, seem to have the greatest liking for wired cocoanut husks with a small hole at the end. Although many other kinds have been tried for this bird, this, the oldest, is still the favourite.

Large foreign birds such as Cockatiels and Parrakeets need some sort of box in which to nest. A small barrel slung up, and with a small hole in the end, has been tried with very good results. Mr. C. P. Arthurs' description of a home made nesting box for Cockatiels, Roselles, Pennants, etc., might with advantage be quoted here. "Get a piece of deal ⅞ inches thick, and 7 inches wide. Cut off three lengths, 16 inches long for two sides and top, one 22 inches for bottom and two 6⅞ inches for the ends. Nail on one of the sides against the bottom and the other side edge on to the bottom. The top will then be hinged to one side and shut down on to the top of the other side, leaving the extra six inches of the bottom for the birds to pitch upon when entering the nest. Fit in the two ends, first cutting a hole three inches in diameter near the top of the end which has the projecting piece at the bottom. One hinge to the top, if put in the centre, will be sufficient; the weight of the lid will keep it down without any fastening."

To Obviate Warfare.

Always supply plenty of nests. A good rule is twice the number of nests as pairs of birds. Many a battle royal between hens, to say nothing of the injuring of one or more of them, may be prevented by an observance of this law.

The aviary is now fully fitted up, but losses, apart from injury and sickness, may occur in two ways, by the birds escaping on entering the aviary, and by cats. The first one is very infrequent if the door is made as prescribed previously, but to make absolutely sure a double door may be used, or a curtain hung on the outside, taking care that it reaches the ground. The door should be placed in a positon in which a good view of the whole flight can be obtained, and if a few knocks are given before entering, losses will be a negligible quantity.

Cats are a more difficult proposition, and some owners complain almost bitterly of them as of mice. Many birds, specially young ones, roost on the wire netting. This seems to be almost a rule with Budgerigars, and they fall an easy prey to prowling cats. If they are not clawed through the mesh they may get off with the loss of a leg. This state of affairs can only be avoided by the use of a double wall of netting which need not be of half-inch mesh, a wider one will be quite sufficient and cheaper.

The aviary is now finished, and anyone who has experienced the keeping of birds in this manner will fully bear me out in advocating it as the ideal method, not only for the maintaining in health and plumage of his birds, but also for the enjoyment provided by the birds themselves, who will amply repay him for his trouble in erecting, by allowing him to watch their habits, appearance and movements at close quarters.

All About Cages.

Unfortunately the aviary is not for everyone. The exhibitor whom steadiness on the perches means 50 per cent. of marks, can only use it occasionally at such times as the moult, or if the bird goes sick. A cage, therefore, being often the permanent home of some feathered captive, the greatest pains should be taken to make it habitable and suitable to the wants of the individual.

The first essential for a suitable cage is size. There are only two occasions when a cage under fourteen inches long should be used, and these are to steady a newly caught specimen and to exhibit a bird in.

Cleanliness is the next. The health of your bird is directly dependent on the condition of the cage. Imagine yourself shut in a small room where you ate, slept, and performed all the functions of life, and see what an importance cleanliness would assume under these conditions.

Almost as important, but not quite, is warmth, or rather freedom from draught; this determines the type of cage, and the position of the cage will be fixed by the necessity for light, air, and ventilation.

The example of everything that a cage should not be is to be seen in many of the windows of any residential quarter. Everyone is familiar with that abomination of open wires very often made of brass, and usually hung in the very position in a window in which it will get the maximum of draught. With this as a warning in front of us, we shall proceed to a more detailed description of cages.

The ideal type is that known as the box cage. It is made of wood and only the front is open wire. This protects the inmate from draughts, gives it a certain amount of privacy which is specially important in dealing with newly caught birds, and, if properly constructed, is capable of being thoroughly cleaned. The wood used in the making is generally pine, or American white wood, but the more expensive kinds such as mahogany are often employed.

If the bird-keeper intends to make his own cage he can buy the wood ready planed and squared from nearly all large dealers. The back is best made with what is termed "three ply." This will not warp or crack, so should be used in preference to other kinds. For the front, punched wire bar fronts are the most suitable. These can be bought in all sizes, and are almost as cheap as buying the wire and bars to make them, to say nothing of the improved appearance, for unless one is an expert with iron and solder, a very sorry looking object is usually the result. The ease with which this type of front can be removed for cleaning or repainting makes them especially suitable.

Suitable Cages Described.

The size of the cage must necessarily vary within wide limits, from the small one into which the freshly caught Britisher is placed up to the large flight four or five feet square, capable of accommodating twenty or more birds. Where many birds are kept it is as well to have stock sizes; apart from the look of uniformity which this gives to a bird room, the ease with which they can be stacked or taken down and exchanged from either rack or shelf will be found to greatly lessen the labour.

A good cage suitable for Finches or for any bird about the size of a Canary is from 14 to 16 inches long, 12 to 14 inches high, and 11 inches from back to front. If four inches at the bottom is boarded up, the bird will be kept warm and have a certain amount of privacy, while it will prevent the seed and sand from being scattered broadcast. Two perches should run from the top of this to the back of the cage and be about seven inches apart. This will give a sufficient jump, and yet allow room for the tail to swing round without fraying against the woodwork. These perches, besides being nailed on should be fixed with glue or seccotine, thus giving no harbour for red mite.

The question of the sand tray has been debated periodically, but the consensus of opinion is that it is apt to warp and lends itself to concealing red mite, consequently it is little used among experienced fanciers except in breeding cages. A movable rail kept in position by a wire will allow of thorough cleaning.

A door should be placed at one end for running the bird into another cage before cleaning, bathing, etc., and if always placed at the same end, simplicity in management will result. Another door in the wire front is useful if the bath is to be given in the same cage, as it can be hung in front here.

Fittings should be as plain as possible, and of a design that lends itself to ease in cleaning. For preference, the seed should be in a drawer at one end so that every time the bird goes to the hopper his head does not get continually rubbed against the wire. The argument against this is that the seed is liable to become fouled, but, if sufficient space be allowed between the perch and the drawer this difficulty vanishes. The cleanest receptacle for water is undoubtedly china or glass. If in an open vessel, it is best placed outside the cage on a level with the perch, but drinkers can now be obtained, the body of which is attached outside, but a little spout projects between the wires. The advantage of this with a bird such as a Crested Canary, is obvious.

The only smaller stock cage than this is for the freshly-caught specimen. It need not be so long as the above, and should be three inches less in height. Instead of a wooden roof, canvas stretched over a frame and fastened on is better. This prevents the bird injuring itself by sudden dashes upward if disturbed. It should be remembered that this type of roof is specially pleasing to red mite, so that it should not be used for any length of time without attention.

(To be continued.)



FORAGING AMONG THE FIRS.

A charming Drawing by Mr. George Rankin, showing Blue Tits and Coal Tits performing acrobatic feats in their foraging for the minute insects which form the greater portion of their dietary.

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Correspondence.

The Elusive Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid.

Sir,—In answer to May Raynor re breeding the Chaffinch-Canary Mule, I know for a certain fact the cross has been bred at North Wales in a breedng cage; a bird of the kind was exhibited at Pwllheli show about 12 years ago. The judge, however, did not know what cross the bird was, and it did not get a card. The Chaffinch was caught in the winter and was kept in a flight with Norwich hens and bred with a Norwich hen, so the Chaffinch-Canary can be bred with a bit of patience.

H. O. Rowlands.

Thanks from the Front Line.

Sir,—Please thank Miss Dora Sulman, through the columns of Cage Birds, for the kindness she has shown in remitting to me her share of the prize won by her in the New Year's Painting Competition of your frontispiece. I might say the parcel which she so kindly collected together was received as well, as it arrived to me in the front line trench after having it a bit rough by "Fritz." I wish her still more success with her bird breeding, as well as colouring, and I also wish your paper, Cage Birds, every success, as I get it practically every week, and it is often picked up and read in the trenches by the boys.

Corpl. T. W. Hodgson.

B.E.F., France.

The Cardiff Goldie-Linnet Hybrids.

Sir,—Following my recent article in relation to the above, I am pleased to report that although one of the few youngsters proved to be a bad doer after about the eighth day, and was, very properly, destroyed, the remaining three were brought along in right good style, and are now doing for themselves.

In their general scheme of coloration, shape, etc., they strongly resemble Greypates, carrying, as they do, the well-defined yellow wing bars and tail moonings of the Finch. Each also has well-displayed in the ear coverts a crescent-shaped light patch. I do not know if it is a feature with all, or most, British Hybrids, but these, whilst having black toenails, have clear, or flesh-coloured, legs.

Mr. Hurd says he is of the opinion there are two cocks, but is in no uncertain mind as to the popularity of Cage Birds, for since the appearance of the article his shop has been the Mecca of all sorts of birdie fanciers, of all walks of life, even a rev. gentleman running the risks, and, he further adds, "I should never have believed it, Mr. Allsopp." I left him banging in little wooden pegs into the sole of a seaman's boot, with some vim, gusto, pleasure, and satisfaction, mostly the outcome of three little hybrids, and the bond of fellowship which has knit my old friend even closer to the Fancy.

E. W. Allsopp.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Sir,—It must be understood that when I was advising breeders to be cautious in regard to inbreeding, I was writing from experience. I have tried the system which Mr. Crawhall advises in his last letter, and, far from finding it a success, I not only found it wanting, but disastrous, so far as producing show stock was concerned. Several years ago I had a nice Norwich hen, rather above medium size. She had no pretentions to being a show bird, but was bred from the best blood. I purchased a big cock of good strain to mate with her, also without show points, but brother to a big winner. I reared three young cocks from this mating all from one nest, and which were all winners, one of which was claimed at a big show.

My mind at that time was saturated with the theory of inbreeding, and from what I had read I believed I had only to pair one of the cocks back to his mother to produce show birds in profusion. Alas! the schemes of mice and bird fanciers! I didn't produce one from this mating worth more than 10s. Half were nice typical medium-sized Birds, and the other half were big rough specimens, which was just what one could expect when the blood was analysed, because the grandfather was a big stock cock, and the mother a medium-sized hen. That is not the only time in which I have indulged in the practice. I had bred from a cock which suffered from cataract, and, at the third generation, when both parents have had just a tinge of the old cock's blood, some of the youngsters have been attacked with the same complaint; and this year I have bred from the same blood a young Norwich which is blind in one eye, and this bird is the fifth generation from the old cock, although in this case there was no inbreeding.

I am also convinced that stiff hind claws are hereditary. They seem to be handed down from one generation to another with so much precision that one is disinclined to put it down to coincidence. These are the reasons why I would advise caution in inbreeding, and why I would repeat that only the best stock should be used, and that of the healthiest.

Mr. Crawhall asks why size cannot be produced by inbreeding if big heads can be produced. He has not shown that big heads are to be produced that way. So far as I am concerned, I have my doubts. Further, it is contrary to all the maxims laid down. Inbreeding was always supposed to have a refining influence. And why, if inbreeding will produce size and big heads, should Norwich fanciers have had recourse to the Crestbred? Why also is the Yorkshire so impregnated with the Lancashire?

In conversation with the foremost breeders in this district, I gather that the surest way to success is to know your stock and just what peculiarities they have, and their tendencies in certain directions. But one must also know the variety well, and what constitutes a good one, before success can be hoped for. I am not exactly decrying inbreeding. It has too many adherents for it to be absolutely devoid of good result; but experience has made me cautious, and I should never think of pairing a cock to hens that are both sisters and daughters to him. That is "some" inbreeding. Nor do I think that any analogy can be drawn between cows and Canaries. Cows are not such frail things as Canaries.

Sub Rosa.

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

Sir,—If your correspondent, "Anxious," was as anxious to do what he could for the Newcastle C.B.S. as he is to stir up strife, it would have been a great deal better. However, seeing he is posing as a champion, I will try and give him something to think about.

What a marvellous man he must be! What an intellect he must have! A kind of Sherlock Holmes! How does he know how many members have paid up, seeing he has not the same facilities for looking at the secretary's books as he would like to have

What a beautiful motto he has. We should try and encourage and help matters, and be sociable one to another. "Anxious" seems to forget the mischief his clique made just over four years ago, when they were the means of making a split in the affairs of Newcastle C.B.S. The society has gone back ever since. Some of the so-called officials were all right if they were in the limelight, but when there was any work to be done they were missing. "Anxious" thinks the society should be reconstructed. I think it is a splendid idea, with "Anxious" taking all the official positions, or, better still, placing his clique in all the posts. They would get all their own way then; they cannot get it now, at least with the present secretary. This brings me to the root of this letter, that "Anxious" has seen fit to send to the world at large. Some of "last year's members," "Anxious" included, seem to be very much upset that the secretary should have the remuneration he gets for his work. When I was elected secretary, on Feb. 15, 1912, there was a difficulty in getting anyone to take the position, and now, after all the "donkey work" has been done, the remuneration appears to be too much. I never sought the position: I took it to try and keep the society together. Why did not "Anxious" put his name to his letter? Was there some reference to this remuneration in the part the Editor deleted? This is just like "Anxious" and his "friends," stabbing in the back.

So there has been a meeting of last year's members, "somewhere in Newcastle," not a hundred miles from the bird market, I suppose.

This is a good idea for the reconstruction of the society; hold your meeting in the Bird Market on a Saturday night. As regards the society proper, "Anxious" ought to know that at the February meeting a resolution was passed that we still hold our meetings on Thursdays, as per Rule 5. The secretary of the Newcastle C.B.S. has had such a shock at the state of affairs of the society, and the reading of the letter that "Anxious" has written at the dictation of the select few, that at present he is recuperating "somewhere in Cumberland," from whence he has penned this epistle.

If "Anxious" and his friends have such an interest in Newcastle C.B.S., why have they not paid their subscriptions, according to Rule 6, which says, "Subscriptions must be paid by the May meeting?" Then "Anxious" and his "friends" could have attended the meetings and had their say, and not resorted to Cage Birds to air their grievances. But then Rule 6 also says, "No member shall receive any benefit from the society until subscription has been paid, unless from any worthy cause." This, I expect, will be a worthy cause, trying to get your own back with the secretary. Let "Anxious" and Co. know that I am quite capable of undertaking the duties of secretary without being dictated to by them. I do not require any instruction from them. "Anxious" and Co. are rather late in the day in trying to put matters right.

J. W. Reed,
Cumberland. Sec., Newcastle C.B.S.

Utopia, Limited.

Sir,—Having been in the hobby for over seven years, and having been let in more than once, I should like to suggest a plan which would protect the honest man in his dealings with others in the hobby.

This is to have a register of members who pledge themselves to be honest. You might print a little book, like a cheque book, and charge members with it, and each leaf would be as follows:—

HONEST DEALERS' REGISTER.

I, the undersigned, do promise, to the honour of the hobby of bird-keeping, to be honest in all my dealings, and in the event of any complaint I give the Editor of Cage Birds the right to take me off the register.

Please put this idea before the readers of Cage Birds to see if it would take on.

S. Greenwood.

An Unenviable Record.

Four Young Birds from Twenty-two Hens.

Sir,—I enclose a cutting from the New York "Nation" which may be of interest to your readers. I hope, however, you won't unloose the anti-reptilians again.

A few years ago I bought 22 hen Canaries, and from them I succeeded in rearing four youngsters. These hens were obviously descended from crocodiles, which, we are told, lay their eggs and then leave them to Providence. That is the sort of "record" not often admitted. If I had known of Cage Birds I should have done better, no doubt, but if the novice buys hens of unknown history, they are likely to be dear.

A. H. Scott.

[The cutting kindly sent by our correspondent appears in another column under the heading "Four-winged Birds."—Editor, Cage Birds.]

A Patriotic Family.

Sir,—You will perhaps understand the pressure in which I am endeavouring to carry on my business if I tell you that I have not now one boy out of my half-dozen. They are all in, in some form or the other. Some of them have been in the thick of it. For instance, the baby of the family, who would still be serving his apprenticeship under normal conditions, was with the Norfolks in Gallipoli, and knows all about Suvla Bay. He is a "Kitchener," and has been from the commencement.

The next boy to him is in the Essex Yeomanry, and was in the second battle of Ypres. This lad used to be an amateur racing cyclist and footballer. He was in that charge of the Essex Yeomanry which received great praise from General French. He had, as he put it, a nice "little chat" with the King and Queen when in the Canadian Red Cross Hospital; I forget the name of the place, but somewhere on the Thames. He is now a Motor Dispatch Rider with his regiment.

One girl is at the Great Cambridge War Hospital, and another at the Norwich War Hospital. These are acting as professional nurses; another is in France.

Out of all my twelve there are nine helping direct, and the three others I reckon are doing their part, although indirectly. One is taking the place of two able-bodied men who have gone from me, and takes a very responsible part too. The family, you will see, therefore, is doing its part; but what about me? I am nothing, and that is just how I feel about it. The only consolation I have is that it is not my fault I am too ancient to be considered any good. Work? Oh, yes! I have plenty of work, goodness knows, but that does not altogether satisfy me.

Thank God, up to the present, and to the best of my knowledge, all are safe and well, but it is a horribly anxious time for all of us whose dear ones are in the jaws of death for we never know what unhappy news awaits us. After all, it is not the men who are the greatest sufferers, or who are the bravest of all—it is the mothers and wives; that I am certain about.

W. Rudd.

Canary Breeding on the Colony System.

By Sergt. R. G. SPENCER, R.F.A. (Wimbledon).

In continuation of my article published in Cage Birds of June 17, re the Colony system of bird-keeping—I will now go into the various methods which I adopt when breeding on those lines.

The room chosen should be well lighted, but not so as to let the sun glare in on the birds during the summer time; of course sun blinds could be provided if necessary. The windows inside should be covered with wire netting, say ½ inch mesh, but care should be taken not to nail the wire on the frame of the windows, which would prevent them being adjusted.

The room should be stripped of all paper, and thoroughly dressed down before distemper is used. I always used a light sea blue distemper for the walls and ceiling, and this I consider cannot be equalled for colour.

Having finished the walls and ceiling to your liking, the floor should be covered with linoleum, which should reach up as far as the skirting board. This idea is rather an expensive one, but it saves time, and also ensures cleanliness, which is the chief object of having it; of course second hand linoleum would answer the same purpose if in fairly good condition.

The fixing up of the nest pans and perches should be the next attention of the fancier. Naturally there are usually a few squabbles over perches with birds breeding on this system, so I prefer a few perches in each corner of the room, with a nice large shrub or tree in the centre of the room which can be fixed in a tub with plenty of mould to support it. I have always used a dead shrub or tree, as birds would be sure to start pecking at the green shoots when the spring came, and possibly they would be injurious to them.

The nest pans should be fixed at about a yard interval at various heights round the room, but they should if possible be fixed at the end of a bracket (iron for preference) so as to be away from the wall, this also gives one an opportunity to paint the brackets occasionally with a little turpentine to keep down the red mite. I may point out that the nest pans should not be out of the fancier's reach, nor too low down to the floor. Having fixed the nest pans to your satisfaction the floor can be covered with sawdust or sand as preferred; if sawdust is used a small tub of sand can be kept in the room for the birds to peck over.

The feeding should not be too liberal, and I have found that Canaries do well on three parts canary seed, and one part rape seed as their staple diet. Mixed seed can be given occasionally, but not when rearing young. I have given crushed hemp seed to hens when the young are about a fortnight old, which affords them plenty of substance to feed on.

As regards egg food I used plain lunch biscuits, ground up with the whole of the egg, and just a pinch of caster sugar to sweeten it. As this food soon gets very dry, I gave it to my birds in basins which stood in another basin with water in, and in this manner the egg food keeps quite fresh and moist. Dieting a Colony of birds is very different to cage feeding them, but you cannot better the staple diet as mentioned. Green food can be given twice a week, and can be scattered about, as they are liable to fight when it is put in one place.

As I stated in my first article, the main object is the selection of the stock to start breeding on the Colony system. Every care should be taken in picking out good hens, that is to say, ones that can be relied on to bring up their young to satisfaction. The cocks also should be ones that are not of a quarrelsome disposition.

When the stock is finally picked out the birds can be turned into the room about the end of February, say one cock to four hens, which is ample if the cocks are healthy birds, and may be left to settle down.

Everyone is not of the opinion that this system is a successful one, naturally it is not as regards show birds, but they can be caged in pairs.

For a large number of singing Canaries, for which there will be a great demand, I do not hesitate to say that this is the only way by which they can be produced, and I am of the opinion that in time to come this system will be the one generally adopted throughout the country.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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How to Succeed in Canary Breeding.

PRACTICAL ADVICE FROM SUCCESSFUL BREEDERS.

Regular Care a Necessity.

BEFORE taking up the hobby of cage bird keeping fanciers must be sure of themselves. What I mean by that is they must be prepared to make the treatment and care of their birds part of their daily life. Cage birds, in their keeping, form one of the most engaging and fascinating of all hobbies, but they will not stand being neglected. They must be attended to regularly.

One often hears at shows a remark such as: "What beautiful birds, but they must be a lot of trouble, and the owners must know all about them." This trouble is part of the pleasure of a proper fancier, and all the knowledge is easily obtained by taking CAGE BIRDS every week. Things are quite different now to what they were forty years ago, when you could get to know nothing. Still, even in those days the determined fancier managed to work himself to the front; now we have every week, in our paper CAGE BIRDS, interesting articles based on experiences.

The first thing for a person to do who has made up his mind to join the happy band of bird breeders is to find a suitable place in which to keep the birds. A spare room is generally most easily found, but fanciers' wives sometimes object to have birds in large numbers in the house, and in such cases the fancier must look out for a place in the yard or garden. If he cannot have a shed built, then it is easy to take out the door of the coal house, and put in a glass one. This very slight alteration furnishes an ideal place in which to keep a small collection.

Having got the place ready, and having joined the local society, the novice should attend as many shows as possible. He should look out for a fancier who is winning in the particular variety he favours visit his place even if it costs him a sovereign to do so, and even if he only means to purchase a pair of birds, or, which is better, a cock and two hens. There is a better chance with two hens than one, for it may happen that a hen may go wrong at breeding time, and if the fancier has only one then his season is lost.

State your requirements to the breeder you are visiting, give him a fair price, and you will be purchasing his experiences. This will go a long way towards your own success. Remember it costs no more to keep high-class birds than weeds. The expectation of something good from your birds gives a stimulant for extra attention to them, and this in itself means success in the hobby. This is my advice to the beginner.

J. BASTOCK, Moseley.

What a Well-known Roller Breeder Thinks.

IT seems to me that the replies to this question must partake of pretty much the same orthodox or generally accepted ruling principles all round, and doubtless, as all readers will be in agreement on general principles, the relation of the details in each one's particular experience will be likely to form the most interesting reading; in this way each and all may possibly learn something from brother fanciers.

I know, for my own part, that after many years of breeding and keeping Canaries, there are things continually cropping up among the birds that I should be glad to have an explanation of; at the same time, in the course of years' experience, there are a few things one does really learn.

Now, then, brother fanciers, if you are starting Canary breeding, the very first thing you will require is a book for a guide and companion, and of course CAGE BIRDS will be indispensable; it is doubled in price, but it is trebled in value, so you will be all right there. In its columns you will see notices of other very helpful books, the titles of which will tell you which you need.

As birds, to be manageable, must be kept in confinement, you will require either cages or aviaries to keep and breed them in. I am an advocate of cages, and the one I prefer is 22in. long by 16in. high by 10in. deep; this is longer than many use, but none too long. With the two perches fixed near the ends, it gives the birds a good long jump to expand their wings.

Whatever you do, do not start with makeshift cages made of grocers' empties, etc. They may come cheap at first, but you will regret it afterwards. These are bound to warp and crack, and will provide numerous haunts for red-mite, that pest of Canary breeders.

Decide first of all on the size of your cages, and let them be all uniform in size and make (this is important), whether you buy them or make them. If you are handy with tools, cage-making will add to your interest in the hobby.

Simple Cages Described.

Let your cages be as plain as possible, just simple boxes, made preferably of three-ply wood except the ends, which are better of ¾in. pine or good deal, to nail the top, bottom and back to. Make all the sides of one piece only.

Loose wire fronts you must have, and specify to the maker for the sliding door to be 5in. wide. Most makers use too narrow a door, and the nest-pan has to be tipped aside to pass the doorway. A good stout front piece to carry the wire front, seed hoppers, etc., will considerably stiffen the cage.

Do not use sand trays; they provide homes for red-mite, and are of no real service, as the cage bottom will require scraping out just the same with or without them.

A space ¾in. deep should be left at the bottom to clean out the cage. A metal tee scraper is the most suitable for this purpose. Fit a slip ¾in. thick by ¾in. wide to stop this space; it will need no fastening to keep it in place. Enamel the cage inside, and paint or distemper outside, and you have a simple and satisfactory breeding apartment.

Single breeders of the size given can be made of three-ply tea boxes, but if double breeders are required, which are preferable in many ways, larger timber will be required. They should be exact duplicates of the single ones, so that when used in tiers all drinkers, seed hoppers, etc., will be immediately above each other.

I advise that all drinkers and egg-vessels be of clear glass of the simplest open pattern, and all seed hoppers glass-fronted, so that one can see at a glance if all is well in the commisariat department. Flight cages for the young should be made in the same way as the breeders; four feet long gives nice length for a good wing stretch. The fronts should be of two separate widths, and a partition can then be fitted in centre if wished.

The Birds and their Treatment.

Space will probably not allow of more *re* cages. Now, as to providing the occupants. Whatever the type of Canary chosen, it is very important to get the very best bred birds that your pocket will admit of, and the common advice is to put yourself into the hands of a breeder of note.

This is good advice, but it may pay you to ascertain something about the breeder himself, as well as his birds. Above all, if you wish for success, see that the birds you get are thoroughly healthy, and come of a hardy, healthy strain.

When you have your birds and cages ready, feed moderately; do not treat your birds like fatting beasts. Give them all the exercise possible, and a bath as often as practicable. Keep their cages and surroundings clean; sawdust will keep the birds' feet cleaner than sand for cage bottoms. Water is cheap; never make them drink stale water; never handle your pets roughly; get familiar with them, give them a wee tit-bit when you visit them.

Don't haul the young out each time you visit them; avoid banging door and sudden movements when near the birds; and, finally, do not expect to make a fortune by them. If they pay for their keep, and provide you with a clean and interesting hobby, you will not regret taking it up. When in trouble write to CAGE BIRDS and they will gladly assist you.—HENRY NEVE, Heathfield.

Practical Advice from a Lady.

MY first piece of advice to a beginner is—breed your birds in cages. In this way you will get the maximum of pleasure, interest, and experience, with the minimum of outlay; for even the roughest aviary will cost more than a couple of cages.

Do not think that any cage will do. You will save yourself many unnecessary troubles and perplexities by starting with a real double breeder with a proper partition, etc. Try to give a whole double-breeder to each pair.

If possible, order from a maker in your neighbourhood; you will then get exactly what you want, and will save a great deal in carriage. As you require more cages always get them exactly the same, and you will add immensely to the appearance of your bird room. In such cages, painted with good enamel, black outside and white inside, with white bars, the birds look lovely.

I believe in a good deep layer of sawdust. Many a good egg or chick is lost by falling on the hard, sanded floor, which would have been none the worse if it had landed in deep sawdust. Also the yellow birds look prettier against the pale sawdust. If you use sawdust you are better with a turn-rail, and this is cheaper than a sand tray.

Autumn the Best Time to Purchase.

Now for the birds themselves. Never wait to buy them in the spring. Birds that have travelled, changed their mode of life, kind of food, air, water, etc., seldom do well that season. I believe this is most important. Get your birds the previous autumn if possible.

Never send to a dealer at a distance except as a last resort. Find a fancier in your own or nearest town. Depend upon it there are several. Ask a grain dealer. You will find a true fancier delighted to show you his birds and give you a bargain.

Friendly fanciers will sell you really good birds almost at half price if you take them at the end of the breeding season, and moult them yourself. If you take year-old birds, you will start with them as second year birds, and these are the best for beginners, as they are less excitable. These birds will not be upset by a long journey, you have the advantage of knowing how they are bred and related, and you can see for yourself if they come of healthy stock and from a clean bird room.

Never colour-feed your breeding stock, only the birds for sale or show. There can be no doubt that it is apt to make birds fat and "liverish."

For the actual daily management get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and follow it closely. This you must have. You will get a very great deal of added pleasure and interest if you get also "Our Canaries," for your library.

If all goes well, leave the cock and hen together. This is the easiest way for the beginner, and the nearest to nature.

The Care of the Young.

When the young are about 14 days old, put them in a larger and clean nest on the floor of the cage, well surrounded by clean sawdust, and put a clean nest pan in the old ring above, and the hen will go to nest again, and the cock will feed the young. If any trouble arises you can put in the partition and shut off the young, therefore try to give each pair a double-breeder, and you will need no nursery cages.

Never despair if the parents fail to feed. It is very easy to hand-feed. When quite young use the little flat sticks called "orange sticks," sold by hairdressers for manicure work, and after about the 10th day use a "Fil-up feeder," and you will have very little trouble.

Rape, well boiled in a penny tea-strainer, and squashed with the bowl of a spoon, can be mixed with the food after about the 7th day. If a chick looks like dying give it one drop of castor-oil and a few drops of warm milk a little later, and it will probably wake up quite hungry after a sleep.

Lastly, get your birds as tame as possible during the winter. You will be far more successful if your birds will let you do what you like with them. The big Norwich birds seem born tame. They are splendid for beginners, but the Border Fancies are the hardiest and most prolific, I believe, and these do not need colour feeding.—(Miss) D. Alston, Stirling.

A Season's Procedure in a Nutshell.

THE advice I should give to a beginner is as follows: Make up your mind which variety you are going to keep, go to a good breeder, or purchase on the deposit system, as soon as the breeding season is over, some young stock. Feed on good canary seed as a staple diet and give occasionally a little hemp, maw, teasel, and a little egg-food.

Let the hens fly together during winter in a large cage. As the season approaches for breeding, say about the end of March, gradually bring the birds into condition with extra egg-food and green-food, such as dandelion.

When you see the birds are in condition, calling to each other, flapping their wings, and continually flying from one perch to another, put them by the side of one another, and as soon as you see them feeding let them run together. Now put in a nest pan and a little hair, and when you see they are going to start house-keeping in earnest, put in a nest bag.

When the first egg is laid, remove it and place a dummy in the nest, and repeat this till the night on which the third egg is laid, then replace them. Book the date, and on the thirteenth day from when you replace them, if all goes well, you should have some young.

On the day previous to the hatching give a bath and a little egg-food, made as follows: Obtain a piece of bread two days stale, and about half an inch thick, and rub up in your hands. Take an egg and boil for twenty minutes, then beat up with a fork with the breadcrumbs. I find this answers admirably.

On the third day give the parents some green-food—groundsel, lettuce, or chickweed—fresh three times a day. The egg-food also I like to give three times daily—about enough to last them till the next time of feeding. When the young are about ten days old I give in addition a little cracked hemp and rape, but do not allow the hemp to remain too long or it will do harm.

As soon as the young are out of the nest, and can get about nicely, part them off from the parents with a wire partition between, and when you see they are doing nicely for themselves take them away and place them in a cage together.

How to Use Colour Food.

I always believe in colour-feeding birds, whether songsters or show specimens, as I find they command a higher price. I mix my colour-food as follows: I get a good quality of red pepper, and to every pound of pepper I add half a pound of moist sugar and two pennyworth of olive oil, mix well, and put in an airtight bottle till required. I hardly ever use eggs for colour-feeding, only one occasionally. I use two days stale bread, and find this answers the purpose well.

As soon as you see the first feathers drop, commence with the colour-food, a little at first, and gradually bring this to the strength required. When you see the first colour appearing in the feathers gradually cut down the strength of the feed, but keep on a little after the moult is finished, in case of any feathers being pulled out by the other birds.

To fix the colour I give a little carrot between the wires, and a little sulphate of iron in the water. I find the birds take the colour better by keeping several in a cage together, but I do not overcrowd. Always keep the cage bottom well strewn with grit, and a piece of cuttlefish bone hung in the cage. Give plenty of fresh water and a good bath on suitable days.—T. PARGETER, Banbury.

A Modest Commencement Advocated.

IF I were asked to give a beginner in Canary breeding advice as to how to start in the hobby, the first thing I would ask him or her would be: Is this a sudden whim, or have you been interested in cage birds and their welfare long?

If the former, I would say, do not think Canary breeding an easy, go-as-you-please game; it is one that must be taken seriously, and the thought of the birds must come before the thought of other pleasures. When one keeps live stock of any description, and especially for breeding purposes, every care and attention must be devoted to them, for one must understand that the birds depend for their every need entirely upon their owner, and are not able to feed their young and rear them unless they themselves are well cared for.

If the latter, then the advice above need hardly be given, for knowing that birds cannot be in breeding condition unless in the best of health, they would not think of neglecting their pets for other pleasures.

I would further say, do not, for a season at least, go in for first-rate and expensive stock, expecting to breed winners at the first go. Get two pairs of common Canaries, say, at about 12s. 6d. per pair. Why I say two pairs is because perhaps one might get one or other of the birds in a particular pair that did not hit the mark, and then one has the other pair to fall back on.

If only one pair was purchased, and disaster came along, then, unless the breeder was an ardent enthusiast, there is the possibility that he would throw up an interesting hobby in disgust. If, on the other hand, he, or she, were fairly successful in the first season, there would be greater hopes for the future.

Now, how to get the stock and equipment. First I would advise him, if he had a birdy friend in the town, to purchase from him his birds, and also to ask his advice and help in regard to the purchase of cages, unless he was inclined to make his own, in which case he would take a pattern in his eye of his friend's cages, and make them the same. Anyhow, I would advise the use of the double-breeding cage, as this pattern has such a great advantage over the single one.

His birds and cages ready, then, taking that he had got them at the beginning of the year, he should commence giving the hens a pinch of niger seed, and the cocks a pinch of maw, every third day until about a month before the time to pair up the birds, then give a little egg and biscuit once a week for a fortnight every other day, until ready; but do not, on any account, cram them with stimulating food too quickly, as birds forced into breeding condition are never so strong, nor do they go about their

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HOW TO SUCCEED IN CANARY BREEDING.

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duties so well, as those that are gradually brought on, and which thus come into condition more naturally.

When nesting has actually commenced, do not get over anxious and fuss about too much; just go about your ordinary duties in the bird room as if nothing untowards was happening; let the birds think you are not bothering them, and they will go on much better.

A lookout for the first egg is kept, and one is naturally a little excited, especially if it is the first egg one has had laid for him. Do not drive off the hen to take it out. Go gently to the cage, pretend to look at the seed or water vessels, or give a scrap of green food, to get the hen to leave the nest, then gently remove the egg, and substitute a dummy. Do the same each morning until the three are laid, and then, on the evening of the laying of the third egg, return them, and leave the birds as much to themselves as possible.

Take careful note of the date, and on the evening of the thirteenth day afterwards give a little egg and biscuit food. I myself also give hemp seed as well, but do not give green food until the young are about three or four days old.

With good luck, and good feeding parents, the young will be ready to leave the nest at from twenty-one to twenty-four days' old, and if the pair are then ready to nest again, let the young ones be put on the other side of the double breeder, with the wire slide between; the old birds will feed them all right until they can pick for themselves, which should be from a month to a day or two after.

Keep soft food in the cage with the young until they can well crack the seed, and then do not cut off the supply too suddenly, or, in all probability, the digestive organs will go wrong, or such things as inflammation of the bowels set in.

After a year of common stock breeding, and the experience which will have been gained, I would advise the beginner to select the particular breed of Canary he likes best, and go to a reliable breeder, and purchase what he can afford. I would also advise him to join a Cage Bird Society, if there is one locally, as he will, by its means, become acquainted with many bird friends, and will thus quickly increase his knowledge, because to a true fancier it is not a trouble, but a pleasure, to help a novice over the stile.

W. Liddett, Newark.

Begin with Commoners.

My advice to beginners in Canary breeding is to start with two pairs of common Norwich. I think them the best for a beginner. If he should have bad luck the first year, a lot of money is not lost. If he goes in for expensive pairs, unless he has really got the bird fever, he may leave the fancy for ever.

Make your breeding cage 36ins. by 9ins., have a wire slide in centre, and put the cock one side and the hen the other. When you see the cock feeding the hen through the wires, draw the slide and put the nest-pan in, and a little nesting material for them to play with. When you see the hen in real earnest put plenty of material in the rack, and let them pull it through the wires.

Always have elder perches; they are cheap red mite traps. Bore a hole in each end, and there you will find the red mite, if any. Always use plenty of Keating's powder in the nest pans.

Never take the cock away from the hen unless it is necessary, as the young get on so much better with the cock. Never encourage the hen to go to nest when she has young, but if you see she means it put another nest-pan in the other side of cage, and give her plenty of nesting material; then she will not be so likely to pluck her young, and the cock will finish feeding them. Always read Cage Birds, for there you will find plenty of good tips from different fanciers.

When you have learnt to breed and manage these common pairs, go to a good fancier who breeds his own winners, and get him to match you a couple of good pairs up, transfer the eggs from the good pairs to your common pairs, as the latter will feed better. Then you will soon be on the road to success. If you do not get a card the first time try again.—T. Golsby, Hugglescote.

How to Keep Roller Canaries.

Bird keeping is perhaps the most popular hobby there is, and the breeding of the Roller Canary fills the thoughts of more Canary breeders since the suggestion of the capture of the Canary trade.

The beginner should always be careful in the choice of Roller Canaries, especially when the breeding season is approaching. My first attempt was a failure, the hen bird proving of no use, but the second laid her first egg a week after mating with the cock bird.

The best mixture to get the backward birds into breeding trim is hemp, maw, niger, linseed, and gold of pleasure. This mixture should be given on alternate days to the hens, and to the cocks twice a week.

When the hen is sitting it is best to keep up with some egg food or other soft food, give her a little every three days, as well as the usual canary and rape seed, and she will not be then upset by the change. When the young have hatched, give her some every day and also some cracked hemp.

Whenever a hen shows any signs of lacking in her feeding of the young I have found a salt bath refreshes her, and seems to have the effect of making her feed the young with renewed vigour. The young are generally out of the nest at the age of three weeks; then put both soft food and the mixture of cracked hemp, canary seed and rape, gradually getting them on to seed altogether.

When they are about eight or nine weeks old they will begin to moult, and it is best to cage them off separately, as they sometimes grow quarrelsome. Before they begin to moult, throw in a few nasturtium flowers, this will give a nice tone to the new feathers. When they are moulting they need some nurishing food as it is a very trying time for them. Beside the usual canary seed, give them some hemp, maw, linseed, and broken groats, but crack the hemp for the young birds.

Let the young Rollers hear the cock sing as much as possible before the moult, and after as well, then select the young for size and song. In winter keep the birds on canary seed and rape with a little hemp once a week. Always have a piece of cuttle fish bone in the cage, never forget the bath on warm days, and always have plenty of clean sand on the bottom of the cage.

If birds are well looked after when they are young, you seldom have any trouble with them after. I might also mention that I have reared all my young Canaries on "Spratt's Cage Bird Food," and they are strong, healthy young Rollers.

R. W. Dennis.

How Bird Societies Can Help their Members.

By the REV. C. B. JOLLIFFE (Cardiff).

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On June 20 the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe put a question to the members of the Cardiff C.B.S.: "What Advantages can the Society offer its Members." The lecturer proceeded to answer his own question, and in doing so pointed out methods which should appeal not only to the members of his own society, but to those of every other in the Kingdom. By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe we are enabled to reproduce the lecture for the general benefit.

Remember, one of the greatest dangers to the pedigree breeder is that it may become a business from which the hobby element totally drops out. His children have no place in the business: they are forbidden to enter the bird-room, made to go about the house on tip-toe, and woe betide them if the door should happen to bang and father hears it! In the days which lie ahead there will be for these children no gracious memories, only—"Don't talk to me about Canaries; I had enough of them when I was a boy."

Now all this must go! We must find a place in our hobby for the wife and children, and the genuine collecting of birds' nests and eggs gives us scope.

Let the society cultivate the elements of brotherhood, of sympathy, of readiness to advise in all things pertaining to the keeping of birds in captivity. Let us convince one and all that reliability, honesty, truth and straightforwardness are things to be counted on as between member and member—a sort of birdy freemasonry.

We should deem it our bounden duty to see that an offender of the elementary laws of honour and brotherhood has no place in the association of gentlemen. Let us see to it that these 800 readers of Cage Birds who reside at our very doors have every opportunity extended to them of joining our ranks and reaping the obvious benefits which we can offer them by close and fraternal association.

What educational advantages the Society can offer the "aviculturist" and the keeper of birds as pets I have already, to a great extent, indicated To my mind, the "aviculturist" will find such an inexhaustible help in the many excellent articles published in Cage Birds that I feel sure the Society will be hard put to to give more, or better, information, except in the directions I have suggested, and in that education which no written matter can impart, viz., personal acquaintance with the living thing itself.

In the main, therefore, the educational advantages which I shall suggest as being in the power of the Society to offer its members are, more or less, in the direction of breeding those rare and valuable specimens to be seen on the show bench.

The Crowning Luck.

When we consider the number of birds, running into many thousands, which are bred annually by the best brains, with years of experience behind them, and with almost unlimited time and money at disposal, it does seem at times that the manufactured article, the rare choice ideals after which we strive and which manage so tantalisingly to elude our grasp with almost magic fatalism, is after all a freak, something which comes by chance, a mere stroke of good luck.

Let us be under no illusion—the element of luck, chance, good fortune, call it what you like, does enter, and enter deeply, into all our schemes. But do not let us suppose for one moment that the birds which sweep the decks are the results of undiluted chance. It would be the end of all thoughtful, scientific breeding if it were so. The luck is only one element, coming in at the end of the long line of processes, all designed, co-operant, and cumulative. It is not the luck of the horse-racer, a mere speculation, but the good fortune of the steady, plodding, intelligent seeker after the ideal; the crown of years of toil; the trophy of grit, grace, and gumption.

Many a beginner spends his money lavishly, and oftentimes unwisely, even in the matter of cages and bird-room appliances. Had he joined the Society before he purchased a pennyworth of wood and wire, he doubtless would have saved five years' subscriptions right away. Instead of that conglomeration of cages, boxes, wires, and tables, all varying in sizes, shapes, and suitability, he would have learned the value and economy of standardisation, and the attractiveness of well-arranged and artistically-coloured cages and room.

There are bird-rooms from which one turns with a feeling of revulsion, and one wonders how anything can live, much more thrive, in such an atmosphere, and under such improper and discouraging conditions.

As members, we ought to be willing to open our bird-rooms to the kindly inspection of all our members, especially the novice. Let us, however, keep an eye on the mean sneak who comes crawling round about show time in order to see what birds he should keep at home because yours will pass his, and just how many he needs to send in order to pick up the special for most entries, and, at the same time, save threepence. Of such an one—"Facta non verba." deeds not words.

A Haphazard Commencement

We are all more or less amazed at the manner in which we began our first year's breeding. No preparation, no pairing-up process. A box, a nest pan, a barrowful of moss and charpie, a tin of mixed seed, a bottle of water. Into this we tossed a cock and two hens, only to find the cock fought both the hens, and when he had had enough of this the hens fought each other even more than the cock fought them. It may be we had the luck to get a few good eggs, and chicks, but, alas! no one had said a word about soft food, and we looked the picture of despair when the young died!

And so the first season drew to its close, and we were still buying hens in August "guaranteed ready for nesting." It had been a year of blunders and disappointed hopes: much of which would have been saved had we known of the Society, and been a member.

What I owe to the Society is beyond measure in this respect. I am quite sure the second year of such failures would have been the last year in the Fancy for me but for the goodness of two or three who came to my help and put me on the high road to success. What I wish to note is this: these members gave me of their experience simply because they happened to run up against me, and had the genuine disposition to help a novice.

What if all this experience, and fraternal spirit were organised and harnessed to the work of the Society? It would be an invaluable education if a beginner could have the matured experience of an old hand in lectures, or on question night, and, above all, could get a peep into our breeding-rooms, observe our methods, and come into touch with the vital thing itself.

How many novices ever think of keeping the cock wired off from the hen, even after pairing has been accomplished, until such a time as observation of the vent tells him that the hen is three or four days off laying?

Many a cock, in the beginning of the season, has exhausted himself, and, after bringing his hen into condition, cannot fertilise the eggs she lays. It is the duty of the fancier to bring the hen into condition and keep the cock in prime fettle for the work of the season.

Then there is the matter of position, aspect, light, and evenness of temperature in which the breeding cages are placed. This year I have brought my breeding cages out of my stock-room and placed them four to five feet away from the windows in another room, secured them from every possible draught, and yet given fresh air in abundance night and day. They have faced E.S.E., the sun shining on the birds at 4 to 4.30 a.m., and leaving the breeding-room entirely at 11 a.m. (Greenwich mean time).

Early and Often.

I have seen my hens feeding young at 3.45 a.m., and continuing to do so until 9 o'clock in the evening. The average number of eggs per nest has been five, and I have over fifty youngsters from eight hens and six cocks, with only two nests from each pair for the season. I attribute all this season's success solely to the position after careful preparation of the pairs, especially the cocks.

I cannot stop to speak of the egg food, green food, and other seeds in feeding young, in all of which, in my judgment, it is the duty of the Society to educate the young beginner, and make it worth his while to join its ranks.

What I would say is this: if this Society would carry out these suggestions there is not the slightest reason why the beginner should not straight away have three years' start on such as myself, who was

"Like an infant crying in the night,
Like an infant crying for the light,
And with no language but a cry."

I am amazed at the many subjects that come clamouring for treatment in this paper, such as the purpose and methods of double-buffing and double-yellowing; the type of birds most suitable for stock purposes; the individual values of cocks and hens, and their influence upon their young; hand-washing exhibitions, with suggestions to young beginners re practice on common crossbreds and even Sparrows; the running of one cock with two hens; colour food; grey lice and red mite; baths; and the steadying of birds for all purposes. I must, however, forbear, and leave these things for future treatment by others, and, if you think fit, at some future time, myself.

I would, however, call attention to one very useful piece of service the Society can render its fanciers, viz., in the direction of table shows. It is my firm conviction that these shows are not the educative force that they ought to be. I would dismiss from them every element of, and inducement to, competition. It is education, and education only, we are after.

Hence we should never appoint a gentleman to judge these birds who is not a breeder and an expert of the variety he judges. Fancy a Yorkshire breeder judging Norwich, and vice versa. I am not suggesting that he cannot do it, and that at our great shows judges do not do so. But for our purpose the specialist is what we want.

How Judges Can Help the Novices.

If it can be arranged, let the specialist judge the birds whilst the business meeting of the Society is being held. After this let the members take a hand at judging, and when the awards are made let the judge publicly state, and point out, in what manner 1st passes 2nd, and 2nd, 3rd, and so on.

I have been to many shows, and watched judge after judge, but am afraid I cannot always follow the judging. If the judge has judged to the true standard and type there should be a reason for placing this bird in this or that position, and there are some well-known judges who are of no educative value to me.

To this show I would especially plead that the exhibition of matched pairs by novices should be made a special feature. Of course, as in all shows, face value alone can count; indeed, in stock pairs of any kind we cannot say until this pair has bred what they will do. I would plead that the champions pass round the hat, and present 1st with 1s. 6d., 2nd with 1s., and 3rd with 6d., as prizes to encourage the novice. Let our very watch-word be "encouragement."

If, in six or seven years of apprenticeship, a man can become an expert in some business or trade, why cannot an average man of brains become an expert in the variety of bird he breeds in a like manner of time? Let us have as many of these shows as we can arrange, for, apart from the educational value to members, they are a genuine blessing to the birds themselves, inasmuch as they all help to acclimatise the birds to show conditions.

If our committee will only take note of these suggestions, there is here matter for a twelve months' programme, and if the programme could be printed in syllabus form, with, perhaps, a special chairman and lecturer to each subject, then I am confident some step in advance, not only to the outsider, but to the member, would be made.

(To be continued.)

Bird-catching on a Guernsey Farm.

By ZARA.

IN a lovely valley in the beautiful island of Guernsey (London Channel Islanders' Society note the free ad.) stands a picturesque farm kept by a Mr. (I'll call him Smith) who at the time of which I write had seven sons working on the farm, and their favourite hobby was birdcatching.

Now for birdcatching, as every reader of CAGE BIRDS knows, you need the proper appliances. They had good clap-nets, bat-folding nets, call-birds, etc., but the one little "fly in the ointment" was that they couldn't get their brace birds satisfactory. The reason was that they used a brass eyelet from a tie-on label on the brace and the string would twist.

I have for many years had the pleasure (likewise the profit) of supplying the leading dealers with a "brace swivel" that to quote a customer (without his permission) is "a very nice swivel indeed and very neat." I can make them at the rate of six dozen an hour, so one Sunday morning I went out to the farm and gave them a few dozen. This paid my "footing," as it were, and entitled me to come and go at will; a privilege that I used to the full. I joined the happy band of bird-catchers and got my birds for "nix."

Birds by the Score.

We (you will notice I am now one of the crowd) used to catch birds by the score in one pull over of the nets. These were mostly Linnets and Greenfinches, with an occasional Chaffinch, etc. Goldfinches were not very plentiful, but if any came round the farm they were soon caught.

The birds were kept in an old shed, the front of which was glassed in; the nets, call cages, flirt poles (we called them jiggers) and all the catching paraphernalia were hung from the beams above, making the place delightful to the eye of a British bird lover. A large flight wire netted over filled a large part of the shed; in this the Linnets were kept.

Very early one Sunday morning a bird dealer we called "Ginger Jack" came out with a store cage and bought every cock Linnet (about seven dozen) in the flight cage, leaving about six dozen hens behind. He had been gone about half an hour when a rival dealer, George Eager, arrived, and seeing no one in the bird shed, he entered and soon espied the Linnets. He left his store cage in the shed and quickly went in search of one of the boys, and finding one, asked, "How much do you want for those cock Linnets in the flight?"

Now it must be said of George that although he bragged about his knowledge of birds he still had a lot to learn. So the innocent (?) youth replied "Three bob a dozen if you take the lot." "Done!" said George, and they changed hands.

About a week later George called in at Jack's shop and, as usual, began to brag about his birds. "I bought a rattling good lot of cock Linnets on Sunday," said George, "and don't some of them lash out (sing)." Jack went to George's shop to see the rattlers, and quietly told him that there wasn't a cock in the whole lot. George didn't visit the farm for months after that.

'Twas Ever Thus.

The problem what to do with the hen Goldfinches was solved by giving them to a young fellow named Wickings, who took them with a "Thank you very much." What he did with these hens remained a mystery, for some time. However, one Saturday evening, as the boys were going to town, they passed an old fancier's shop, a man who bred and sold Canaries, and chancing to look in they saw Mr. Wickings in earnest conversation with the old man who, putting on his spectacles gazed at four little hen Goldfinches in a wire fronted box. The old chap drew nearer to the gas jet to see better, and the boys outside came nearer the door and listened (which was wrong of them). "Look at the blazes on 'em," Wickings was saying, "they're four young cocks." He got two shillings each for them—enough to guarantee him an enjoyable Saturday night.

Have you ever caught Siskins with a fishing rod? No! Well, I'll tell you how to do it. In the winter of 1898 the island was invaded by thousands of Siskins; in fact, I think the whole supply intended for the United Kingdom must have settled here, perhaps forced to land by the rough weather. People who knew nothing at all about birds were asking what those little green and yellow birds were. It was Siskins everywhere; their call notes could be heard even in the town, and we caught so many that we didn't know what to do with them.

We made aviaries out of pigeon and fowl houses by covering them with half-inch net ting and stocked them with Siskins by the hundred; they are about the easiest bird in the world to catch, we had forty-three at once in the clap-nets, and had six on one limed twig. They even came into the greenhouse after the call-birds, when all we had to do was to close down the lights and shut them in, leaving them till dark, when we could go round with a lantern and pick them from where they were roosting.

Another way of catching them was when they were feeding on the alder trees, we would insert a limed twig in a notch made at the end of a fishing rod, and the birds were so indifferent to our presence that we could touch them across the back, and down they would come. They were so tame that they would eat in front of us as soon as we put them into the store cage; and they can eat, yea! verily.

I remember that I kept a couple of dozen of them in a large box with a wired front, and they pretty nearly "stumped" me buying seed for them; if CAGE BIRDS had been in existence then we could have made a nice little haul, selling them wholesale to dealers; as it was, we sold a large number to a local dealer—never mind his name, as he still owes for fifteen dozen.

A Mixed Shoot.

Every Boxing Day there is a sort of family gathering at the farm, on the occasion of the annual shooting match, clay pigeons, live pigeons, and Sparrows are shot at for three prizes, usually a turkey, goose, and a brace of pheasants. A few weeks before Christmas Sparrow catching commences. This is done with bat-folding nets at night. The roughest nights are selected for going out as the birds roost too high in fine weather; rough weather brings them down to the evergreens and ivy for shelter.

I remember one wild night we went out; we tramped miles, trying the sides of hayricks, thatch, etc., and at last we finished up in the cemetery, where we had some fine catches in the evergreens. Our party numbered about a dozen, one of the fellows had an accordion with him, and gave us selections at intervals. We had with us a large can of Farmer Hawkins' "joy juice," and refreshed ourselves from time to time.

After we had caught as many birds as we needed, and our can had been emptied, we sat around on the tombstones and had some good old-fashioned songs. "Wonderful Words of Love" was one of them, our friend with the accordion playing a sort of vamping accompaniment. We arrived home at length dripping wet, but quite happy.

I never brag about my shooting, I'm too modest, but I had a splendid "bag" once; there was an old duck gun kept in the shed that one of the boys had bought cheap for two francs (1s. 8d.). After it had been loaded with a double charge of powder and shot, lashed to the wheel of the old box-cart, and pulled off at a distance with a piece of string, it was thought to be safe enough to use. We called this gun "Long Tom" (being about the time of the Boer War).

"Dead, for a Ducat."

One afternoon I took it and went off towards the woods. I felt very much like "Deadwood Dick," with the ramrod stuck down in one of my top-boots, and flasks of powder and shot in my pockets. I climbed over the wall into the woods (private property) and there, not twenty yards away, I saw a little bird on the bough of a tree. I thought to myself "If he only keeps still a minute I'll bag him." I drew a bead on him and fired; there was an awful report and smoke!! (You know what that common black gunpowder is).

When the smoke had cleared I couldn't find the bird, but I noticed something slowly descending to earth like a falling leaf; on going up to this I found it was the skin and feathers of the bird, the rest of it being completely blown out. I picked up the skin very carefully, and put it on the wall, when I saw young Smith coming towards me. "I've shot a bird," I shouted. He came up and I pointed to the remains; he looked carefully at it, poked it with the tip of his finger, then turned round to me and said very seriously, "My word, old man, you kills 'em, DEAD."

Eighteen years have gone by since those days, but often when smoking my favourite briar the memory of them is recalled. I still visit the farm occasionally, but most of the boys (now men) have gone their different ways. One is in the 16th Lancers, and several are married. Birdcatching is not done now on a very large scale, but a couple of fine Goldfinches are kept in the stable waiting for something to turn up.

A TYPICAL BRITISH BULLFINCH.



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Four-winged Birds.

IF evidence were longer needed that a scientific problem can at times be stated briefly, with no sacrifice to clearness, this model little paper, entitled "A Tetropteryx Stage in the Ancestry of Birds," by C. William Beebe, Curator of Birds, New York Zoological Society, could be cited to advantage. In it the author propounds an idea which is both novel and interesting—that in the course of their evolution modern birds have passed through a four-winged stage, or one in which they possessed both pectoral and pelvic wings, and strong evidence is adduced in its support.

The idea was suggested by noticing, in the almost naked body of a four days' old White-winged Dove, a row of sprouting quills on the membrane which connects the body with the leg, or, to speak more precisely, from below the knee to the pelvis, along the free border of the patagium, and therefore just behind the thigh and parallel with it.

This was seen to be no casual growth, but a series of some twelve stout feather-tubes, provided with one-half that number of definitely placed coverts, which gave the impression of a rudimentary pelvic wing, in correspondence with the true wing of the modified arm.

This interesting observation was made too late in the season for extended comparisons with representative nestlings of many orders of birds, but the same vestigial structures were detected in the embryo Jacana, as well as in the young of the common domestic Pigeon.

Thus, in the one-week-old squab the rudiment appears as a well-defined tract, marked by seven flight-feathers and four coverts; at two weeks there are ten large feathers, and at three weeks no less than twelve, with ten coverts.

Upon one subject all zoologists are agreed: that the modern birds, as Professor Huxley was wont to say, are glorified reptiles, and that the far-famed Archæopteryx of the distant Jurassic Period fulfils to perfection every requirement of a common ancestral type which any theory of organic descent could require.

This long-gone ancestor was of about the size of a Crow, and possessed of a lizard-like head with jaws set with sharp, conical teeth; it was likewise the possessor of a long, vertebrated tail and a reptilian pelvis, but it had also rounded, feathered wings, each of which terminated in three clawed fingers, as well as avian feet.

Moreover, its long tail was bordered on either side with a row of stout feathers, set in a way to suggest that this organ served as a plane, to assist the rather weak wings in sealing flight, from tree to tree.

The free fingers of the wings, like the clawed toes, were doubtless serviceable in holding to the bark, as well as in climbing, for it is not at all probable that Archæopteryx had the power of rising from the ground to any considerable height by the aid of its wings alone.

Archæopteryx cannot be strictly classified as either bird or reptile, for it combines in about equal measure the salient characteristics of both these classes of modern animals. In short, as the Irishman would say, "it was ayther; it was nayther."

If the embryonic or juvenal tract of fugitive feathers on the leg of modern birds were really the vestige of a former functional wing or plane, then, surely, Archæopteryx could be expected to offer unimpeachable testimony upon this question.

Unfortunately, but two specimens of this eloquent fossil have ever been discovered, and as commonly happens they are by no means so complete as could be desired, and on stammer or remain silent upon certain points, but the author believes that they supply the witness needed in support of his idea.

The legs of Archæopteryx show two rows of long feathers on the tibia, in the region of the pelvis and thigh; from this the author concludes that this toothed bird-reptile possessed a feather plane or wing in the membrane which must have stretched between the leg and pelvis, and that with the tail it served as a counterpoise to the proper wings.

Although Archæopteryx could have possessed little power of directive flight, the true wing was nevertheless then becoming a dominant organ, and the pelvic planes were in a state of decline; we must therefore conclude that it was descended from ancestors still more archaic and lizard-like, that possessed membranous wings corresponding to the fore limbs which were used for planing, much as in a flying squirrel.

Some slight power of flapping flight may have been an attribute of the bird-reptiles of the Jurassic Period; but in later ages came the complete concentration of the supporting and directive powers, displayed in flight, the feathered fore-limbs, with all the correlated changes in musculature and respiration which this implies; this change, moreover, was attended by a shortening of the tail to its present proportions, as well as by a reduction of the pelvic wing to the obscure rudiment which still lingers in the embryo or nestling of the present day.

"Millions of years after they were of use," says the author, "the feathers of the pelvic wing are still produced in embryo and nestling. And for some unknown reason Nature makes each squab pass through this Tetropteryx stage. The line of feathers along the leg of the young bird reproduces on the diminutive, useless scale the glory that once was theirs. No fossil bird of the ages prior to Archæopteryx may come to light, but the memory of Tetropteryx lingers in every dovecote."

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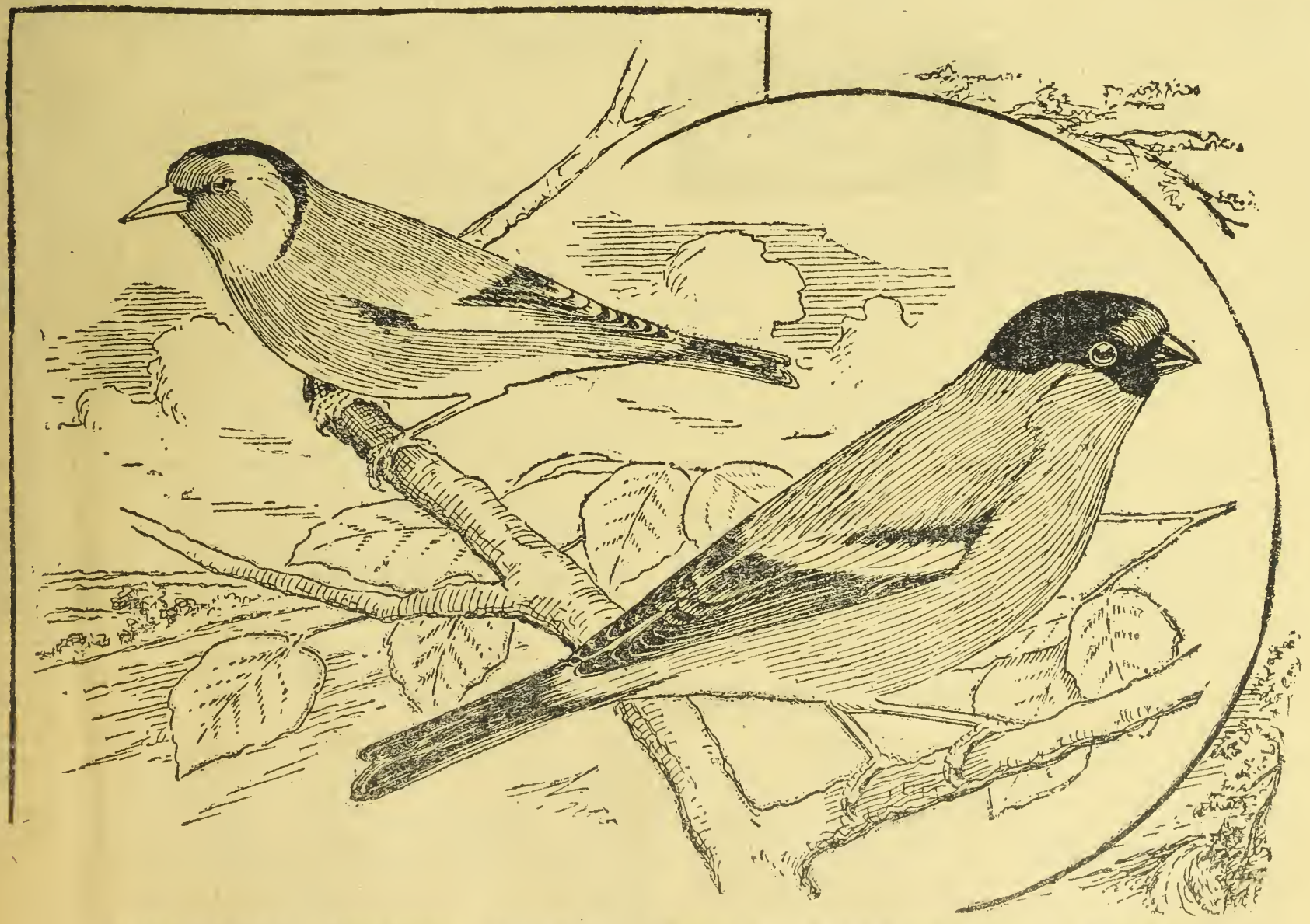
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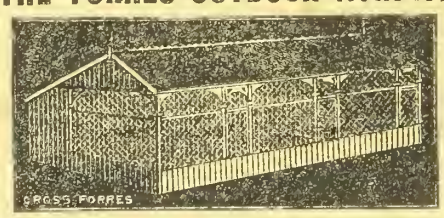
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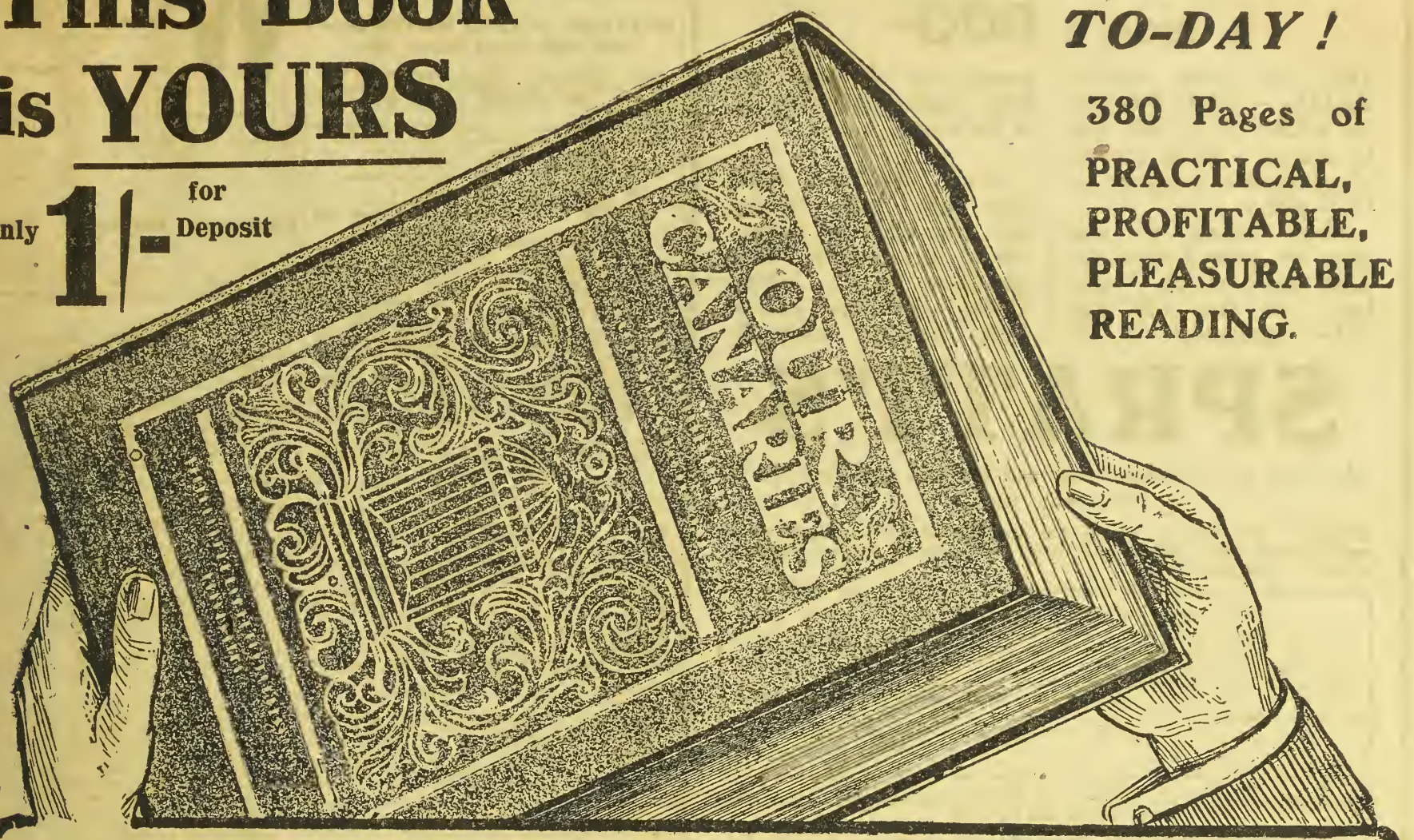
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LEEDS.

Linnet contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Aug. 6; 18 birds sang, and a friend added a spl. for best bird: 1, Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, shared, Wigfield and Butterfield. Judges, J. Hutchinson and S. Butterfield.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting Aug. 5, Gothenburg, Coaltown of Wemyss, agreed to pay 6d. per member and grant specials to societies running a club or open show. Specials to be confined to members of the League. Rest of business was left over till some further date. Next meeting Lochgelly, last Sat. in Oct., at 6. A vote of thanks to the chair ended the meeting. —J. Sneddon, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 5, with a good turn out. Decided to run at annual show, eight Norwich classes, four Crest, eight Yorks., eight Border, four selling, one mule, and seven British, with the usual members' classes. Members elected: Messrs. Watts, Shield, and Studholm. We have secured the N.Y.C.C. patronage.

Next feather show for Norwich and Border Fancy. Nor. cl. (10): 1, Wardell; 2, 3, vhc, Dobson; hc, c, Robson. Mark (5): 1, Wardell: 2, hc, Robson; 3, hc, Graham. Border: 1, Watts; 2, Bolan, in each class. The judging of Mr. Jos. Carr gave entire satisfaction.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

Please see note at head of show reports (Ed.)

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Meeting, Aug. 5, vice-pres., Wm. Dinwoodie, presided over a moderate attendance. Classification of annual show was deferred till Sept. meeting. Mr. R. T. Campbell, Dunfermline, has kindly promised a lecture for Oct. 7, particulars later. Members admitted: Messrs. F. McGowan, R. Blair, J. C. Coulter, A. McLean, E. Cassidy, and W. Finnigan. Samples of colour-food were submitted from the various vendors, and were carefully scrutinised by those present. Monthly ramble, Saturday, Aug. 12, to Cadzow Forest, Hamilton, train leaves Central Station at 2.55, calling at Rutherglen, Cambuslang, Glasgow. Members to meet at corner of Hope and Gordon Streets, at 2.40. The wild seed gathering in Sept. will conclude the series for the season. Mr. J. McGowan tendered his resignation as treasurer, prior to enlistment next month; the vacancy was left over till next meeting, Sept. 2.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS C.B.S.

At a meeting, July 26, Mr. G. Large presiding, and a large turn-out of members, final business of the nest feather show was closed, and this will make the way clear for the Red Cross show, Nov. 3 and 4. It was decided to change the meeting night, also the place of meeting, so as to enable us to make more headway, and have a larger attendance, as there is a lot to be done to make the forthcoming show a success. So members rally round, as strength makes success, to try and raise £50 for the lads that are doing so much for us; they are worthy of all we can do for them. Let us rally together and strike another blow at the enemy by raising the £50 to relieve the suffering and bring comfort to those who have earned it. Open meeting Sat. next, Aug. 12, in the new meeting rooms, Little's Cafe, Dalton Road. Special invitation to all fanciers in the district who will be heartily welcomed.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, July 8, Mr. Holden presided over a good attendance. Classification for annual show, Dec. 9, in the Rochester-street Sunday School, decided on: Norwich 8, Crests 4, Yorks. 7, Scotch Fancy 2, Borders (including 4 Greens) 10, Sell. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules or Hyb. 3, Brit. 12, For. 1; total 51. Judges elected: Norwich, F. F. Laidlow; Crests, Thos. Almond; British, etc., Chris. Waters; judges for Borders and Yorkshires to be selected at next meeting. Decided that sec. write specialist clubs re their patronage for annual show. In connection with meeting, a table show (nest feather) was held, but owing to a lot of our members having a poor breeding season, entries were poor. Mr. Laidlow judged Nor.: 1, Coulthard; 2, 3, Thompson; 4, vhc, Cromarty. Yorks.: 1, 2, Thompson. Members elected: Messrs. J. B. Bell, J. Johnson, Clabby, Bird, Combie, Fairington. Vote of thanks to the judge brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Fanciers invited to join us; entrance fee 1/-; annual subs. 2/6; subs now due.—W. Curry, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting at Oldham, Aug. 6, with a good number present. Decided to have one of our Club Shows in connection with the Rochdale Good Intent Show, Nov. 4. Decided that the Kingsweir Challenge Cup, generously presented by Mrs. M. A. Burgess, Bristol, be competed for at Manchester and N.O.S. Show, Oct. 27 and 28. The cup is for the best young Lizard in show, and has to be won three times before becoming the property of anyone. A medal will be given by the donor of Cup until it is finally won outright. First show fixed at the Volunteer Inn, Oldham, Oct. 14, Sec. being requested to write to two or three judges for terms. Resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded from the L. and L.F.A. expressing to Mrs. Barrass and family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. By the death of Mr. Barrass a severe loss has been sustained by the Lancashire and Lizard fancy. A good man and a true fancier has gone from among us. Mr. H. Pike was proposed as a member. Plenty of room yet for new members, both in Lancashires and Lizards, sub. 5s., no entrance fee.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL FANCIERS VISIT OTTERSPOOL ZOO.

One of the most successful gatherings of Liverpool and District fanciers was that of July 30 to visit Otterspool Zoo and Gardens, Aigburth, which place is in the occupation of Mr. Cross, the well-known foreign bird and wild animal importer. This outing was organised by Mr. R. T. Lonsdale, sec. of Garston B.B.A., who was greatly assisted by H. Holden, sec. North Liverpool B.B.A; A. E. Huyton, sec. Bootle C.B.S.; A. G. Hunt, sec. Walton and Everton C.B.S.; and T. R. Jones, sec. Liverpool B.B.A. To each of these every credit must be given for their efforts in getting their members together, and also to Messrs. J. Lloydd, E. Battersby, and A. Wilkins, for energy displayed in looking after the party whilst at Otterspool. Mr. R. Hunter and Mr. Tiffen, two fanciers all the way from Ormskirk, were first to be at the entrance gates, and soon the rest started to roll up by cars from various parts of Liverpool until there were over 60 present. We gave the old lady gatekeeper a busy time, tearing off tickets and collecting our fourpences, which included the usual penny Government tax, and then commenced a walk along a well-wooded drive of some three-quarters mile in extent to the old mansion of the estate, where we met Mr. Cross, who is geniality itself, and who gave us to understand that owing to the war and to our ships being employed in carrying other essentials for the country, his stock was rather depleted. But he was very busy getting his place in order for big arrivals of birds and animals when normal times arrived. He is carrying on this very large place under most adverse conditions, for out of his usual staff of 29 he only has 5 left, but these attendants he generously instructed to go round with the party and show us all there was to see. What attracted our attention principally as bird fanciers was a well-stocked aviary of Budgerigars, Greens and Yellows. Mr. Cross went in this aviary himself, and taking down various husks showed those present the young birds and many eggs in various stages of incubation. There was also a good stock of Macaws, Parrots, Parrakeets, Cockatoos, all caged off or in large flights, and in the numerous greenhouses on the grounds we saw varieties of Peafowl from different countries, Emus and Rheas. One greenhouse was well stocked with Parrots and Cockatoos, Spice Birds, Zebra Finches, and other varieties of small foreign birds. After a careful inspection of the live stock we went in groups to look over the grounds around the house, and what a place it is. If the country was searched from end to end a better place could not be found. The whole length of the south and east sides are bounded by the river Mersey, from whose high banks you have a wonderful view of the Cheshire side, with the hills of Wales as a background. Old English gardens with an old-time bowling green, well-filled orchards, and well-wooded grounds surrounding, making all wish they could have looked over it all whilst it was the residence of that old Liverpool family the Moss's, whose staff of gardeners under normal conditions was 18. As tea was timed for 5, we started to muster at the hall for the purpose of having our photographs taken by the sec. of the Walton and Everton C.B.S., who came prepared, and an imposing group we made. There were altogether 84 fanciers and wives, including well-known fanciers, who are the mainstay and backbone of the Fancy in Liverpool. Mr. and Mrs. Bunner, of cage-making fame; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Metcalfe, whose name I think needs an introduction to no fancier for miles around; Mr. W. Young, the well-known judge from New Brighton; Mr. S. Green, T. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Algie, Mrs. and Mrs. T. Handley, T. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bratherton, Mr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. J. Lloydd, the well-known British expert and judge; A. Wilkins, E. Battersby, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Hillman: these are the sort of fanciers one likes to see mustered together, and when we get our photograph I think it will be one of most interesting photos of fanciers taken in Liverpool. I have received a proof from Mr. Hunt, and I can congratulate him on taking such a large group so successfully, and when he returns from his holidays I am sure he will be kept very busy executing orders for his proposed enlargements. After the photograph had been successfully taken we prepared ourselves for refreshment, which I am sorry to say did not come up to expectations, as the caterer I think had no idea how hungry one gets whilst walking about, especially bird fanciers. Allow me to thank all those fanciers who helped to make up the party for the pleasure of their company, also Mr. Cross and his attendants for the manner in which they received us and showed us round, and to say that I trust the fanciers of Liverpool will take up the idea and let us have a real good annual picnic. If this can be done at times like the present I can see nothing in the way of making an outing of this description an annual event, and I trust that older heads than mine will co-operate together and work with the idea of keeping everyone acquainted with each other for the welfare of the Fancy in Liverpool. If I have been the means by this effort of starting the ball rolling, I shall be amply repaid for what little trouble it has been, and shall always be ready with my assistance to any venture that may be the outcome of this the first gathering of the whole of Liverpool societies in making one day's enjoyment in each other's company out of each 365.—R. T. Lonsdale.

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BOWBURN C.B.S.

Nest feather show, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Bowburn; 40 birds staged; judge, Mr. F. Sokell, Ferryhill. Class 1: 1, Priest; 2, Huggins; 3, Freeman; vhc, Toulson; hc, Longstaff; c, Wilson. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, Priest; 3, Huggins; vhc, Bailes; hc, Holiday. Buff: 1, hc, Huggins; 2, Longstaff; 3, Miller; vhc, Priest; c, Freeman. Crest-bred: 1, Bailes. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Priest; 2, Dowson. Buff: 1, Priest; 2, Dowson. Linnet: 1, Freeman; 2, Holiday; 3, Bailes. A.O. Hardbill, Small: 1, Longstaff; 2, Holiday; 3, Bailes; vhc, Huggins; hc, Holiday; c, Priest.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Third Members' Show, Station Hotel, Aug. 5, Mr. L. C. Casey, judge. Cl. or Thigh Tkd., Yell.: 1, 3, F. Self; 2, Hartley; 4, vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, c, Midgley. Buff: 1, Lister. Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, Hartley. Buff: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Midgley. Even or Var., Green-yell.: 1, Lister. Buffy 1, Midgley. Novice, Cl. or Thigh Tkd. Yell.: 1, Noale; 2, 3, E. Self. Buff: 1, 2, E. Self. Tkd., Yell., Yorks.: 1, 2, Noale. Even or Var., Green Buff: 1, 2, E. Self; 3, Neale.—B. Hainsworth.

CAMBUSLANG C.B.S.

Annual show of Young Birds, Free Gardeners Hall, July 29. Close on 50 birds turning out. Borders were a capital lot and contained some very promising youngsters. Mules and Hybrids brought out ten entries, and here the winner of special for best bird was found in a capital Goldfinch mule, owned by Mr. J. Brownlie. Norwich were a nice lot, but few, and the three classes allotted to British made up a very fine display. Special most points, Crawford and Shaw tied, Brownlie close up for third. Mr. W. Connelly, Glasgow, judged, and his awards were well received. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell: 1, Shaw; 2, Crawford. Buff: 1, Shaw; 2, Proudfoot. Buff Varieg: 1, Crawford. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell: 1, Shaw. Buff: 1, Shaw; 2, Brownlie; 3, Flemington. Varieg. Yell: 1, 3, Flemington; 2, Proudfoot. Buff: 1, Brownlie; 2, Flemington; 3, Proudfoot. Mule or Hyb.: 1, sp, 2, Brownlie; 3, Allan. Bunting: 1, Green; 2, Lindsay; 3, Crawford. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, Crawford, Bramble.; 2, Lindsay, Bramble, 3, Green, Chaffinch. A.O., Small: 1, Crawford, hen Greenf.; 2, Lindsay, cock Greenf.; 3, Green, Goldf.—A. Crawford, Hon. Sec.

CHARLOTTEVILLE F. & U.S.K.S

Fourth annual members' show, St. Luke's Institute, Aug. 7. Considering the time of year the show may be pronounced a complete success. There were 33 entries in four classes, and some rattling good birds were staged, particularly in the Yorkshires, where Mr. H. Cooke won special best bird bred by the exhibitor, with a really smart ticked yellow, in the pink of condition. This bird has been a frequent winner in open. Mr. Cooke staged a fine team of the "long slim 'uns," and won most of the prizes. Another feature of the show was the remarkably fine lot of green and yellow Budgerigars. In these Mr. Killick won special best bird in show with a magnificent green. Mr. G. Gardner judged. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. A. Jopson and W. Sills, and the committee gave great assistance. Yorks. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, vhc, c, Cooke, winner already described 2nd slashing young Cinnamon tkd. yell., looks like making a very stylish bird, well on the leg, and very smart action, 3rd Cinnamon tkd buff, lovely feather, neat head, well positioned; 4, hc, Killick. A.O.V. Can. (8): 1, Ede, thick-set buff Nor., soft and silky feather, good head and neck; 2, 4, vhc, Killick, leaden neat Border; res, Ayers. Brit. (10): 1, 2, Rackliffe, rich faced Goldf., good bars, and nicely pencilled, good col. Linnet; 3, res, hc, Killick, good Linnet leading; 4, Ayers, hen Bullie, smart one when in form, novelty; vhc, Ede. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 4, vhc c, Killick Green Budgerigar, in first position, and a good one; 2, res, Ede and Ayers, beautiful yellow Budgerigar; 3, Ayers, topping Green.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

First annual young bird show, July 27. The event had been looked forward to with much speculation for some considerable time, it being the first open young bird show ever held in Wales at which fixed prize money was offered, and it was felt that the promoters deserved every success for their pluck in attempting the venture, especially under the present trying conditions. Unfortunately entries did not come up to expectations, which was very regrettable, but we were pleased to see that the officials were not downhearted, and intend, in addition to their open show in December, to run another open young bird show next year, when we are sure they will get the support they deserve. It was very regrettable that Mr. Parlett's well-known team did not arrive until 4 o'clock, too late for judging. The wants of the birds were well attended to by a hard-working band of stewards, Messrs. Emanuel, Jones, Baker, Payne, Davios, Bevan, and James, and all exhibits were promptly dispatched at close of show. The secretary, Mr. Challenger, and chairman, Mr. Thos. James, are to be congratulated on the way they carried out their duties, and in them the Society have two able officials who have the interests of the Society at heart. Mr. H. C. Smith judged Yorks. and Borders, and Mr. Allsopp the remainder, Mr. Nicholas, owing to illness, being unable to fulfil his engagement.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Legg; 2, Hodges; 3, Baker; all clears of nice type and qual. BUFF: 1, Legg, cl., good all round; 2, 3, Jones, shade larger, hardly as neat, 3rd trifle small; 4, Llewellyn; res, Baker. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Hughes and Wood, grand head, long, well-tapered body, fine qual.; 2, Hughes and Wood, equal in style, type and qual., fails size; 3, Baker, capital shape, length and style; res, 4, Gregory; vhc, Bevan; hc, Turner; c, Hughes and Wood. VARIEG. OR GR. YELL.: 1, Hollinshead, grand length and style, rare legs; 2, Hughes and Wood, capital shape and style, grand feather; 3, Gregory, very shapely, not the condition of leaders; res, Hughes and Wood; 4, Powell. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Turner, long, well-tapered body, extra qual., wins; 2, Gregory, grand head, good pos., not so close in feather; 3, Hollinshead and Edwards, very shapely and stylish, capital col.; res, Bevan; 4, Hillman. VARIEG. OR GR. BUFF: 1, Bevan, grand head, fine style and pos.; 2, Baker, fine lengthy bird, good wings, well-carried tail; 3, Padfield, shapely and stylish, not so close in feather; res, Hughes and Wood. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Williams, neat head, lovely qual., rare wings and tail; 2, Hughes and Wood, gem for col. and qual., not so good in head as leader; 3, Evans and Parry, very sweet body, rare carr.; res, 4, Hughes and Wood. VARIEG. OR GR. YELL.: 1, Rowlands, rare feather, shape and style. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Evans and Parry, rare shape and style, sound col. and feather, 2nd nice head, shapely and well feathered; 3, Hughes and Wood, shapely, nice carr., hardly as fit; res, Watkins; 4, Williams. VARIEG. OR GR. BUFF: 1, Rowlands, grand head, rare shape, style and qual., a good one; 2, Hughes and Wood, even mkd., fine shape and style, not so good in head and neck; 3, vhc, Williams, nice head, grand shape, loses in cond.; res, Watkins; 4, Evans and Parry. GOLDF. MULE, 1915: 1, Llewellyn. LINNET: 1, Llewellyn. A.O.V.: 1, Bevan. DK. MULE OLD: 1, Bevan, good col. Goldie-Can.; 2, Emerson and Winstone, Greenf.; 3, Huntley, nat. col. Goldie-Can.; abs, Parlett. GOLDF.: 1, Cozen, good blaze, bars and battens, nice size and shape; 2, Hillman, smaller; abs, Emanuel and Parlett. BULLF.: 1, Emanuel, nice col., shapely ck.; 2, Emerson and Winstone, neatly moulded hen; 3, Baker, ck., hardly as rich col.; 4, Thomas; res, Bevan. GREENF.: 1, Mrs. Dalton, grand size, very shapely, good col.; 2, Morgan, fair size, good col.; 3, res, Hillman, shade small; 4, Llewellyn; vhc, Thomas. LINNET: 1, res, Emanuel, good size, nice col., well laced; 2, Mrs. Dalton nice col. and mkgs., shade smaller; 3, Hillman, good col., nicely laced; 4, Davies; vhc, Williams; abs, Parlett. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Emanuel, shapely well marked Siskin; 2, 4, Dalton, Twite, nice size col. and mkgs., latter good Redpoll; 3, Bevan, well laced shapely Lesser Poll; res, Legg; vhc, Hillman; abs, Parlett (2). A.O.V.: 1, Emerson and Winstone, good col., well marked Chaffinch; 2, Emanuel, another neat Chaffie; 3, Watkins, Lark. HEN: 1, Baker, good sized Greenie. SELL.: 1, 2, Challenger; 3, Morgans.

BRITAIN'S BRIGHTEST FINCH THE GOLDFINCH.



Winner of 1st prize at Glasgow Red Cross Show for Mr. M. B. Wallace, Glasgow.

an "extremely fascinating little bird," says that he had one which, after some months of good behaviour, developed "avicidal mania" and killed no less than seven smaller birds before he met his own doom at the beak of a Bishop.

My opinion is that however peaceable a bird may appear to be when flying loose in the bird-room, it is never safe to keep several species together in a cage when any one couple is intent on breeding. All birds are more or less curious and interfering in their neighbours' concerns, and a breeding pair resents fiercely such interference.

Though the cock White-throated Finches are ready enough, the hens are said to be shy and reluctant breeders. The Rev. C. D. Farrar was, I believe, the first to rear young of this species, in 1905, and he gives a most entertaining account of his difficulties in providing a sufficient quantity of live ants' eggs for them, as it seems that, like our common House Sparrow, the White-throated Finch prefers to rear its nestlings on insect food. The nest is a very beautiful structure, light yet very strong, composed of fibrous roots and hair. The eggs, large for the size of the bird, resemble those of our common Sparrow

A Sweet Singing Foreigner.

About the same size as the White-throated Grosbeak, and an even better singer, because its song is not only sweet, but very well sustained, is the Alario Finch.

This bird also is soberly coloured, but in place of the chaste grey of the Whitethroat the Alario cock has a bright chocolate brown back and tail, black head, throat, and flight feathers, while the rest of him is pure white.

As in the species described above, the sexes are easily distinguishable, the hen being of a much duller brown all over, and they are imported in pairs from the Cape of Good Hope. This makes them equally desirable birds for intending breeders, especially as they nest quite freely in confinement.

The cock will also mate with a hen Canary, rearing very charming mules. At least, that is what I am told; my Alarios have never had a chance to do so, because until quite recently I had never kept Canaries. The favourite food of the adult Alario is summer rape seed, but the young are best reared on crushed hemp, with plenty of lettuce or other fresh green-stuff.

A more gaily coloured bird, which, while making a pretty contrast in hue, will, as a bachelor at least, agree perfectly with the plainor species already described, is the Blue Linnet, or Indigo Finch, as he is more usually but less happily named.

He is an American bird, whose summer plumage is a lovely cobalt blue, with black eyes, beak and legs. He is exceedingly fond of fresh grass seed, and, because he is in reality a Bunting, he should also from time to time have live insects added to his bill of fare—flies, spiders, or meal worms. Failing these, ants' eggs will be much better than nothing at all.

The Blue Linnet is active, sprightly, hardy, and very pretty, and his song is by no means to be despised. It is not worth attempting to breed this species, as the hen, who is a dull brown coloured little bird, is very seldom imported.

Even the cock Indigo cannot now be had, except for a figure greatly exceeding the price of the two less brilliant species already described, but if a true pair were obtained and they were wanted to breed, they should be kept by themselves in a good sized aviary plentifully furnished with bushes and growing grass.

Another ever-charming little bird who gets on famously in a cage with the other three species is the Avadavat, from India's coral strand. His beak, and his coat, too, in the breeding season, are as brightly red as coral, so that his colour mingles harmoniously with the blue, grey, brown, and white of the other inmates of his home.

Though somewhat smaller than the others, he is a brave little fellow, who easily holds his own among them. He has a bright, clear song, like a bugle call, but some individuals sing much better than others. Spray millet and grass seed are his favourite fare, but, with his cage companions, he enjoys an occasional change to a packet of "finch mixture."

All four species of birds here described are small, but not so small as some of the Waxbills, who can escape easily between the bars of any cage not specially made for them.

The White-throated Finch, the Alario, the Blue Linnet, and the Avadavat may be kept in an ordinary Canary cage, but the larger the cage the better for the birds, who get more exercise therein. The better, too, for their owner, who will derive more amusement from the merry antics of the birds as they chase one another in play, swing upon a spray of millet, or splash about in the ever-welcome bath.

In my own Foreign Finch cage I always keep a regular lawn of grass and daisies, with "forest trees" represented by mignonette, dwarf roses, or other non-poisonous plants growing in pots. If these are frequently changed, and put out every now and then on the window-ledge in a shower of rain, the plants keep on looking quite nice and fresh, and the graceful attitudes of the birds as they climb and hover among the branches will amply repay for any extra trouble occasioned by this kind of gardening.

FOUR FAVOURITE FOREIGNERS.

By DYDDGU HAMILTON.

HAPPY those fanciers who were well supplied with their little favourites before the war began, for in these days of storm and stress there are few who can afford to spend much, either in time or money, upon the luxuries of life. And foreign birds, or at least all the rarer and more beautiful kinds of them, must certainly be counted amongst luxuries, since at the present moment they may scarcely be had for love or money.

Nevertheless, those species I am about to describe may even now be purchased at a reasonable price, and the specimens recently imported seem to be in the very pink of health and perfection, possibly because they are only coming to England in small and well-cared-for consignments. Some of the very best foreign birds among those offered are home-bred, as were three Rosella Parrakeets which were to be seen lately at a well-known dealer's, together with other very interesting if less gaudily coloured members of the Parrot family.

But for cage pets, as distinguished from aviary rarities, the smaller foreign finches are among the most fascinating. Everyone who cares for birds at all must be familiar with the Waxbills, so tiny (some species are less than four inches in extreme length), and so delicately coloured in rose-pink, forget-me-not blue, orange, crimson, and lavender that they cannot fail to remind us of butterflies, as they flit from perch to perch, or hover over the geraniums and mignonette, searching for greenfly and minute caterpillars, which the little birds find a most beneficial change from their usual diet of Indian millet and canary seed.

Much less known than the Waxbills, but an equally charming bird, is a small Grosbeak, generally named the White-throated Finch (*Spermophila albigularis*), a native of Brazil. It is an excellent bird for beginners, because the sexes are quite distinct, and both male and female are to be found among imported birds. Judging by a recent advertisement in Cage Birds, even now they cost but a few shillings.

Their size is about that of the Lesser Redpoll, not quite five inches in length. The cock's upper surface is a beautiful slate grey, with black on flights and tail, while his under parts are snowy white, with the exception of a black band round his throat. His bill is arched, like a Roman nose, and it is pale orange in colour. The hen is a soft fawn-brown, darker above than below, and her beak is black, but of the same shape as her husband's.

Both sexes sing, the hen almost as well as her mate, though her song is not quite so loud and ceaseless as his. It is a musical song, with some really lovely notes in it, but it is not very varied, and so might by some be considered a trifle monotonous.

These little birds are very fond of bathing, and keep themselves as neat and almost as trim as Java Sparrows. They are amiable birds, and the pair I am describing share a cage with three Bengalese and an Avadavat.

These cage-fellows, I must confess, do occasionally get a beakful of feathers plucked out of them by the Grosbeaks. Dr. Butler, who describes the White-throated Finch as

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LEEDS.

Linnet contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Aug. 6; 18 birds sang, and a friend added a spl. for best bird: 1, Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, shared, Wigfield and Butterfield. Judges, J. Hutchinson and S. Butterfield.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A. Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 31, 18 birds sang: 1, 3, Sissons; 2, 4, Ward. Judges: Hardcastle and Grant. Aug. 6, 16 sang: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Mrs. Tennant; 4, Hollingworth. Judges: Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Sec.

Club Reports.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting Aug. 5, Gothenburg, Coaltown of Wemyss, agreed to pay 6d. per member and grant specials to societies running a club or open show. Specials to be confined to members of the League. Rest of business was left over till some further date. Next meeting Lochgelly, last Sat. in Oct., at 6. A vote of thanks to the chair ended the meeting. —J. Sneddon, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 5, with a good turn out. Decided to run at annual show, eight Norwich classes, four Crest, eight Yorks., eight Border, four selling, one mule, and seven British, with the usual members' classes. Members elected: Messrs. Watts, Shield, and Studholm. We have secured the N.Y.C.C. patronage.

Nest feather show for Norwich and Border Fancy. Nor. cl. (10): 1, Wardell; 2, 3, vhc, Dobson; hc, c, Robson. Mark (5): 1, Wardell; 2, hc, Robson; 3, hc, Graham. Border: 1, Watts; 2, Bolan, in each class. The judging of Mr. Jos. Carr gave entire satisfaction.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

Please see note at head of show reports (2d.)

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Meeting, Aug. 5, vice-pres., Wm. Dinwoodie, presided over a moderate attendance. Classification of annual show was deferred till Sept. meeting. Mr. R. T. Campbell, Dunfermline, has kindly promised a lecture for Oct. 7, particulars later. Members admitted: Messrs. F. McGowan, R. Blair, J. C. Coulter, A. McLean, E. Cassidy, and W. Finnigan. Samples of colour-food were submitted from the various vendors, and were carefully scrutinised by those present. Monthly ramble, Saturday, Aug. 12, to Cadzow Forest, Hamilton, train leaves Central Station at 2.55, calling at Rutherglen, Cambuslang, Glasgow. Members to meet at corner of Hope and Gordon Streets, at 2.40. The wild seed gathering in Sept. will conclude the series for the season. Mr. J. McGowan tendered his resignation as treasurer, prior to enlistment next month; the vacancy was left over till next meeting, Sept. 2.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS C.B.S.

At a meeting, July 26, Mr. G. Large presiding, and a large turn-out of members, final business of the nest feather show was closed, and this will make the way clear for the Red Cross show, Nov. 3 and 4. It was decided to change the meeting night, also the place of meeting, so as to enable us to make more headway, and have a larger attendance, as there is a lot to be done to make the forthcoming show a success. So members rally round, as strength makes success, to try and raise £50 for the lads that are doing so much for us; they are worthy of all we can do for them. Let us rally together and strike another blow at the enemy by raising the £50 to relieve the suffering and bring comfort to those who have earned it. Open meeting Sat. next, Aug. 12, in the new meeting rooms, Little's Cafe, Dalton Road. Special invitation to all fanciers in the district who will be heartily welcomed.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, July 8, Mr. Holden presided over a good attendance. Classification for annual show, Dec. 9, in the Rochester-street Sunday School, decided on: Norwich 8, Crests 4, Yorks. 7, Scotch Fancy 2, Borders (including 4 Greens) 10, Self. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules or Hyb. 3, Brit. 12, For. 1; total 51. Judges elected: Norwich, F. F. Laidlow; Crests, Thos. Almond; British, etc., Chris. Waters; judges for Borders and Yorkshires to be selected at next meeting. Decided that sec. write specialist clubs re their patronage for annual show. In connection with meeting, a table show (nest feather) was held, but owing to a lot of our members having a poor breeding season, entries were poor. Mr. Laidlow judged Nor: 1, Coulthard; 2, 3, Thompson; 4, vhc, Cromarty, Yorks.; 1, 2, Thompson. Members elected: Messrs. J. B. Bell, J. Johnson, Clabby, Bird, Combie, Fairington. Vote of thanks to the judge brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Fanciers invited to join us; entrance fee 1/-; annual subs. 2/6; subs now due.—W. Curry, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting at Oldham, Aug. 6, with a good number present. Decided to have one of our Club Shows in connection with the Rochdale Good Intent Show, Nov. 4. Decided that the Kingsway Challenge Cup, generously presented by Mrs. M. A. Burgess, Bristol, be competed for at Manchester and N.O.S. Show, Oct. 27 and 28. The cup is for the best young Lizard in show, and has to be won three times before becoming the property of anyone. A medal will be given by the donor of Cup until the Cup is won outright. First show fixed at the Volunteer Inn, Oldham, Oct. 14. Sec. asked to write to two or three people for [illegible] and that a letter of condolence be forwarded from the L. and L.F.A. expressing to Miss Barrass and family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. By the death of Mr. Barrass the fancy has lost an enthusiastic supporter, and a true friend. A good turn out at the meeting [illegible] Mr. H. Pike was elected a member. Plenty of room yet for new members, prize-winners and others, subs. 2/6, no entrance fee.—John Taylor, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL FANCIERS VISIT OTTERSPOOL ZOO.

One of the most successful gatherings of Liverpool and District fanciers was that of July 30 to visit Otterspool Zoo and Gardens. Aigburth, which place is in the occupation of Mr. Cross, the well-known foreign bird and wild animal importer. This outing was organised by Mr. R. T. Lonsdale, sec. of Garston B.B.A., who was greatly assisted by H. Holden, sec. North Liverpool B.B.A; A. E. Huyton, sec. Bootle C.B.S.; A. G. Hunt, sec. Walton and Everton C.B.S.; and T. R. Jones, sec. Liverpool B.B.A. To each of these every credit must be given for their efforts in getting their members together, and also to Messrs. J. Lloydd, E. Battersby, and A. Wilkins, for energy displayed in looking after the party whilst at Otterspool. Mr. R. Hunter and Mr. Tiffen, two fanciers all the way from Ormskirk, were first to be at the entrance gates, and soon the rest started to roll up by cars from various parts of Liverpool until there were over 60 present. We gave the old lady gatekeeper a busy time, tearing off tickets and collecting our fourpences, which included the usual penny Government tax, and then commenced a walk along a well-wooded drive of some three-quarters mile in extent to the old mansion of the estate, where we met Mr. Cross, who is geniality itself, and who gave us to understand that owing to the war and to our ships being employed in carrying other essentials for the country, his stock was rather depleted. But he was very busy getting his place in order for big arrivals of birds and animals when normal times arrived. He is carrying on this very large place under most adverse conditions, for out of his usual staff of 29 he only has 5 left, but these attendants he generously instructed to go round with the party and show us all there was to see. What attracted our attention principally as bird fanciers was a well-stocked aviary of Budgerigars, Greens and Yellows. Mr. Cross went in this aviary himself, and taking down various husks showed those present the young birds and many eggs in various stages of incubation. There was also a good stock of Macaws, Parrots, Parrakeets, Cockatoos, all caged off or in large flights, and in the numerous greenhouses on the grounds we saw varieties of Peafowl from different countries, Emus and Rheas. One greenhouse was well stocked with Parrots and Cockatoos, Spice Birds, Zebra Finches, and other varieties of small foreign birds. After a careful inspection of the live stock we went in groups to look over the grounds around the house, and what a place it is. If the country was searched from end to end a better place could not be found. The whole length of the south and east sides are bounded by the river Mersey, from whose high banks you have a wonderful view of the Cheshire side, with the hills of Wales as a background. Old English gardens with an old-time bowling green, well-filled orchards, and well-wooded grounds surrounding, making all wish they could have looked over it all whilst it was the residence of that old Liverpool family the Moss's, whose staff of gardeners under normal conditions was 18. As tea was timed for 5, we started to muster at the hall for the purpose of having our photographs taken by the sec. of the Walton and Everton C.B.S., who came prepared, and an imposing group we made. There were altogether 84 fanciers and wives, including well-known fanciers, who are the mainstay and backbone of the Fancy in Liverpool. Mr. and Mrs. Bunner, of cage-making fame; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Metcalfe, whose name I think needs an introduction to no fancier for miles around; Mr. W. Young, the well-known judge from New Brighton; Mr. S. Green, T. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Algie, Mrs. and Mrs. T. Handley, T. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bratherton, Mr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. J. Lloydd, the well-known British expert and judge; A. Wilkins, E. Battersby, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Hillman: these are the sort of fanciers one likes to see mustered together, and when we get our photograph I think it will be one of most interesting photos of fanciers taken in Liverpool. I have received a proof from Mr. Hunt, and I can congratulate him on taking such a large group so successfully, and when he returns from his holidays I am sure he will be kept very busy executing orders for his proposed enlargements. After the photograph had been successfully taken we prepared ourselves for refreshment, which I am sorry to say did not come up to expectations, as the caterer I think had no idea how hungry one gets whilst walking about, especially bird fanciers. Allow me to thank all those fanciers who helped to make up the party for the pleasure of their company, also Mr. Cross and his attendants for the manner in which they received us and showed us round, and to say that I trust the fanciers of Liverpool will take up the idea and let us have a real good annual pic-nic. If this can be done at times like the present I can see nothing in the way of making an outing of this description an annual event, and I trust that older heads than mine will co-operate together and work with the idea of keeping every one acquainted with each other for the welfare of the Fancy in Liverpool. If I have been the means by this effort of starting the ball rolling, I shall be amply repaid for what little trouble it has been, and shall always be ready with my assistance to any venture that may be the outcome of this the first gathering of the whole of Liverpool societies in making one day's enjoyment in each other's company out of each 365.—R. T. Lonsdale.

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BOWBURN C.B.S.

Nest feather show, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Bowburn; 80 birds staged; judge, Mr. F. Sokell, Ferryhill. Class 1: 1, Priest; 2, Huggins; 3, Freeman; vhc, Toulson; hc, Longstaff; c, Wilson. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, Priest; 3, Huggins; vhc, Bailes; hc, Holiday. Buff: 1, hc, Huggins; 2, Longstaff; 3, Miller; vhc, Priest; c, Freeman. Crest-bred: 1, Bailes. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Priest; 2, Dowson. Buff: 1, Priest; 2, Dowson. Linnet: 1, Freeman; 2, Holiday; 3, Bailes. A.O. Hardbill, Small: 1, Longstaff; 2, Holiday; 3, Bailes; vhc, Huggins; hc, Holiday; c, Priest.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Third Members' Show, Station Hotel, Aug. 5, Mr. L. C. Casey, judge. Cl. or Thigh Tkd., Yell.: 1, 3, F. Self; 2, Hartley; 4, vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, c, Midgley. Buff: 1, Lister. Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, Hartley. Buff: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Midgley. Even or Var., Green-yell.: 1, Lister. Buffy 1, Midgley. Novice, Cl. or Thigh Tkd. Yell.: 1, Neale; 2, 3, E. Solf. Buff: 1, 2, E Self. Tkd., Yell., Yorks.: 1, 2, Neale. Even or Var., Green Buff: 1, 2, E. Self; 3, Neale.—B. Hainsworth.

CAMBUSLANG C.B.S.

Annual show of Young birds, Free Gardeners Hall, July 29. Close on 50 birds turning out. Borders were a capital lot and contained some very promising youngsters. Mules and Hybrids brought out ten entries, and here the winner of special for best bird was found in a capital Goldfinch mule, owned by Mr. J. Brownlie. Norwich were a nice lot, but few, and the three classes allotted to British made up a very fine display. Special most points, Crawford and Shaw tied, Brownlie close up for third. Mr. W. Connelly, Glasgow, judged, and his awards were well received. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell: 1, Shaw; 2, Crawford. Buff: 1, Shaw; 2, Proudfoot. Buff Variegs: 1, Crawford. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell: 1, Shaw. Buff: 1, Shaw; 2, Brownlie; 3, Flemington. Variegs. Yell: 1, 3, Flemington; 2, Proudfoot. Buff: 1, Brownlie; 2, Flemington; 3, Proudfoot. Mule or Hyb.: 1, sp, 2, Brownlie; 3, Allan. Bunting: 1, Green; 2, Lindsay; 3, Crawford. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, Crawford, Bramble.; 2, Lindsay, Bramble, 3, Green, Chaffinch. A.O., Small: 1, Crawford, hen Greenf.; 2, Lindsay, cock Greenf.; 3, Green, Goldf.—A. Crawford, Hon. Sec.

CHARLOTTEVILLE F. & U.S.K.S

Fourth annual members' show, St. Luke's Institute, Aug. 7. Considering the time of year the show may be pronounced a complete success. There were 33 entries in four classes, and some rattling good birds were staged, particularly in the Yorkshires, where Mr. H. Cooke won special best bird bred by the exhibitor, with a really smart ticked yellow, in the pink of condition. This bird has been a frequent winner in open. Mr. Cooke staged a fine team of the "long slim 'uns," and won most of the prizes. Another feature of the show was the remarkably fine lot of green and yellow Budgerigars. In these Mr. Killick won special best bird in show with a magnificent green. Mr. G. Gardner judged. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. A. Jopson and W. Sills, and the committee gave great assistance. Yorks. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, vhc, c, Cooke, winner already described 2nd slashing young Cinnamon tkd. yell., looks like making a very stylish bird, well on the leg, and very smart action, 3rd Cinnamon tkd buff, lovely feather, neat head, well positioned; 4, hc, Killick. A.O.V. Can. (8): 1, Ede, thick-set buff Nor., soft and silky feather, good head and neck; 2, 4, vhc, Killick, leaden neat Border; res, Ayers. Brit. (10): 1, 2, Rackliffe, rich faced Goldf., good bars, and nicely pencilled, good col. Linnet; 3, res, hc, Killick, good Linnet leading; 4, Ayers, hen Bullie, smart one when in form, novelty; vhc, Ede. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 4, vhc c, Killick Green Budgerigar, in first position, and a good one; 2, res, Ede and Ayers, beautiful yellow Budgerigar; 3, Ayers, topping Green.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

First annual young bird show, July 27. The event had been looked forward to with much speculation for some considerable time, it being the first open young bird show ever held in Wales at which fixed prize money was offered, and it was felt that the promoters deserved every success for their pluck in attempting the venture, especially under the present trying conditions. Unfortunately entries did not come up to expectations, which was very regrettable, but we were pleased to see that the officials were not downhearted, and intend, in addition to their open show in December, to run another open young bird show next year, when we are sure they will get the support they deserve. It was very regrettable that Mr. Parlett's well-known team did not arrive until 4 o'clock, too late for judging. The wants of the birds were well attended to by a hard-working band of stewards, Messrs. Emanuel, Jones, Baker, Payne, Davies, Bevan, and James, and all exhibits were promptly dispatched at close of show. The secretary, Mr. Chalkenger, and chairman, Mr. Thos. James, are to be congratulated on the way they carried out their duties, and in them the Society have two able officials who have the interests of the Society at heart. Mr. H. C. Smith judged Yorks. and Borders, and Mr. Allsopp the remainder, Mr. Nicholas, owing to illness, being unable to fulfil his engagement.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Legg; 2, Hodges; 3, Baker; all clears of nice type and qual. BUFF: 1, Legg, cl., good all round; 2, 3, Jones, shade darger, hardly as neat, 3rd trifle small; 4, Llewellyn; res, Baker. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Hughes and Wood, grand head, long, well-tapered body, fine qual.; 2, Hughes and Wood, equal in style, type and qual., fails size; 3, Baker, capital shape, length and style; res, 4, Gregory; vhc, Bevan; hc, Turner; c, Hughes and Wood. VARIEG. OR GR. YELL.: 1, Hollinshead, grand length and style, rare legs; 2, Hughes and Wood, capital shape and style, grand feather; 3, Gregory, very shapely, not the condition of leaders; res, Hughes and Wood; 4, Powell. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Turner, long, well-tapered body, extra qual., wins; 2, Gregory, grand head, good pos., not so close in feather; 3, Hollinshead and Edwards, very shapely and stylish, capital col.; res, Bevan; 4, Hillman. VARIEG. OR GR. BUFF: 1, Bevan, grand head, fine style and pos.; 2, Baker, fine lengthy bird, good wings, well-carried tail; 3, Padfield, shapely and stylish, not so close in feather; res, Hughes and Wood. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Williams, neat head, lovely qual., rare wings and tail; 2, Hughes and Wood, gem for col. and qual., not so good in head as leader; 3, Evans and Parry, very sweet body, rare carr.; res, 4, Hughes and Wood. VARIEG. OR GR. YELL.: 1, Rowlands, rare feather, shape and style. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Evans and Parry, rare shape and style, sound col. and feather, 2nd nice head, shapely and well feathered; 3, Hughes and Wood, shapely, nice carr., hardly as fit; res, Watkins; 4, Williams. VARIEG. OR GR. BUFF: 1, Rowlands, grand head, rare shape, style and qual., a good one; 2, Hughes and Wood, even mkd., fine shape and style, not so good in head and neck; 3, vhc, Williams, nice head, grand shape, loses in cond.; res, Watkins; 4, Evans and Parry. GOLDF. MULE, 1915: 1, Llewellyn. LINNET: 1, Llewellyn. A.O.V.: 1, Bevan. DK. MULE OLD: 1, Bevan, good col. Goldie-Can.; 2, Emerson and Winstone, Greenf.; 3, Huntley, nat. col. Goldie-Can.; abs, Parlett. GOLDF.: 1, Cozen, good blaze, bars and battens, nice size and shape; 2, Hillman, smaller; abs, Emanuel and Parlett. BULLF.: 1, Emanuel, nice col., shapely ck.; 2, Emerson and Winstone, neatly moulded hen; 3, Baker, ck., hardly as rich col.; 4, Thomas; res, Bevan. GREENF.: 1, Mrs. Dalton, grand size, very shapely, good col.; 2, Morgan, fair size, good col.; 3, res, Hillman, shade small; 4, Llewellyn; vhc, Thomas. LINNET: 1, res, Emanuel, good size, nice col., well laced; 2, Mrs. Dalton nice col. and mkgs., shade smaller; 3, Hillman, good col., nicely laced; 4, Davies; vhc, Williams; abs, Parlett. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Emanuel, shapely well marked Siskin; 2, 4, Dalton, Twite, nice size col. and mkgs., latter good Redpoll; 3, Bevan, well laced shapely Lesser Poll; res, Legg; vhc, Hillman; abs, Parlett (2). A.O.V.: 1, Emerson and Winstone, good col., well marked Chaffinch; 2, Emanuel, another neat Chaffie; 3, Watkins, Lark. HEN: 1, Baker, good sized Greenie. SELL.: 1, 2, Challenger; 3, Morgans.

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HAPPY those fanciers who were well supplied with their little favourites before the war began, for in these days of storm and stress there are few who can afford to spend much, either in time or money, upon the luxuries of life. And foreign birds, or at least all the rarer and more beautiful kinds of them, must certainly be counted amongst luxuries, since at the present moment they may scarcely be had for love or money.

Nevertheless, those species I am about to describe may even now be purchased at a reasonable price, and the specimens recently imported seem to be in the very pink of health and perfection, possibly because they are only coming to England in small and well-cared-for consignments. Some of the very best foreign birds among those offered are home-bred, as were three Rosella Parrakeets which were to be seen lately at a well-known dealer's, together with other very interesting if less gaudily coloured members of the Parrot family.

But for cage pets, as distinguished from aviary rarities, the smaller foreign finches are among the most fascinating. Everyone who cares for birds at all must be familiar with the Waxbills, so tiny (some species are less than four inches in extreme length), and so delicately coloured in rose-pink, forget-me-not blue, orange, crimson, and lavender that they cannot fail to remind us of butterflies, as they flit from perch to perch, or hover over the geraniums and mignonette, searching for greenfly and minute caterpillars, which the little birds find a most beneficial change from their usual diet of Indian millet and canary seed.

Much less known than the Waxbills, but an equally charming bird, is a small Grosbeak, generally named the White-throated Finch (*Spermophila albigularis*), a native of Brazil. It is an excellent bird for beginners, because the sexes are quite distinct, and both male and female are to be found among imported birds. Judging by a recent advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, even now they cost but a few shillings.

Their size is about that of the Lesser Redpoll, not quite five inches in length. The cock's upper surface is a beautiful slate grey, with black on flights and tail, while his under parts are snowy white, with the exception of a black band round his throat. His bill is arched, like a Roman nose, and it is pale orange in colour. The hen is a soft fawn-brown, darker above than below, and her beak is black, but of the same shape as her husband's.

Both sexes sing, the hen almost as well as her mate, though her song is not quite so loud and ceaseless as his. It is a musical song, with some really lovely notes in it, but it is not very varied, and so might by some be considered a trifle monotonous.

These little birds are very fond of bathing, and keep themselves as neat and almost as trim as Java Sparrows. They are amiable birds, and the pair I am describing share a cage with three Bengalese and an Avadavat.

These cage-fellows, I must confess, do occasionally get a beakful of feathers plucked out of them by the Grosbeaks. Dr. Butler, who describes the White-throated Finch as an "extremely fascinating little bird," says that he had one which, after some months of good behaviour, developed "avicidal mania" and killed no less than seven smaller birds before he met his own doom at the beak of a Bishop.

My opinion is that however peaceable a bird may appear to be when flying loose in the bird-room, it is never safe to keep several species together in a cage when any one couple is intent on breeding. All birds are more or less curious and interfering in their neighbours' concerns, and a breeding pair resents fiercely such interference.

Though the cock White-throated Finches are ready enough, the hens are said to be shy and reluctant breeders. The Rev. C. D. Farrar was, I believe, the first to rear young of this species, in 1905, and he gives a most entertaining account of his difficulties in providing a sufficient quantity of live ants' eggs for them, as it seems that, like our common House Sparrow, the White-throated Finch prefers to rear its nestlings on insect food. The nest is a very beautiful structure, light yet very strong, composed of fibrous roots and hair. The eggs, large for the size of the bird, resemble those of our common Sparrow

A Sweet Singing Foreigner.

About the same size as the White-throated Grosbeak, and an even better singer, because its song is not only sweet, but very well sustained, is the Alario Finch.

This bird also is soberly coloured, but in place of the chaste grey of the Whitethroat the Alario cock has a bright chocolate brown back and tail, black head, throat, and flight feathers, while the rest of him is pure white.

As in the species described above, the sexes are easily distinguishable, the hen being of a much duller brown all over, and they are imported in pairs from the Cape of Good Hope. This makes them equally desirable birds for intending breeders, especially as they nest quite freely in confinement.

The cock will also mate with a hen Canary, rearing very charming mules. At least, that is what I am told; my Alarios have never had a chance to do so, because until quite recently I had never kept Canaries. The favourite food of the adult Alario is summer rape seed, but the young are best reared on crushed hemp, with plenty of lettuce or other fresh green-stuff.

A more gaily coloured bird, which, while making a pretty contrast in hue, will, as a bachelor at least, agree perfectly with the plainer species already described, is the Blue Linnet, or Indigo Finch, as he is more usually but less happily named.

He is an American bird, whose summer plumage is a lovely cobalt blue, with black eyes, beak and legs. He is exceedingly fond of fresh grass seed, and, because he is in reality a Bunting, he should also from time to time have live insects added to his bill of fare—flies, spiders, or meal worms. Failing these, ants' eggs will be much better than nothing at all.

The Blue Linnet is active, sprightly, hardy, and very pretty, and his song is by no means to be despised. It is not worth attempting to breed this species, as the hen, who is a dull brown coloured little bird, is very seldom imported.

Even the cock Indigo cannot now be had, except for a figure greatly exceeding the price of the two less brilliant species already described, but if a true pair were obtained and they were wanted to breed, they should be kept by themselves in a good sized aviary plentifully furnished with bushes and growing grass.

Another ever-charming little bird who gets on famously in a cage with the other three species is the Avadavat, from India's coral strand. His beak, and his coat, too, in the breeding season, are as brightly red as coral, so that his colour mingles harmoniously with the blue, grey, brown, and white of the other inmates of his home.

Though somewhat smaller than the others, he is a brave little fellow, who easily holds his own among them. He has a bright, clear song, like a bugle call, but some individuals sing much better than others. Spray millet and grass seed are his favourite fare, but, with his cage companions, he enjoys an occasional change to a packet of "finch mixture."

All four species of birds here described are small, but not so small as some of the Waxbills, who can escape easily between the bars of any cage not specially made for them.

The White-throated Finch, the Alario, the Blue Linnet, and the Avadavat may be kept in an ordinary Canary cage, but the larger the cage the better for the birds, who get more exercise therein. The better, too, for their owner, who will derive more amusement from the merry antics of the birds as they chase one another in play, swing upon a spray of millet, or splash about in the ever-welcome bath.

In my own Foreign Finch cage I always keep a regular lawn of grass and daisies, with "forest trees" represented by mignonette, dwarf roses, or other non-poisonous plants growing in pots. If these are frequently changed, and put out every now and then on the window-ledge in a shower of rain, the plants keep on looking quite nice and fresh, and the graceful attitudes of the birds as they climb and hover among the branches will amply repay for any extra trouble occasioned by this kind of gardening.

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Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

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Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 355, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Aberscychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding, Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Sheiby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

In the report of the Barrow-in-Furness Show, writes Mr. D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec., A.O.V., 1, 2, hc, c, no name, should be Kent, and 1, 2, in Norwich Yellow should be Skillicorn, not Hudson and McFarlane.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland should communicate with the Hon. Sec., S. F. Wood, 4, Tollcross Road, Parkhead, Glasgow, not later than Aug. 26. Lists of judges and classification can be had on application.

Mr. D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec., Barrow-in-Furness C.B.S., writes that all friends in the district will be welcomed at the first meeting in the new headquarters, Little's Cafe, Dalton Road, on Saturday, August 12, when a start will be made with the arrangements for the Red Cross Show, Nov. 3, 4.

We have received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden samples of his new season's peppers, tasteless and hot. Both are of the very high grade of excellence which has established the reputation of "Ramsden's peppers." Nothing better has come from Mr. Ramsden, even in pre-war times, and this, while being a plain statement of fact, is the highest possible praise. Only the price has been raised slightly, the quality could not be.

Still Going Ahead.

Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannock Combined C.B.S. had a meeting on Aug 5, in Oddfellows' Hall, writes Mr. D. Aitken, sec., and fixed show for Nov. 25. Intending members should come forward to next meeting, Aug. 19, for the purpose of selecting judges.

The "Croydon Advertiser" says that a Parrot belonging to Mr. White, of the Elis David Almshouses, is credited with ability to whistle about fifty hymns and songs.

For the second time in my short career as a "breeder of good birds" have you bestowed upon me the favour of depicting one of my specimens on the front page of Cage Birds, writes Mr. E. J. Pegg. I was exceedingly delighted last Friday morning when I received my usual weekly copy to find my "charming Buff Border" (as you call it) in one of the positions of honour. The only other time it has been shown was at Wimbledon, where it again won the 1st and special. Many thanks to you.

Herons Over Central London.

A rather unusual sight for central London was seen last Monday, July 31, writes Miss E. Maud Knobel, when a couple of heron flew over Tavistock Square. It was just about 9 o'clock in the evening, and they were travelling from West to East.

The Limit.

In sending a query which takes three pages of paper in the asking, a correspondent says, "I only take Cage Birds when I am expecting to see a reply to my queries." As these questions are almost of weekly recurrence the circulation of Cage Birds does not suffer materially, for our correspondent has, of course, to buy a copy nearly every week. The twopence thus added to our gross revenue is not all profit. The one little item of setting the reply into print is not an inconsiderable one, and in this one case at least Cage Birds is full value for the money.

THE PRIZE QUESTION FOR THE WEEK.

THE question for this week is "What is your favourite British Softbill, and how do you keep it? A prize of half a guinea will be given for the best reply.

Answers must be accompanied by a coupon cut from this week's issue, and must reach the office of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., not later than the first post on Tuesday next, August 15. The coupon appears at the foot of this page, and the Editor's decision must be accepted as final.

The half-guinea prize for the best answer to "What advice and instruction would you give to a beginner in Canary breeding?" is awarded to Mr. W. Lidgett, 76, Milner Street, Newark.

The August number of the "Avicultural Magazine," the journal of the Avicultural Society, opens with an account by Dr. A. G. Butler of the nesting of the Lesser Whitethroat in his garden at Beckenham. Dr. Lovell-Keays writes on the nesting of the Malabar Parrakeet in his aviary. Miss Chawner describes "Another Attempt at Breeding Yellow-winged Sugar-Birds," in which the young birds survived for a fortnight. Other articles are "Hybrid Pigeons," by M. Jean Delacour, "Fiji Parrot Finches," by An Australian Bird Lover, and "The Breeding of the Emperor Goose," by Mr. F. E. Blaauw.

Dead Birds that Travel.

Small birds, large birds—even Crows—says the "Daily Express," are being slaughtered in such numbers for food in North Germany that they are now "deserting" to Holland.

Reported Nesting of the Fieldfare in N. Wales.

Reports of the nesting of the Fieldfare in our islands are occasionally made, but they generally prove untrustworthy upon examination. The supposed Fieldfares mostly prove to be Missel Thrushes. Mrs. J. G. Evans, Pwllheli, now writes to the "Westminster Gazette" that a pair of Fieldfares have built in a fir tree touching her house, and that the nest can be looked into from an upper window. She says that a pair have reared their young there for two or three years, but that this is the first time the nest has been discovered.

The Proper Spirit.

Kindly excuse my late entry, writes one of the entrants in our weekly competition, as I did not get my Cage Birds until to-day. The newsagent's child sold my copy to a new reader, and although they volunteered to fetch it back, I would not hear of it, as I knew I could get another. But I felt sorry when I saw you wanted some copy about Linnets, though the thought of that new reader is consolation enough for me. I have never written before, but I will take my time on a few articles shortly. I must not say what I will do; see how I get on with this first. You encouraged such chaps as me when you offered to rewrite articles—lick 'em into shape, as it were.

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Close Quarters for the House Martin

"F. G. S.," writing to "The Scotsman," says that under the eaves of a cottage near Stratford-on-Avon there are 86 nests of House Martins. Perhaps the strangest part of the story is that not a single nest is placed under the western eaves. There are 56 on the northern side, and 24 on the south. It is estimated that the young and old birds now in the colony number over 500.

The Return of "Jackie."

"Jackie," the pet Raven of the Welsh Regt., has returned to barracks, and the Cardiff "Western Mail" says: "Two lovable old ladies were visiting a khaki friend at the barracks the other day. As they walked along one of them remarked, "What a pity it is that the dear old Raven has gone; he was such a clever darling!" 'Yes,' agreed the other lady, 'I do hope he will come back.' At the moment a hoarse voice rang out, 'Halt!' The startled ladies looked round, but could see nothing, and would have proceeded wondering. But their progress was barred by a vigorous pecking at the ankles, and then the ladies looked down to see the lamented Jackie making effectual protest at their ignoring his command to 'Halt!' The ladies were held up until a friendly Tommy convinced the bird that the visitors were friends."

BIRD SHOWS AND THE ENTERTAINMENT TAX.

A Valuable Hint for Show Promoters.

In the "Grimsby News" of July 28 the writer of the weekly "Fanciers' Notes" quotes an official letter as follows: It is dated from the Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, S.W., July 25, 1916, and is signed by Mr. Allen Parsons:—"I am desired by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to say that you are mistaken in thinking that agricultural shows as a class are not liable to the entertainment tax. Both (*sic*) agricultural, pigeon, and rabbit, etc., shows are liable unless the Commissioners of Customs and Excise are satisfied in any particular case that there is a title to exemption under Section 1 (5) of the Finance (New Duties) Act."

This, of course, is a similar decision to the one published in Cage Birds some weeks back, and we are repeating it because of the very important comment which accompanies it, and which reads as under:—

"From the above it will be seen that all fanciers' shows are liable to the Entertainments Tax, unless the promoters can assure and convince the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that they are promoted solely or partially for charity, or for educational purposes and not for profit. Those of us who have had any experience of running shows in connection with our fanciers' clubs and societies, know only too well that those responsible for our shows never go into the thing with the idea of making profit, more than that, they generally expect to put their hands down into their pockets, and this expectation nine times out of ten becomes an unfortunate realisation. Of course there are a few minor exceptions.

"I suggest that promoters of shows should, first of all, before they enter into any other arrangements for proposed shows, write to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, Whitehall, S.W., and state their case. If the show is being run by an established fanciers' society, a copy of the rules should be sent. These usually give the objects of the society, and show that it is worked not for profit, but for education, and is supported by the members' subscriptions. It would also be well to send the results of past shows and explain what was done with any profit made. If shows are run for charity this must be stated, and then no difficulty can arise. Members' shows, at which the members and visitors pay for admission, are liable to the tax equally with those that are open. If the case is properly put before the Commissioners I think few shows will have to pay tax. But all those promoted by individuals as a speculation will undoubtedly have to pay."

HOW IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

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"From the small advt. I inserted in CAGE BIRDS I received replies from places as far separated as Whitehaven in the north to Bristol in the south. It is quite impossible to reply to all, though I have done so in the case of those enclosing stamps. I could have sold the birds many times over, and I had twenty-eight replies for my expenditure of eightpence."—W. J. HARPER (Muswell Hill).

"Through CAGE BIRDS I have received an order from Mr. Trotier, New York, U.S.A., for 300 cage fronts and 100 Yorkshire show cages. I may say, through your valuable paper, I have received orders from Durban, South Africa, Spain, and Montreal."—T. SMITH, (Plaistow).

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W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

In the Courts.

A Youthful Miscreant.

The county magistrates, sitting at a Children's Court, at Wells, had before them a boy 9½ years old, named Ronald Athelstane Stunton, of St. Thomas Street, Wells, summoned for cruelty to captive birds in Tor Wood by putting their eyes out with a hat-pin. It was proved, partly on the boy's own admission, that he went to a nest in Tor Wood, and there took a young Thrush out of a nest, and blinded it with a hat-pin, and then threw the bird away. The allegation was made that he had done this on previous occasions. Defendant was fined 10s., and the Chairman commented upon the horrible cruelty of the boy.

It is reported that a White Swallow is to be seen daily hawking for flies over a stream in South Devon.

A Labour-saving Tit.

Capt. F. T. Burkitt, in a letter to "Country Life," says that a Blue Tit has brought her brood of three nestlings to a half cocoanut after a few days of carrying bits of the nut to the young in their nest.

Do Sugar Birds Build Domed Nests?

In a very interesting article in the "Avicultural Magazine" Miss E. F. Chawner writes: "I have seen it stated that Sugar-Birds build domed nests; but all the three species, Blue, Red-throated, and Yellow-winged, which went to nest here made no attempt at anything beyond the usual cup very daintily built. Of course, they may do differently in their native country; it has often been noticed how birds will adapt themselves and vary their custom under artificial conditions, but it is rather difficult to see why this particular change should be made. The actual cup is small and rather deep, and the foundations very firmly and tightly fastened to the boughs among which the nest is built, generally in a Cypress or similar evergreen."

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZE QUESTION COUPON

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The Principles of Hybrid Breeding.

By JAS. A. HARDIE (Galashiels).

A Scottish Fancier outlines his methods of trying for the rarer crosses.

IN writing of the very uncertain but attractive hobby of hybrid breeding I propose to outline as briefly as possible the methods I employ.

I must deal first with the manner of housing the prospective hybrid breeders. I have never had facilities for trying an outside aviary, though I would prefer that method to any other, but it would be erected as a series of small aviaries or pens under a common roof. My experience, extending over a number of years, has led me to believe that such an aviary would give better results than one where the birds all fly together, and would be infinitely preferable to an indoor aviary or cages.

I used for four years an indoor aviary which fitted across the end of an attic room, and was made simply with small wood standards and fine mesh wire netting. It was divided into three pens by wire netting divisions, along which broom and other branches were wired to form a small hedge for nesting purposes. The results from these pens were satisfactory, and occasionally almost sensational.

Sensible Cages.

I am now forced to use box breeding cages ranging from 30 to 48 inches in length. These cages are fitted with four doors to a cage, all in front, two being nesting or bolting doors, and two for general use. They have a two-inch rail in front, and are very handy. The perches, two in number, are kept fairly low, and, of course, the cage-bottoms are kept covered in the breeding season, usually with dried grass, which I shake up last thing at night, and find as good as anything for hiding eggs which may be dropped from perches, although that is a thing I am not greatly troubled with. My only offender in this way for a long time has been, strange to say, a Canary reared Redpoll hen which has nested twice yearly for the past five seasons. I supply, of course, sea sand, old mortar, and cuttlefish bone as required.

I will now discuss the birds to put up for hybrid breeding. "Many breeders, many ideas" is indeed applicable to hybrid breeding; some advocate hand or Canary-reared birds, some house-moulted, some longsided finches, and so on.

I always make a point of having all birds I think of trying as near their respective types and as richly coloured as possible, for I hold that if hybrids are reared there is a far greater chance of their being show specimens if bred from parents such as I have described.

I also try to get birds of the season, if possible, but am not a stickler on that point. I usually get more birds than I require, keep them for a month or two, pay particular attention to their peculiarities, and their adaptability to cage life, and then make a selection.

I find this method suits me best, and I rarely have a non-breeder. As I write, a Redpoll-Bullie pair are busy nesting for the fourth time, although I have cleared everything but the perches from the cage. Three eggs have been fertile, and both birds were caught last September.

Treatment Throughout the Year.

Having got the birds, they must be attended to if hybrids are to be expected the following season. I do not believe in feeding birds into condition just prior to the breeding season, but devote all my energies to keeping them in condition from catching right on.

I always collect in autumn as much wild food and seeds as will keep the birds going right into the next season. The result is the birds need no prompting or special dieting, they are always ready when wanted, and often before.

The wild seeds I store are mainly "Queen of the Meadow," knapweed, nettle, and dock, with rowan and privet berries for the Bullies, which also get an occasional feed of heather tops. I usually manage also to get a good sample of screenings from the thresher.

As a rule I cage off my pairs as early as I can. They are wintered in the breeding cages, which have then only two perches, one at either end, an encouragement to exercise.

About the beginning of April I prepare each cage, and place in each a box hung on the end, slightly higher than the perches. The nest boxes are the same as those used on the end of the Scotch type of wire breeding cage, but I take the small end door off and place a felt nest in. The hens take to those without any trouble, and Bullie hens seem very partial to them.

In the spring my main food plant is, of course, the dandelion, and I may state that I never have much hope of birds breeding that cannot be brought to the scratch during dandelion time. I keep a look-out for the early leaves, and, after a *very careful start*, supply them freely, roots and all, until the seed heads are ready; then the heads are supplied in hundreds daily, the fluffy part being first cut off to prevent litter. This is a laborious job, but it is nothing to the man who means hybrids, and I know of no better way.

The dandelion is followed by many other seeds, the birds just now taking a large amount of sorrel. If a Chaffinch, Bramble, or Bunting is being tried, then they are supplied with scoured gentles, greenfly, etc.

I gather the latter according to a hint given in CAGE BIRDS some time since by Miss Reeves, of Wateringbary. A bucket or pail is thoroughly wetted inside, and held under a clump of nettles or other weeds, which are then gently beaten with a stick, and as a result live food can be taken from the pail in handfuls.

Treated as above, I find no difficulty in bringing the pairs into high condition, and it is here that for years I have parted company with the ideas of the majority of hybrid breeders. As soon as I see a given pair right up to the "can't help it" point, then I introduce a cock of the same species as the hen I am trying. He is put into a roomy cage in full view of and close to the hen; if a cock Redpoll, he is as often as not allowed to fly about the room. The result is invariably the same, copulation takes place at once, and the results as far as fertile eggs are concerned are quite satisfactory.

I mainly try what are usually termed rare crosses, but as a rule am let down by Canary hens, none of which I have been able to educate to feed, to a serviceable extent at least, on greenfly or other live food, and I do not find that the Greenfinch hen is much more dependable, indoors at least.

Bits of Bad Luck.

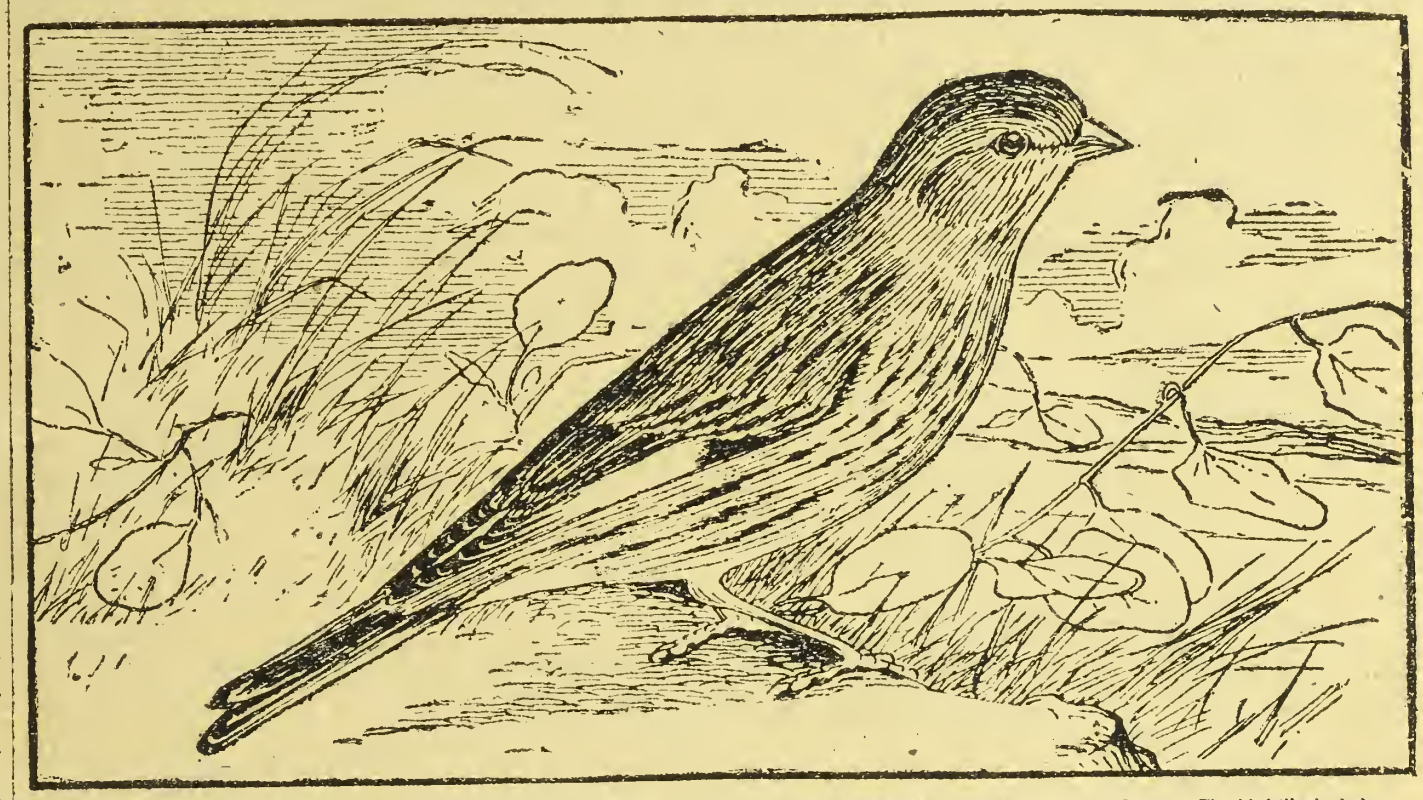
By the methods I have outlined I was successful in rearing in 1915 one Chaffinch-Greenfinch hybrid, which was lost at eight weeks old through my being unexpectedly called away from home owing to the illness of one of my boys. I was told on returning that "yon funny bird is no weel." It was not, and died five days afterwards. The same Chaffinch cock mated that season eight times successively with a Bullfinch hen when she was allowed into his pen, but killed her next day.

I may here state that although, after cl[ose] examination, I decided against the alleg[ed] Chaffinch-Bullfinch exhibited four or five year[s] ago at the Scottish National, I believe this cross can and will be bred, for every action of the two species leading up to and during copulation is almost similar.

Again, in 1914 I bred the Chaffinch Greenfinch cross, having one seven days old (a critical time as a rule with hybrids), and three in the next nest which died at three days old. These were starved through a Yellow Bunting hen, caught in February that year, laying and sitting in the same nest as the Greenie hen, and, as soon as the Greenie came off to feed, sidling on to the young. On going to the nest the Greenie could not get the young fed, with the result stated.

This Bunting hen was paired to a Bramb[l]ing, also February caught. She built, laid, and sat twice, but, although copulation took place frequently, all the eggs were unfertile. These crosses were tried for in the pens previously mentioned.

In conclusion I would say to young hybrid breeders, give great attention to the articles, replies to queries, etc., in CAGE BIRDS, read all the literature procurable on the subject; just take from them what you find suitable to your own ideas and circumstances; pay every attention to your birds all through the season; never mind inevitable disappointments; just carry on.



The Linnet is used in the production of many beautiful Hybrids; it pairs readily with other British Finches or with the Canary. The bird illustrated won 1st prize at Watford Show for Mr. A. H. Taylor.

How Novices May Score in Hybrid Breeding.

By J. G. WESTGATE, Hale.

IT is no use arguing with a bird fancier on the matter of which kind of bird is best to keep; the particular variety he himself happens to have he deems superior to all others, and there the matter ends.

Now Canary rearing is more or less a straight affair. Given healthy stock, careful attention, and ordinary luck, one may reasonably count on a fairly successful result, but with Mule breeding it is often very different.

I have in mind at the moment Linnet muling and Goldfinch muling. You may get a steady house-moulted Britisher, and the best Sib-bred Canary hen, you may give them every care and attention, and yet nothing may come of it.

Another time you will have in your cages a recently caught Goldfinch or Linnet, and just a very ordinary Canary hen; you don't think much of either of them, so you let them get along on their own, and the unexpected happens, and you have a fine nest of mules.

And so it goes on; the experienced breeder reports "nothing doing," and the novice comes out on top, with either two or four-pointed mules, or even a clear yellow at the first attempt, and this uncertainty is the charm of mule breeding.

I once had a clear yellow Norwich hen, which I had used as a feeder. I had marked this hen down to go with my next lot of surplus stock to our local dealer, until one evening I called upon a friend who told me he had a bird which a neighbour leaving the district had given him. I had a look at it, and found it the tamest Linnet I have ever seen to this day. It must have been of great age; you could take it from the perch and put it back again, and never a flutter.

I thought, what a mate for my old feeder, and the absurdity of the thing tickled me so that I asked my friend if he would mind lending it to me for a week or two. He immediately replied "Certainly. Take it for ever if you will," but I only borrowed it.

When this Linnet was introduced to his future "donah," he never even looked at her, but sensibly preferred the seed-box.

At the end of a week, though she had thrashed him several times, he still seemed to take not the slightest notice of her, but had a tired want-to-get-away-from-her look, so as his thoughts appeared evidently to be on other matters, I returned him to my friend with a note of thanks.

The hen commenced to lay the following morning, and I let her sit the eggs as they were laid, a proceeding I never adopt in the ordinary way, but I thought it would keep her quiet, and out of mischief. Judge of my surprise, about thirteen days later, to hear the familiar chirping of young birds, I was astounded, yet very pleased, and immediately put her on the usual diet, and the result was four of the finest Linnet-mules I have ever seen. I would have laid 100 to 1 against anything being hatched, but, there you are.

My experiences with Goldfinches began before I could distinguish hens from cocks. I bought, at different times, several from stalls in the bird market; some lived, some died; if they lived they were certain to be hens. I then sent for three "picked cocks" from a catcher, and one of these actually was a cock. I kept it about two years, but had no results from pairing it to two Canary hens.

I then accidentally met a catcher in a Northern town who was taking his catch to the dealer. This was my opportunity, so I suggested "rest and nourishment," and while he nourished, I looked through his long baskets. He had almost every kind of our local birds, including lots of young ones, and I got him to pick me out a greypate cock. The one he chose was a thick-headed, stumpy bird with no tail, but he said it would moult out a stormer, and it did.

I paired this Goldfinch for several seasons with varying results, once I reared a variegated mule, but all the others were ordinary dark ones. Young mules hatch out sooner, are on the perches sooner, and are quicker, and more hardy than young Canaries.

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Correspondence.

The Song of the Virginian Cardinal.

A Musical Quail.

Sir,—With reference to my note in your issue of July 29 on the doubtful stanza which I provisionally credited to the Virginian Cardinals, I have now definitely ascertained that the notes in question proceed from the cock of my pair of common Quail. I had no idea before that these birds were so musically inclined; the notes are distinctly musical, and pleasing to the ear.

What confused me, and led me to wrongly ascribe these notes to the Cardinals, is the fact that the song is often terminated by "churring" notes very similar to those produced by the Cardinals.

Gerald E. Rattigan.

Sir,—In your issue of July 29, Mr. Gerald E. Rattigan (under the heading of The Song of the Virginian Cardinal) asks about the song of the common Quail. I have kept a considerable number of the Common or Egyptian Quails, and although when tame they make delightful pets, and are very pretty in a garden aviary, or indeed indoors, they certainly cannot boast of much song. They make a pretty little chirping like young chickens, but the call note or song of the male is more quaint than pretty; it sounds like pow-pou, pow-pou, pow-pou, with the accent on the last part of the word, uttered with a guttural note; it reminds one of a cat with a very bad cold trying to mew; they sometimes commence with two or three shriller notes such as chew chew.

F. J. Day.

How Two Canaries Learned to Talk.

A Grandfather's Tale of Forty Years Ago,

Sir,—My grandfather bred a nest of Canaries from a German cock and Norwich hen which produced three young birds. Of these he gave his landlady one and his sister one. The one which his landlady had never sang, but one day Grandma said to Grandfather, "The Canary you gave the landlady talks like her Parrakeet," which said, "Get up, Mary," "Three cheers for Victoria," and several other words. Grandfather at first did not believe it, but, one day the landlady asked Grandfather to mind the bird while she went on a holiday, and then, to his great surprise, when he went to feed the birds, he heard the Canary repeat the words used by the Parrakeet. He then found that when the Canary tried to sing, the Parrot would squawk, and frighten him off singing, so he had to retaliate by imitating the Parrot, and thus he never sang. The other Canary, which Grandfather gave to his sister, strange to say, also had for a companion a Parrakeet, which could talk. Now this Canary could sing very well, but he also learnt many words from the Parrakeet, and spoke them quite distinctly. For forty-five years Grandfather had bred Canaries and Mules, but never two like them.

(Miss) Elsie M. Broome.

House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow or Hybrid?

Sir,—Re your Editorial Note under this heading, in which you state that the bird in question is, or was, a House Sparrow, I regret that I cannot agree with your decision. The bird corresponded in detail to the description given in standard books on British birds, even to its methods of locomotion, which, to quote an old writer, R. L. Wallace, "are by no means dignified," owing to their having short legs. The owner of this bird will probably have noticed that when approached closely it would scuffle round the cage bottom on its stomach, more like a mouse than a bird. As recently as February last I purchased two specimens precisely similar to this one; one died, from exhaustion, I should imagine, from dashing about its cage; the other I exhibited at a table show of sixty British birds at the Highgate and Hampstead Society. The judge, in the course of his remarks upon the birds, conclusively settled any doubts we had as to its identity. He also described the general habits of the bird, which coincide with several books I have read on British birds. The exhibitors at our recent show remembered the resemblance of this departed bird to the one I exhibited, and, incidentally, released after the show mentioned.

Perhaps some others of your numerous readers have had experiences with Sparrows and could give some advice on feeding them, as they seem very difficult to keep in captivity, although so common. I and several others adhere to our opinion that the bird in question is a Tree Sparrow.

F. C. Knight.

[We are publishing the above letter so as to be perfectly fair, but we have no intention of opening a discussion as to the identity of this particular bird, for we do not expect anyone to revoke his own decision, once it has been given. The wing of the dead bird is at our office for anyone to see, or we will send it by post on the promise of its return. A Tree Sparrow has two white bars on the wing. This bird had one. —Editor, Cage Birds.]

To Fanciers Near Herne Bay.

Sir,—Having been called to the Colours under the Derby Groups, and stationed at Herne Bay, I should like to meet any bird fanciers living this way, to have a little birdy talk, so I thought you might be so kind as to mention this in Cage Birds. I am still keeping my stock till after the moult to see how things turn out, as I shall be very sorry to have to dispose of them after getting together a good strain. I have left them in the care of my wife for a time, but I hope this dreadful war will soon be over, so that I may be able to get back again with the birds and family. I am training here, in the 4th Hants, for a time, and my address is No. 5377, Pte. A. Moorman, "B" Company, 4th Hants, 84th Provl. Battn., Herne Bay.

A. Moorman.
Late of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

A Late Blackbird's Nest in the Trenches.

Sir,—Being interested in birds and their habits I should like to know if the following is anything out of the common. On the morning of July 30 I found a nest containing one Blackbird egg, and on going there in the afternoon, I saw there were two eggs in the nest. Making a rough calculation, I find that the eggs will be due to hatch about the 15th or 16th of August, which, to my own mind, is rather late—a lot later than I have ever known before. The nest is in one of our trenches, and there are troops passing it all day long. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Pte. Hy. Hall.

B.E.F., France.

[The middle of August is very late for the hatching of young Blackbirds, but so late a date is not entirely unknown.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

Sir,—In answer to the Secretary of the Newcastle C.B.S., I may say I have done my share, and would do it again, to help any society that I have an interest in. Yes, I pose as a champion; I do not like to stick in the novices after keeping birds for many years—I like to be climbing the ladder amongst other fanciers. I will not require to look at the books when the Secretary states that only nine members paid their subs. as yet. I also like to be sociable, and encourage fanciers, and I do not belong to any clique. As regards the remuneration he gets for his work, I do not grudge him it at all

I was at the meeting when the Secretary was elected, and he is quite right in what he says, but he does not mention that later, when he was wanting to keep the position, he let someone else take it for the two show days. I am very sorry he has had the "donkey work." I never dealt in donkeys—very stupid animals, I hear. Could the Secretary tell us why he has not acted up to Rules 5 and 6, and had his meetings, and also taken 2s. 6d. subs. along with entries when he seems so anxious to enforce rules? No wonder he has the new complaint—the Cage Bird Society "shock," not bird fever; it must be an awful complaint. I hope by now he has nicely recuperated after his holiday in Cumberland.

I do not wish to interfere with his duties as secretary, nor to dictate to him; it is the welfare of the society I am looking after, or at least thinking about, nor do I want his job, but surely we are rather late in putting matters right, or in making a start. We seem to have been caught napping, but we have awakened to the situation, and have seen our folly when perhaps too late; but they say better late than never, so we must "wait and see."

Anxious.

[We have received a long letter over the nom de plume of "Observer" which consists entirely of personal matter. We cannot make Cage Birds the medium of personal attacks while shielding the identity of those who make them.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Sir,—Little or no experience was the only conclusion I came to after reading "Sub Rosa's" first contribution, and his second edition confirms it. By careful manipulation, selection, and inbreeding, you could almost put the head where the tail ought to be, and, as regards the head not being improved in size by such a method, I would merely say, if at any time he is coming our way (Devonport), I shall be delighted, and shall appreciate the opportunity of proving the contrary.

Wait and See.

Sir,—In a footnote attached to Mr. Crawhall's letter on "Inbreeding," you say "knowledge disseminated becomes of value to all." Such is obvious, unless it be that little knowledge (sometimes called learning), which is a dangerous thing. My experience of the science of pedigree breeding, or inbreeding, which has extended over a period of 40 years amongst several kinds of live stock, has led me to the conclusion that if it were practised more generally and more systematically, it would bring a thousandfold more enjoyment into the hobby with which the breeder might have identified himself.

In the first place, to inbreed successfully you must practise consistency to the letter. Without prejudice, I venture to wonder how many cage bird breeders do that. Possibly more than I opine; possibly fewer. Be that as it may, without it a breeder will never succeed in the science—for it is, after all, a science—of pedigree breeding.

In the next place he will have to expend a great amount of thought upon his work. Inbreeding is not merely the putting of two related birds together. That would be absurd—as absurd in some cases as it is to run about for change of blood, without any knowledge of the source from which that blood is obtained, or in utter ignorance of the idiosyncracies of the strain of birds from which you are taking that change.

We must remember that the same principle which is held to stamp in good points can also stamp in bad ones. I have proved it. But in seeking a change of blood breeders very often seek and obtain trouble. Sometimes it hits all right, but more frequently the reverse; and when it does hit right it is more than likely that the outcross possessed at least some of the same blood as yours, and you did not know it.

I once bred a cup winner from an outcross male—the first time—and I wondered, for my stock was low and I had neglected it for a while. It was not till a long time afterwards that I discovered that the cup winner's sire was bred almost in line direct from the same blood as my female. Then I knew. So you see, while I am insisting on consistency, I was inconsistent but lucky. That is why, knowing the hazards, I say it is better to be consistent. I have inbred with all relationships, but always with healthy stock; always with the best to the best that I possessed; and I took care not to be tempted to part with my best.

It is the biggest mistake in the world to say: "I will part with this cock, the figure offered is big; or I will part with this hen, the figure offered is better, and I have others of the same nests, so can go on smiling!" You cannot! The best are the best, and to reach the top by inbreeding (or indeed by any other plan) and keep there, you must keep and breed from your best. Life is too short to be frittered away in tedious experiments on improving bad points by the counteracting influence of good points, when you might have had, if you had not coveted the cash, the good points both ways.

I have bred with perhaps the greatest success from brother and sister; yes, and brother and sister bred from father and daughter. True, I have had success from father and daughter, mother and son, etc., but I have been most successful with brother and sister. And here let me say there are idiosyncracies even in stock thus inbred. The fact is, you want to get to understand your stock. Even with inbred stock, the pairings do not always hit as you would wish. I have bred with two brothers paired to two sisters—separately, of course. The one pair bred me winners, and the other the reverse—all inbred, as you see. I crossed them over, and got just the reverse result—winners from the ones that bred me losers, and losers from the ones that bred me winners. And so it is.

Someone says: "The same thing that occurs in indiscriminate pairing!" Possibly so. But there is just this difference which escapes you. Try the progeny from the haphazard; and if you go haphazard again, what then? Even if you succeed—even if you do—whose handiwork is it, yours or somebody else's? Get Mr. C. A. House's delightful articles and read them. Read his articles on inbreeding. They will serve as food for reflection, and if you give them the chance will bring grist to the mill.

I could write long and (to me) pleasantly on this topic, but the Editor probably will not want to fill his columns with the song of a possibly out-of-date chap such as I am content, now, to consider myself. But this I know—an ounce of experience gained in the pleasant pursuit of knowledge, is worth a ton of theory. To inbreed successfully you must inbreed consistently, and—you must use your brains.

Invicta.

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Sub Rosa," has the advantage of me in that he has tried inbreeding on a small scale, whereas I am only at the beginning of my experiments. I say on a small scale, because I think he stopped when he ought to have gone on. I am now referring to the time when he bred three winners in one nest; if he had selected one or two of the best youngsters from his winners, and paired them to their father, he would have stamped that father's likeness into the second generation, and then, if he had continued the process to a third, he would have got a larger proportion still of birds resembling their parent.

Of course, there is always the proviso that he had healthy stock with which to operate. There are contradictions in his letter which I will pass over lightly, because I want to carry on this correspondence in a friendly spirit, that we may each learn from the other's experiences, and, incidentally, may perhaps help others in the Fancy who are trying to obtain a surer way to breed exhibition specimens than the old haphazard method of selection from face value.

I think there is one point your correspondent makes clear in his letter, and that is that faults can be perpetuated without having recourse to inbreeding. If affections of the eye can be transmitted to the fifth generation, even of unrelated stock, how careful breeders ought to be to have perfectly healthy birds before they attempt to inbreed. Yet I am afraid your correspondent would have blamed inbreeding for perpetuating this fault had he done it in the least degree, and this shows that we must enter the consideration of the question with open minds, not giving it the entire credit for anything good may arise in the stock, nor yet blaming it entirely for any untoward incident that may occur. It is full of possibilities, yet it must not be entered on lightly, nor without being aware of the possible dangers there may be in it.

Since my last letter I have been honoured with a private correspondence from your original contributor, "Bee Jay." I have his permission to give your readers some of his experiences in other branches of live stock breeding. He has been most interested in both dog and pigeon breeding for exhibition, and I will give you an extract from one of his letters re a certain breed of dog. He says: "Looking over the pedigree of a famous dog, I noticed that he was tremendously inbred; he was the son of a bitch which had been got by putting a daughter to a father, granddaughter to grandfather, and then again a great-granddaughter to a great-grandfather." He says, further on, speaking of another breeder of dogs: "I had a look at his stud book, and found that all his dogs were inbred in this manner, and he assured me that this was the only way to 'stamp the name on the blade.' This fancier had a large number of dogs, and never kept a bad one; in fact, he seldom got a bad one."

I could go on giving you extracts, but they are all to the same end. Of course, I know that dogs, pigeons, cows, etc., are not Canaries, but my question has not yet received an answer. It was: If done successfully in other branches of live stock, why should it not also be a success in Canary breeding? I feel confident there are great possibilities in the system, and only ask that it be given a fair trial, without prejudice, and without expecting too much of it.

With reference to the point your correspondent raises that I have not proved that large heads can be produced by inbreeding, I did not intend to convey the meaning that they could be produced by this method. The method, to be of any practical value at all, assumes that you start with good stock, possessing certain desirable properties, be it size, good heads, type, feather, or any other desideratum, and fix them in the progeny. By breeding back to each original ancestor for three or four generations, and crossing the progeny thus obtained, you have a simple and sure method of fixing in the good points which by promiscuous mating you are apt to lose.

T. C. Crawhall.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CAGE BIRDS 1915 ANNUAL NEARLY ALL GONE (See page 457).

MY FAVOURITE BRITISH FINCH, AND HOW I KEEP IT.

Some Opinions of Our Readers Given in Competition for Our Weekly Prize of Half-a-Guinea,

The Goldfinch Heads the Poll.

MY favourite bird is the Goldfinch. I think it is the most charming of all Finches. This is how I keep them. I have a wooden cage 16ins. in length, 10ins. high, and 8ins. wide, with a seed drawer fitted in the front, and I hang the cage on the wall in the living room just under the gas, but when the weather is warm I put it outside. I give him a bath every morning, change his drinking water twice a day, and every day I give him a piece of green food, chiefly dandelion. The seeds I find he does best on are three parts teasel, two parts canary, half a part of linseed, and quarter part of charlock and summer rape. On this mixture he keeps in good song and colour. I always keep about one inch of sand on the bottom of the cage, and I clean him out once a week, and scrape the perches at the same time.

RALPH CHURCH.

Its Cage and Its Menu.

THE Goldfinch is my first favourite of the British Finches. He so soon settles down to cage life, and his attractive colouring, docile manners, and cheery song make him a prime favourite. He is always merry and bright when in good health, but soon goes to the happy hunting grounds if he does not receive proper care when caged.

The cage is of much importance, and should allow the bird a fly from perch to perch, not merely a hop. A captive bird must have wing exercise; exercise is essential to good health. A good box type cage is the proper kind, with door arranged so that a bath can be hung on the outside. Fancy brass cages, with pretty stained glass arrangements, are the essence of cruelty, and should not be used for British Finches, or any others for that matter.

Feeding is a much-debated subject to write or advise upon, as there are no hard and fast rules to ensure success, but my method, I think, compares well with others that I have tried; at least, I am well satisfied.

My stock mixture is made up by measure; two parts canary, two teazel, one hemp, and quarter-part niger. I keep the seed box full of this mixture, and give as extras, maw, dandelion, gold of pleasure, and cornflower seeds. A small spoonful of egg food is relished once a week.

These tit-bits should be given in small quantities at a time, or sick birds will result, and harm, instead of good, be done. When green food is procurable it should be in preference to the extras mentioned. The Goldies chosen speciality is the large thistle, but there is a large selection of weeds to select from, including groundsel, shepherd's purse, plantain, dandelion, watercress, chickweed, lettuce, etc.; any and all are good, and should be offered when procurable.

In winter a bit of sweet apple is acceptable. On no account offer green food if frosted, or death will result.

The bath does not receive so much attention from some keepers of birds as it should. Water is the finest conditioner that it is possible to procure, and it is very cheap; its cheapness, perhaps, goes against it. The bath should be offered on fine days, not only when it is summer time, but during the whole year round. You cannot make a bird bathe, so when you see him in the water you can depend he is enjoying himself.

So treated, the Goldfinch is a gem of beauty for colouring, and a credit to the keeper of our favourite Finch.

R. BAINES.

A Half-day in the Country.

THE prize question this week is a problem to the lover of hardbills, but brought face to face with the question "What is your favourite British Finch?" I have to admit a preference for the Goldfinch as top dog. Both from a utility point of view and as a musician he is hard to beat.

This is my half holiday and I am off with a couple of Finches under my arm and CAGE BIRDS in my pocket to enjoy to the full the only leisure hours I have in all the week. The sun is shining in all its glory, and the sweet scent of new-mown hay is in the air. I am lying under the shelter of a hawthorn hedge; my two Finches are set up about 15 yards apart, and are testing their vocal powers to their utmost in an endeavour to show their owner how much they appreciate their outing.

On my left, reaching up to the sky line, is a hill side of purple heather, while to the right is a long plantation of birch and elder trees, ending in a stretch of arable country with its hay ricks and ripening corn blending with turnip fields and pasture land, and the farmsteads nestling in the shelter nooks.

What's that? Down goes my CAGE BIRDS. A Goldfinch is passing over head, and my Finches are challenging him. He swirls around, their music, like bugle calls, keeping him in its spell. He finds he is no match for my two favourites, and down he comes to have a chat with them through the bars of their cages, first one, then the other.

I have never heard a wild Goldie to equal either of the two Finches I have just now. They are both Britishers, their blazes like richest carmine, their tan real rich chocolate, and their whites are like foreigners, and their feathers like silk, shining with bloom.

Now a Hawk has passed over our heads; the wild Finch dives into the thick of the hedge, and my own Finches sink dumb. I hasten to get my favourites wrapped up for the return journey, and with an appetite like a hungry hunter I start for home, where, after tea, I will supper up my birds and devour the rest of CAGE BIRDS to the music of my hen Canaries giving their hungry youngsters their last feed for the night. Thus ends one of the pleasantest leisures any person could wish to have.

My method of feeding is, as stock food, best canary seed, and every day a small teaspoonful of the following:—Dandelion, hemp, teazel, inga, and maw. Besides this I give all the wild seeds it is possible to procure, beginning in the early spring with the first buds on the hedges and trees, then the dandelion leaf, followed by the seeding heads. By this time the sorrel, sow thistle, shepherd's purse, groundsel, plantain, etc., then lastly, hard heads and big thistle, of which I lay in a supply for the winter and early spring.

The daily bath puts the finishing touch, and to prove the condition of my two Finches I have some fine big variegated and dark mules from the one, and a fine Goldie-Bullie hybrid from the other, and they are in mad form yet.

My cages are old soap boxes about 3ft. 6in. long by 18ins. wide and 18ins. deep; they cost 4d. each; I use river sand for the cage bottoms, and never have any trouble with red mite. Twice a year they get a good lime wash.

I have over thirty young Canaries, seven lovely Goldie mules, a Goldie-Bullie hybrid, and plans already laid for what I will try next year. I attribute my success entirely to CAGE BIRDS, and my advice to the novice and to the experienced fancier as well is: Never miss a single issue, or you are sure to miss some wrinkle worth knowing.

WM. LAIDLAW.

Lovers of the Linnet.

MY choice of a favourite came to me with my liking for birds. Many years ago, when only a boy of about eight, I bought my first Linnet. After making a cage out of a box, my brother and I went to the bird dealers for a bird with threepence we had saved, and the man asked me if I wanted a green one or a brown one. I thought he was making fun of me, and, not liking the sound of "green," I said "brown." I don't think it was his fault, but he gave me a very nice cock.

The song of the Linnet is not a question of price, for as I write I am cheered by the sweet song of one deep in moult, and not quite tame, whose price was the same as dozens of others I have had through my hands, that is, sixpence.

I cage my Linnets in Sunlight Soap boxes or Watson's Matchless Cleanser boxes, with punched bar fronts, but, now these latter are dear, I use ½in. wood bars, top and middle, a 2in. belt to hold the fountains, and a ¾in. sand tray front, with a sand tray made out of the lid; this I keep covered with sharp grit, and about a tablespoonful of seed from the threshing machine twice a week.

In the fountain is a mixture of Spanish canary seed, rape seed, and an extra each day consisting of linseed one day, maw the next, followed by hemp, teasle, niger, lettuce, or turnip.

When the wild food is to be had, they nearly live on this. Properly treated, it is astonishing how long Linnets will live, and a novice who only knows the A B C of bird-keeping can breed Mules from them.

Undoubtedly the keeping of Linnets demands more attention on the part of their owner than does the keeping of Canaries; it is a much more practical affair. When you go for a walk you pick groundsel, dandelion, and shepherd's purse for your Linnet, and to see them start on it before you have quite fastened it to the wires is a pleasure.

The fancier of Linnets always has plenty to do that will fill his spare moments, yet I would not have it supposed that this is a drawback; on the contrary, I think that those who are devoted to their birds will agree with me that therein lies its greatest charm.

A. BURROWS.

Cheap to Buy and Easy to Keep.

OF all our Finches the Linnet, to my mind, stands first. I have kept various kinds of British birds at one time or another, and find the Linnet tops them all both for song and as a pet, being such an intelligent little fellow.

It is best to buy him as a brancher, then you stand a better chance of training him to your liking. Another thing which is a big consideration is the very small cost of this bird, for he may be purchased for anything from 6d. to 2s. 6d., a very reasonable price indeed for such a good songster. Of course, you can pay much more for a contest singer, but it has had to be trained, hence its cost.

The Linnet, too, is a very free muler; he will mate and breed readily with a hen Canary, providing he is in breeding condition, and is one of the best of fathers to his children.

The Linnet does not take so much catering for as some of our Finches. If your bird is a fresh-caught one you should soak a bit of summer rape until it is ready for sprouting, and mix with it a little crushed hemp. Then have in the seed box its ordinary seed mixture, of which the bird will eat more every day, and the soaked seed can be gradually withdrawn. A good supply of wild seeds should be given, such as shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, seeding grass, etc.

When I get my Linnets nicely steady, and on the hard seed, the mixture I give them is the following:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, and one part each of summer rape, charlock, and linseed.

If the weather is very severe in the winter, or even if a bird is stuck in the moult, I find that adding one part hemp to the stock mixture works wonders. As a tit-bit or change I give a teaspoonful of a mixture of niger and maw, and I always give plenty of wild seeds as they come in season.

If a difficulty arises in procuring green food a good substitute is rape seedlings, but watch that it does not go rancid, or you will lose your birds. After the moult I give plenty of good sound hemp; this helps to bring them in condition, and on alternate days I give a teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Two parts each of gold of pleasure, mustard, niger, sesame, and thistle, one part each of dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce.

The above mixture is the finest refresher in the world for Linnets, and is readily eaten, and you will note the difference in your birds when they have been treated as advised for a short time. In conclusion, I may say that if these few notes are carried out your Linnets will never look back, but will give you the greatest of pleasure all the year round.

HAROLD FREEMAN.

In Praise of the Redpoll.

AS the owner of several kinds of Finches I find it difficult to name one as my favourite, but I think, on consideration, that I like the Redpoll as well as any, but the Bramblefinch and Greenfinch are close up in my estimation.

As an intelligent and entertaining pet the Redpoll is hard to beat, and a good one can do very well on the show bench, which is some consideration. Moreover, he does not, as a rule, contract that ungrateful habit of the Goldfinch and Bullfinch, etc., of turning up his toes from no apparent cause.

As a bird for the beginner I should call him the ideal, as he is so very easy to feed, and, being a free bather, he is also of a clean and smart appearance.

With regard to feeding and general management, my remarks apply to all my British birds. When purchased as fresh-caught specimens I turn the birds into as large a cage as possible, putting each fresh bird with an old-caged one, and I find that in a very short time the new arrival becomes as steady as the old one.

For the first few weeks I give soaked rape and teazle on alternate days in very small quantities, also fresh green food appropriate to the species. Every fourth day I give a weak dose of Glauber salts to remedy any trouble due to overfeeding.

As a stock food I mix together one quart each of finest Spanish canary, teazle, and small red summer rape. This mixture is always before the birds, and I find that on it they keep healthy and in good condition.

"Mixed seed," as sold in shops, I regard as a medium for seed merchants for disposing of bad hemp, of which it contains always a liberal amount. I have cracked 30 seeds, and found all bad. Many a good Greenfinch has found its way to the dustbin through its fondness for hemp seed, and through the mistake of its owner in giving this mixed food.

I make a point of buying the best seeds separately, and mixing them as required. Good hemp is very useful as an extra, and almost all British birds will eat it. I also give occasionally, just a pinch to each bird of the following tit-bit mixture: Niger, maw, sesame, and linseed in equal parts. Last, but not least, I give regularly a teaspoonful per bird of a good wild seed mixture, containing almost every wild seed that a bird will eat.

Among other little preferences, I find that the Bramblefinch will not eat green food, but is very fond of a mealworm daily. The same applies to the Chaffinch, and, in my case, the Hawfinch. Greenfinches appear to be fond of anything—seedling lettuce, rats'-tails, grass heads, watercress, and especially half-ripened wheat. The Redpoll and Twite seem to like only lettuce, and little of that. They are the only two hardbills I have which will not eat safflower and sunflower, both of which I give freely during the moult and winter months. The bath I give on every favourable day.

F. C. KNIGHT.

The Value of the Redpoll as an Exhibition Bird.

MY favourite British Finch is the commonest of all Finches, the Lesser Redpoll. Being caught in large numbers it is easily obtained, although, as in all other varieties, outstanding birds are scarce, and while the price for ordinary specimens averages about sixpence each, outstanding specimens run into pounds.

Being a free breeder, it is invaluable as a hybrid breeder, and can be crossed with the following: Canary, Greenfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, etc., the latter cross being most valuable, and able to hold its own in any class of Hybrids.

As an exhibition Finch, from a financial point of view, the Redpoll ranks first, for they are such general favourites that nearly every show of any size provides a class for them, and invariably gets full classes, which means to an exhibitor full prize money, and this can hardly be said of some other Finches.

It is very easy to keep. As a staple diet I feed on good Canary seed, giving periodically as tit-bits a little hemp, niger, teazle, and wild seeds in season. It is particularly fond of hardheads, which, in any country place, can be gathered in thousands, dried, and stored up for use in the moulting season.

Hardheads, along with the above-mentioned seeds, and some good colour feed, not forgetting the free use of the bath, will moult selected specimens into winners, and repay all the trouble. I have moulted hundreds in a similar manner with great success, having won at all the leading shows.

FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY.

A Vote for the Bullfinch.

THE Bullfinch is a favourite of mine, although not so pretty in colours, and although he has not the song of a Goldfinch, he makes an admirable pet. He can, with patience, be taught to pipe quite nicely, and if kept with Canaries it is quite amusing to hear him try and imitate them.

He is a prettily-marked bird, with his red breast, white wing bars, and white rump. He requires plenty of exercise, so I always keep mine in a large cage. He must have a bath frequently, or his feet get dirty.

I feed on a staple of canary seed, and I give no hemp seed, as this, I think, is detrimental to their health. I give plenty of groundsel, dock, nettle, plantain, and sorrel. Also, when in season, I give raspberries, blackberries, privet, and ash keys from the ash trees. I find these help the colour immensely when moulting. The hens are valuable for hybridising. I usually catch my own Bullfinches, and would advise anyone who can do this to do likewise.

T. PARGETER.

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THE LINNET IN NATURE AND IN CAPTIVITY.

By T. G. ADDISON (Thornaby-on-Tees).

THE gorse is blooming with a luxuriance that gorse only can show, and the common is alive with golden glory. Birds move here and there, alarmed, as we make our way among the numerous threading tracks made by former wanderers and Nature's admirers. One moment; listen! from the green beneath the golden roof we hear:—

"The mirthful choirs with their full, open throats
Unto the joyful morn so strain their warbling notes,
That hills and valleys ring, and even the echoing air
Seems all composed of songs about them everywhere"

Chiefest of these songsters is the Linnet, or, as he is generally known in Scotland, the Lintie and Lintwhite. Burns, the peasant ploughman, whose tender heart was endeared to all that Nature offered him, was often solaced, when he felt sad, by the songs of the birds, and in one of these sad moments he says:—

"In vain to me the cowslips blaw;
In vain to me the violets spring;
In vain to me in glen or shaw,
The Mavis and the Lintwhite sing."

The Linnet's Many Names.

The bird is sometimes called the Greater Redpoll, the Rose Linnet, and the Grey or Brown Linnet, the names changing with the changes in the bird's colour. It is a sweet and gentle bird, of a very loving character, and shows, when in captivity, great affection for those who tend it.

In the early morning, while the gradually-opening flowers are yet wet with dew, and the gossamer threads are among the grass, the sweet song of the wild Linnet can be heard coming from the furze bushes laden with their golden butterfly-like blossoms. A little cloud comes over the blue sky, and pattering raindrops begin to fall; this is the signal for the Linnet to cease its song, but immediately the cloud has passed away it renews its song with redoubled vigour, as if rejoicing in the freshened air.

Could we linger there till evening, we should still hear the song of this bird. As a matter of fact, it is never silent, save in the almost universal silence of Nature at summer noon-tide. Even when the gorse has lost its flowers, and the shrubs have nothing to show except their long green boughs and black seed vessels, the Linnet still sings on. A gleam of sunshine from a blue sky in autumn wakens it again into song, as it does on a winter's day, though in the latter season the strain is weaker and more plaintive, and seems more in harmony with the melancholy tones of the wind which is now bringing down the leaves at every gust.

The Linnet lives in harmony and friendship with its fellows, claiming no little spot, like the Robin or Nightingale, as its own peculiar domain, but sharing the sun and shower, the flower and fruits, with any other birds that come near it. Like the Goldfinch, it feeds on the seeds of the thistle, ragworts, and other compound flowers which are so numerous in autumn. When hunting out this food it does not quarrel with its companions, as some birds do, but is merry and good-tempered, allowing them to satisfy their needs.

The Linnet builds among the furze or brambles, and makes its nest of moss and grass stalks, intermingled with wool, and lined with feathers and hairs. It is a most devoted mother, and will not leave its nest for a moment after its young are hatched.

Beautiful as birds are, few people are aware how clean they are in their habits. The Linnet delights to dabble in the clear stream, and has been said to be the cleanest of all birds.

The Linnet is my favourite cage bird, being very grateful for kindness, and most desirous of pleasing. His song appeals to me more than any other, its variety being wonderful, and even sickness does not put this tiny piper out, while the older he gets the better he sings.

Its Cage and Its Keeping.

As regards his cage, give him plenty of room. The sight of a Linnet placed in a wretched prison house about eight inches high, six inches deep, and seven inches wide awakens in me feelings of sympathy. A box cage about a foot high, a foot deep, and eighteen inches wide, will provide him with room for sufficient activity.

Let your Linnet have a bath at least once a week. A common saucer will do very well for his bath, as, unlike the bullfinch, he is not a deep bather, preferring rather to sit in it, and to scatter the water with his wings and tail.

Keep the sand drawer well supplied with coarse sand, and, above all, look frequently to his water glass. His water should be changed twice a day, and no one who values his bird's health will neglect doing do.

If the white specks which denote red mite should make their appearance about the cage remove your Linnet into any spare cage you have. Brush the infested cage with turpentine, and, before replacing your bird therein, let it stand unused for two or three weeks.

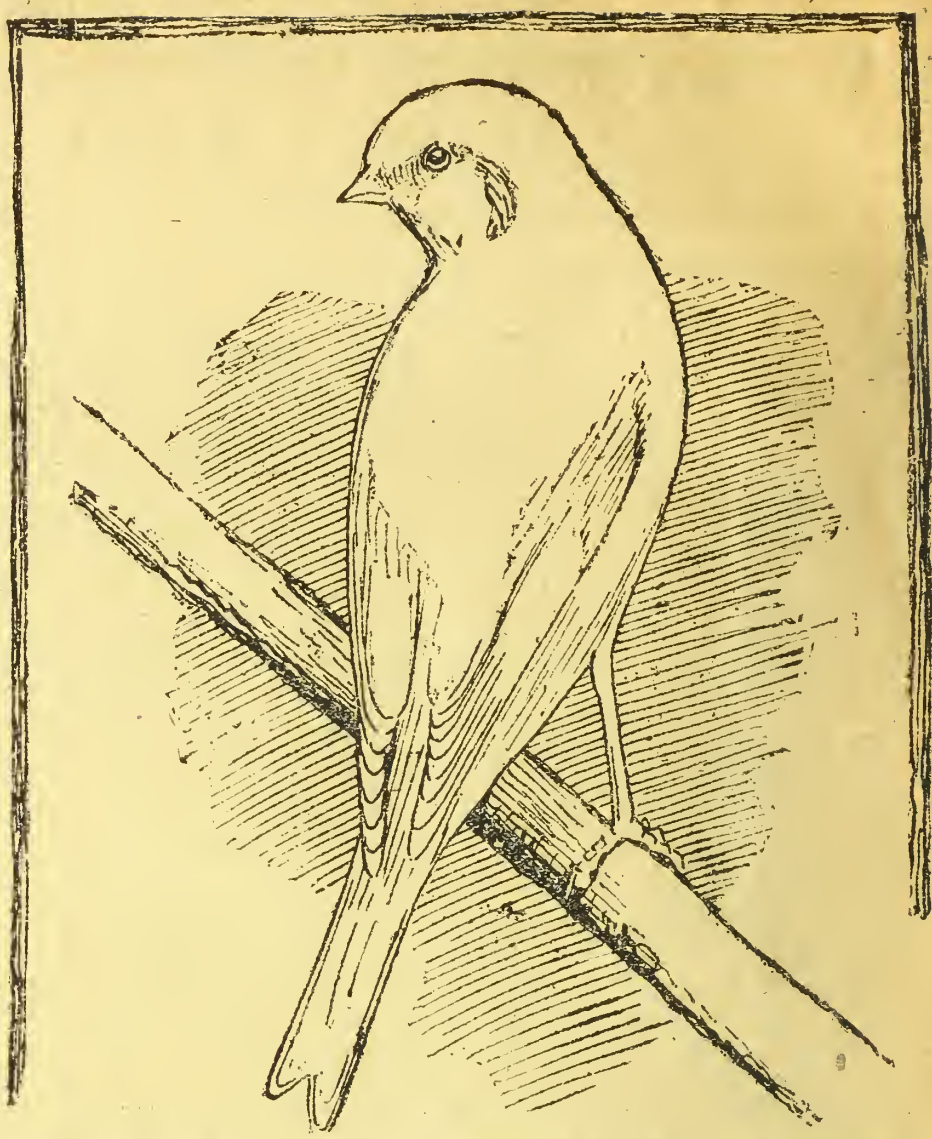
A good stock mixture for Linnets is equal parts of canary seed and rape, together with a little teazle and inga, all mixed well together. A teaspoonful of good mixed wild seed, given twice a week, will be much appreciated, and will assist wonderfully in keeping the birds in excellent condition.

Wild seeds and green food should be given when obtainable. In the early part of the year young dandelion leaves and groundsel may be given, and as the season advances dandelion heads, plantain stalks, and thistle heads.

In conclusion, I would like to say a few words about the Linnet from a muling point of view. I have had remarkable success at breeding Linnet Mules, and attribute it to the condition of all my Linnets. These I obtain in October, when they can be had for a mere trifle.

I put them in separate cages, and feed them on the above stock mixture until the end of January. I now give a little dandelion seed daily, together with young dandelion leaves, which I grow in a hothouse.

As soon as dandelion heads are procurable I give each bird a couple twice daily, and to these I attribute in a very large measure my success; for, shortly, I find my Linnets' beaks assuming that blue-black colour which is such a sure sign of their forward condition, and never yet have I experienced any difficulty in pairing them to the hen Canaries. Insufficient attention to the Finches (whatever variety) is, in the writer's opinion, too often a cause of disappointment to the would-be Mule breeder.



This fine clear Norwich Canary won 2nd prize at Bedford Show for Mr. T. Irons, Northampton.

Some Birds of the Garden.

HOW TO KEEP THEM IN CAPTIVITY.

By H. HOOD, East Harling.

THE birds of our gardens and fields are one of the joys of life to those who live, like myself, in the country. Amongst the first to begin nesting in our gardens are the brown Linnets. One scarcely sees them at all during winter, but they suddenly appear during April; the cocks with their rosy breasts singing their sweet song to their mates.

These are easy birds to handrear. I knew of one reared from nest, which lived in a small cage for 19 years. Soaked turnip seed, mixed with bread crumbly moist, is one of the best rearing foods.

Another way to rear is, when the young birds have got most of their feathers, to put them into a cage, and let the parents rear them. I have heard it said that the old birds poison them this way, but it is not so, and if those who think this will try this plan, they will prove it by succeeding in rearing them.

Keep the cage bottom perfectly clean, and, after the young have been caged for about three days, get a packet of mixed seeds, crush some of it well, mix with it some turnip seed, and put on floor of cage; also pull out the drawboard for two inches and put a little on. Repeat for three days, and if you watch you will very soon see the young birds picking it, also the old birds will pick up that outside the cage and give it to them.

Now make a little oblong box about half an inch in height, and put inside the cage next the front, with plenty of crushed seed in. In a fortnight from being caged you will find they will clear out the box, and then they may be taken away from the parents. After this, keep on with crushed seed for a time, and do not forget to give green food every day (chickweed is good) and they will get on well without trouble.

The most delightful bird of all is to my mind the Goldfinch; these are early breeders as well as late. I have seen young flying early in June this year. Many people fail with these.

In my young days we used to rear them successfully with the same food as the Linnets, but one can only get them from the dealers now, as there is protection in force in most countries. If those who buy would give some inga and green food every day with the stock seeds, the freshly caught bird would live all right; the green food is more important than anything else.

I prefer caught birds to hand-reared, as they seem to have more vim and life in them than the others, and they soon become tame. I think the reason is that in a wild state, after leaving the nest, they get some kind of natural food which we know nothing of, and which builds up their frames and strengthens them. They do not, of course, get this if hand-reared.

Easily Caught and Easily Tamed.

We get a few Bullfinches here during summer, but not many nests. They are handsome birds, but very destructive in the garden. We have three prunus trees here, and during the winter the Bullfinches find these out (I never can understand how they know, as the trees are all bare then, but some appear every winter on the same trees), and if not stopped they will quickly eat off all the buds.

These birds are so easily tamed if caught in winter that it is not worth the trouble to hand-rear them. At one time we had a Crystal Palace aviary in the conservatory with small foreign seed eaters. I have caught cock Bullfinches and put them at once into this cage with the others, and they have started eating hemp seed immediately, and in three days were having a bath and were quite at home, although the conservatory was always heated up to 60 degrees, a great contrast to the outside wintry conditions.

To catch Bullfinches a decoy bird in a trap cage is an advantage, but if the trap cage is baited with ripe privet berries, and placed where they come to feed, one can generally manage to get one without the decoy, especially if the weather is sharp. Then the rest is easy, as the caught bird can be used for a decoy after getting on to seed.

Put freshly caught birds in a cage about a foot square, with plenty of hemp and mixed seeds, put a piece of muslin over the wires for a day or two, and do not forget to give some gooseberry shoots every day, also privet berries. When on food, do not let them live entirely on hemp seed, as it is very often the cause of sores coming round the beak.

Two other handsome little birds are the Blue-Tit and Oxeye-Tit. I have never tried to rear them as they are both easily caught during winter, in a trap cage baited with beech nuts.

After catching, feed with beech nuts, bread crumbs, a meat bone, also maize, they are very fond of the latter, and it is very amusing to watch them pick up a maize seed, and hammer away until the soft part is extracted. The Blue-Tit seems to agree with other birds, but the Oxeye-Tit is very spiteful, and kills even its own kind, so it is best caged singly. I should think a cross between this bird and another British (if it were possible) would be very handsome.

I must not leave out the handsome Greenfinch, which is a great favourite with me. The cock in some cases is a very pretty bird, and a good songster. These are easily reared, or caught, and seem to do well on any kind of seed.

I brought a hen up from the nest, and in the following winter caught another hen. These were turned out in an aviary in the spring with a house-moulted cock Goldfinch. I fixed a Blackbird's nest in each of the two top corners, and these hens both laid three clutches of eggs, and set on them over a fortnight each time.

The Hybrids' Untimely End.

The eggs were all unfertile until the third nest. After sitting a week I tried the eggs in this lot, and found two full ones in one nest, all the rest clear. Thinking that if she hatched, she might not rear the young, I took these and placed in a brown Linnet's nest, taking two of her own out. The Linnet sat on these and hatched them out, but to my dismay, on going to look at them three days afterwards, I found them all gone, a cat or weasel had taken them during the night, and thus ended my attempt at Hybrid breeding.

I should like to say that I have taken CAGE BIRDS for over three years now, and it is the one thing of the week I look forward to on Friday evenings. To those who are sorrowing in this great calamity which is shaking the world, I would say get a bird or more if you can afford them, tend them, and talk to them, and you will find their interesting little ways and lively song will do just a little to bring some bright moments into your lives.

For myself, although not blessed with much of this world's goods (I am a single-handed gardener by profession) I find more pleasure and interest in my birds (and I have several) than many perhaps do in their lands and gold.

The Songster of the Night.

By F. BENT (Nottingham),

Telling how to Keep the Nightingale in Captivity, and expressing some unorthodox ideas of the bird and its habits in a wild state.

I HAVE been a bird lover and a bird fancier all my life. I have kept successfully most species of British birds that are kept for song or beauty, or for both combined. I have chosen the 'Gale, the king of songsters, without the shadow of a doubt, about which to give you my experiences. (I hope I may be forgiven for the use of "'Gale," but paper is dear, and very scarce, just now, and we are all now going in for war-time saving.)

Now, I understand from first-hand knowledge every phase of my subject, and if I happen to give any facts that are contrary to book knowledge, or popular belief, it is because I have proved them. I have studied 'Gales in their natural state from boyhood, and I have kept them in cage and aviary for more than twenty years; when no ants' eggs, dried flies, etc., were obtainable except from one's own gathering, and when no CAGE BIRDS existed, and when perhaps not half-a-dozen 'Gales were to be found caged in these islands.

So if I can help some novice to manage his birds a little better, or to gain any wrinkle about this glorious songster, I shall have done some good. No bird lover should have any secrets or keep anything hidden from his fellow fanciers if it is for the good of the bird or species.

A Necessary Preliminary.

To keep any bird successfully it is very necessary to study its habits in a state of Nature, to find what its food consists of at various seasons of the year, with what it feeds its young, its preference for certain nesting sites, etc. So for the greater part of a lifetime I have been an earnest student of wild bird life. I have had some very happy days (and nights, too) in trying to find out any fresh facts connected with "Philomel."

I have been out many, many April mornings in order to detect their first coming, to see if the cocks arrived first, or both sexes together. April 15 is the earliest date I have of the birds arriving in this North Midland district, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire, and I have always found them in pairs, and looking up their old nesting sites. When they arrive on the Southern and Eastern coasts of England it may differ, but that I should like our birdy brethren of the South to verify.

Now, why they select certain parts of this country, to the neglect of other equally suitable situations, is as yet an unsolved problem. My theory is that an equal number yearly of 'Gales land on the south and east part of our coasts, and spread themselves over the country till they find suitable nesting sites. Very few we hear of going very far north of the Trent. If 'Gales increased yearly, like Starlings and Sparrows, then soon from Land's End to John o' Groat's the "tight little island" would soon be, for five weeks or so, full of the "most musical, most melancholy" song.

Critics differ about bird songs. Some seven years ago, in 1909, CAGE BIRDS had a "Most Popular Bird" Competition, with the following results:—1, Norwich Canary; 2, Yorkshire Canary; 3, Goldfinch; 4. Linnet; 5, Bullfinch; 6, Skylark; 7, Thrush; 8, Greenfinch; 9, Siskin; 10, Chaffinch; 11, Blackbird; 12, Redpoll, etc.

Why the Nightingale Was Left Out.

Now if a competition were started for the twelve best British bird songsters, I very much doubt if Philomel would top the list. So few have heard the Nightingale's song. Fewer still have heard a bird of superlative song. So very few have heard that song under the best conditions.

I have, during the last half-century, listened to some thousands of 'Gales singing their "musketry of music," and out of those thousands only some half-dozen have been birds of the grandest music. Only two birds in the last dozen years have I heard in the wild state that could be called birds of the highest excellence. Let me not be misunderstood.

The best English tenor of a bygone generation was undoubtedly Sims Reeves. Now those who only heard for the first time the grand old man when he took his farewell visit round the halls would be naturally disappointed. If the same people could have listened to his rendering of "Come into the garden, Maud," or "My Pretty Jane," some forty years' previously, they would have perceived the vast difference. So with our bird musicians; only one, say, in ten thousand are top notchers. Only one Sims Reeves, Patti, or Melba in a generation.

To take another bird illustration. Out of many thousands of Thrushes I have during the last ten years only heard three birds of super-excellence. I know this will be contrary to the common experience, but I believe you want our individual experiences. Many birdy wiseacres will shake their heads, and say I am wrong.

When is a wild bird's song at its full brilliance? When the bird is two to three years old, if caged, and, I believe, about the same in its wild state. Now have the superlative songsters I have mentioned been very old birds, and have they transmitted their extra powers of song to their progeny? We do not know.

A Veteran Songster.

I have kept a 'Gale for ten years—the same bird I mean—and had him singing over my Christmas dinner table each year. That fact perhaps is unique. It was, too, a hand-reared specimen, and sung equally as well as the average wild 'Gale. Hand-reared specimens of all kinds of birds are supposed to be less vigorous than birds naturally reared, but there are exceptions to every rule.

I have had some birds that sang both by artificial light and daylight. Others that only sang by daylight, and some which sang best when partly covered up. Some sang their best when a noise of any kind was going on, like scrubbing, street traffic, etc.

The time to hear this "earthly denizen of angel song" at his best is some still evening during the last fortnight in May, for the hens are all sitting then. If near the full moon you won't have long to wait for "the low piping sound more sweet than all."

You steal as noiselessly as possible to the thicket or tree on which "Philomela" sits perched, and perhaps can see the moonlight reflected from his white breast. You can even detect the pulsation of that glorious throat. It perhaps begins slowly, then perhaps a melancholy or wailing stanza. Then, after a very short interval, it is more lively, and leads up to passages of wonderful power and execution.

No other music on this earth comes anywhere near the Nightingale's song at its zenith. One may sit the livelong night and listen, and then, when dawn appears, soon after 2 a.m., in late May, all the other choristers join in, but the "midnight reveller" is easily first, and the rest nowhere.

Then the bird man comes along, and says, "I'll box that lovely creature, and take his song home." That lovely song was meant to cheer his sitting bride, who, with five brownish-green eggs, was patiently waiting the young brood, which, in due course, would be hatched, and would have to be fed on the green, smooth caterpillars to be found on the nut bushes. Taken away from his home, why wonder if he sulks and dies?

From my own observation I cannot say that the cock takes any part in the incubation, like the male Blackcap, which relieves the hen whilst sitting. The cock 'Gale seems to spend three weeks entirely living for song alone. I have seen, however, what few naturalists appear to have seen take place. Whilst the male bird has been pouring forth his soul-stirring music, I have seen the hen fly up to him, and put a fat green caterpillar in his beak as though to say, "Oh! how perfectly lovely! You are indeed the king of Nature's songsters."

Then, on one occasion, and one only, I proved that they are polygamous. I found, in one short spinney, five nests, all within fifty yards, and only one male bird. No other 'Gales within half a mile, so that looks like proven. It was away from the bird-catcher's beaten track, and before the era of latter-day bird keeping and selling.

Then again I have, in different seasons, found an occasional male who has not mated for some reason; not enough females to go round, I suppose, and who has been compelled to become a celibate. I wish Mr. Teschemaker would kindly give his opinion of the above genuine cases.

Never have I yet seen a wild Nightingale, though surrounded in every direction by fresh ant hills, touch a live ant or cocoon, and I doubt sometimes whether we are on the right lines in giving so many ant-eggs, alive or dried, to our birds. Formic acid is extracted from ants, and who knows its effect on a bird's constitution?

As I set out to write a helpful article, I will confine the rest of my remarks to the keeping of the king of song in a cage, and will leave alone my aviary experiences, which have been many, and which have mostly ended in tragedies; cats, rats, owls, fights, etc.

First thing, Mr. Novice, see to it you have a bird of the masculine gender. Secondly, see that you feed your bird correctly, and, thirdly, see that your bird does not overfeed. There will be no song if he is too fat; half-a-dozen or so mealworms are plenty for a day.

When I started I had all to learn. Bechstein was my only guide, philosopher, and friend, and, in many respects, he cannot be beaten to-day, although his advice is nearly two hundred years old. So I began with mealworms, as many as the bird could get down him, bread crumbs, bullock's heart, roasted and shredded, hard-boiled eggs (which item has killed more British birds and Canaries than any other food), grated carrot, ants' eggs in summer, caterpillars, spiders, dried wasp cake, etc.

Occasionally I have been very disappointed after all my trouble and attention. Also, when least expected, I have been rewarded with glorious bursts of song. After many years of various methods of feeding, I find the following method the best.

The necessary items are:—Ants' eggs, the best possible; dried flies, when obtainable and good; meat meal, from the best makers; powdered biscuits, Osborne or Maizena Wafers, or broken biscuits from grocers; and grated fresh carrots. To equal parts of above add some powdered cuttlefish bone, and if the carrot does not quite moisten sufficiently add a few drops of boiling water.

Give half a dozen mealworms daily, cured wasp cake, or maggots, well scoured in bran and sand. All live insects you can obtain, i.e., spiders, earwigs, cockroaches, etc. 'Gales are particularly fond of ripe elderberries; also bananas.

See to it that your bird does not become too fat. The cage must be roomy, to give sufficient exercise. Attention also must be given to bathing and thorough cleanliness. The last item, I believe, is the most important of all. The feet must never be allowed to become clogged, and to prevent clogging I find plenty of good sharp sand or gravel as good as anything for the cage drawer. I never bother much about the padding of perches.

'Gales caught in April, not after, ought to sing well before November. If not singing before Christmas give extra mealworms and live food to bring into song.

Many practical fanciers cannot tell one sex from another. Eye and carriage are sufficient for an expert, but without good drawings, words cannot convey any precise method to differentiate the sexes. Nightingales can only be kept by an enthusiastic bird lover. They require a deal of attention and care, and no one who cannot give great personal attention to his or her birds ought to attempt to cage one of Nature's choicest songsters.

I have had the following glorious songsters in full song very recently: Nightingale, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Skylark, and Shama. Search the wide world over, and seven songsters to equal them could not be obtained.

Notes From an Old Diary.

By T. H. KINCH.

(Continued from page 432.)

IT is not so long ago that I gave away several hundreds of old papers I had by me relating to birds, rabbits, etc., as I was about to remove. This gift, I hope, will have a good effect, and make a few fanciers in either fur or feather.

Since this gift I have had no end of schoolboys calling on me for papers, and bringing dead birds, moths, etc. One boy of about eight years, after reading the papers, brought me a rabbit to know if it was a pure-bred one. Another brought me a Canary to see if it was a cock, as he had bought it for one. I had to laugh over it, for it was only a hen, but I found out what he had given for it, and who he had bought it from. I sent the seller a sharp note for deceiving the boy, and he at last changed it for a cock.

To go back to birds. I have caught in my trap cage four different kinds of Tits—Cole, Blue, Oxeye, and Longtail. The three first-named I have kept together in a large cage, but soon got tired of them, as they were too restless all together, required too much insectivorous food, and are not desirable pets if all together.

I once kept a pair of Long-tailed Tits in a large waggon cage, but they were not long before they destroyed their tails, and got so unsightly that I gave them their liberty. The Cole Tits soon got tame in confinement, but the Blue Tits did not. These birds I never attempted to hand-rear; not that I should have failed to do so, but I did not care sufficiently for them.

Many a nest of Redstarts have I hand-reared. I was always fond of them; the cocks are very handsome birds when moulted well, and can be kept in confinement for some time. One, a great favourite, I had over four years, and I think after each moult he looked better. I had a good offer made for him, and let him go.

One of the Best of Pets.

Robins were always great favourites of mine. Most winters have I caught one or two, and liberated in the spring. One I kept for two years, which caused great surprise to everyone who saw it. They prophesied the bad luck it would bring me—it was a sure sign that I should have a broken limb.

Well, I can now say I never had a broken limb, but, unfortunately, I had to have a leg off, but that was not the bird's fault. After I released it I still used to feed it, and it kept about the garden for months, until another one came, and they fought, so it was killed.

Greenfinches have also been great favourites of mine. Some years ago I hand-reared a nest, giving them all away, also a large cock bird. This bird was with my Canaries, and learnt a great many of their notes, and could sing nearly as well, but if the Canaries got to higher notes then he would screech, and this so upset my wife that I gave him away to a friend, who would not part with it for any money. A cock Greenfinch I had previous to this I tried colour food on. I cannot say that anything is gained, as the natural colours do not, in my opinion, come out so nice.

I hope the colour feeding of British birds will cease, so as we can get Nature from Nature's birds. Canaries are, of course, quite different; feed them if you like, but don't attempt to improve on Nature. I hope the time will come when all British birds will be exhibited in their natural plumage. This will increase the entries, and cause many more to take them up.

One of the great secrets is to give them a natural moult out of doors, with plenty of Nature's foods. The colours will then come. The bath, of course, must not be forgotten. Many a grand bird have I moulted in this way. If they are moulted indoors the colours are, of course, not so brilliant.

Yellow-hammers I am also fond of, and their colour I have brought out more beautiful with a yellow feed. This bird will show colour feeding, perhaps, more than any other seed-eating bird. The yellow and grey Wagtails I have also colour fed.

About eighteen years ago I caged a nest of Goldfinches. I found the nest with three young ones ready to fly. They were too far gone to hand-rear, as they flew out of the nest on my going to the trees. These were pear-tree birds. (I have found, I think, more nests in apple trees than any other.) I caged them, and all three turned out to be cocks. The largest bird and the smallest I kept for myself, and the middle one I gave away.

Strange to say, my birds would not pair with the Canary, but the one I gave away did, and had four young ones the first nest, but all as dark as Sparrows. The next nest only two young ones were hatched. Then the hen Canary died when the young were about ten days old. I successfully hand-reared them, and they turned out to be cock and hen, but both dark.

I had seen them pair, but I took no notice of them, as I thought I was well aware that Mules never bred; but I found two eggs at the bottom of the cage. These I carefully marked, and put under a hen Canary which was sitting. Both proved to have birds in them, but they had died at about the tenth day. This fact surprised me, for I never expected the eggs to be full.

So there is something yet to be learned from Mules. They will breed, but, of course, not freely. I have heard of a similar instance, which I did not at the time credit, but after my experience I thought it was correct, although no young was hatched, one egg out of three only being fertile. Since this happened, some years ago, I have noticed that in other cases young have been produced from Mules.

Whether there is anything to be gained from this cross I have yet to learn, but it will be satisfactory if this problem is solved, and it is found that Mules will breed. I don't think the young will turn out exhibition specimens, only quite ordinary Mules

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THE WAY IT HAPPENED TO ME

By WALLACE C. JONES (Toronto).

A Canadian reader of "Cage Birds" tells how a birthday present for his wife started him in the hobby of Canary breeding.

MY experience in the fascinating hobby of Canary breeding may not be overwhelmingly interesting to readers of CAGE BIRDS, but to me it has been one long season of interest.

I was not a lover of birds until last December; in fact, I had no idea just what a Canary should look like. I only knew that some were yellow, but I soon found out a few things, and my taking up the hobby happened in an odd way.

You see, I have a life "pardner," that is to say, a wife, and, quite naturally, try, as all other wise men do, to gratify any little wish the wife may express (it often saves a fuss). We were out walking one evening, and happening to pass a bird store went in to have a look around, and my wife immediately became attached to the lovely singing and expressed a wish for a bird for her birthday. The anniversary was some months distant, but I promised, and that was all until the next day, when I went back to that bird store and got fitted out with a nice singer for four dollars (sixteen shillings and eightpence), and a brass cage for two dollars .75 cents (eleven shillings and fivepence halfpenny), and after getting a supply of seed, etc., I went home and surprised the wife.

The Growth of the Hobby.

Well, that bird lived a month, and during that time it had the freedom of the house and used to take a daily bath in the goldfish globe. After he died I got another bird without delay, and then a hen bird. I had now become so taken with our pets that I wasn't satisfied unless I could take home a bird about three times a week. My wife at last called a halt and said we had enough; but we got more.

I set up three pairs about the first of February, and after a while I put my nests in the breeding cages, and the process of building started. To our great delight the first egg soon appeared, and after a complete clutch of four eggs in each nest the birds went to sitting, and in due time the eggs commenced to hatch; more delight. I got three out of four in each of two nests, the eggs in the third nest being clear. One nest were Yorkshires, one Rollers, and one Border Fancy.

As luck would have it I had to move my birds as I was moving my household effects to another part of the city. The chicks were only two days old when this moving took place, and it was winter time, but I covered them up well and got them moved O.K. My method of feeding, however, was very poor, and I was continually filling up the egg dish, so I guess the hens got sick of the job for they let my six hopefuls die. But I didn't get discouraged, and it wasn't long until I had more.

I bought a cheap Roller hen and mated her to an ordinary Roller singer, but before I put her nest in, which I delayed in doing, she laid an egg on the cage floor. This was after being mated up for two weeks, and of course the egg got bent, so I put in a nest to catch the rest. The next egg wasn't laid for three more days, and I was getting angry, thinking my hen no good. This egg got broken when I tried to mark it with a pencil. The third and last egg of this clutch was laid five days after the second, and I just let her sit on that one egg.

An Industrious Hen.

In the proper number of days out rolled her baby, and the next day I gave her one more from another nest. She reared the two, and before they were quite two weeks old she laid her first egg of the second clutch. This time it was only two eggs, but she hatched and reared both, and in two more weeks was on her third nest of four eggs, and two more eggs from another hen.

She brought out all the six chicks, and is now feeding her last two birds out of four eggs of her fourth nest. Two of the last nest died when half out of the shell, as the weather was extremely hot and the shell so dry. I can safely say that seven of her birds are cocks, and the other two in the nest may also be. This is "some" little hen. I might say I have never removed her mate from the time she was mated to him. I have had experience of egg-binding with three hens, but I managed to get the egg away each time, although it was a big job, and I do not care to have it happen any more.

I have a well-equipped bird-room facing north, and my wife and I spend a great deal of our time among the birds, which I keep in cages. I use single breeding box cages in most cases, and find them very satisfactory.

We entertain some of our friends in the bird-room at times, as I have it furnished with wicker chairs, etc. This entertaining in the bird-room is not customary among bird fanciers, for I know some who wouldn't let a stranger peep through the keyhole of the door during breeding season. I do not say that they are not wise, but we have so educated our birds to our fool ways that I have not seen in any instance that it has interfered with my birds. I have twenty young birds cracking seed and all in good, healthy condition; some are almost through the moult, and in almost full song, so that isn't so bad for a first-year fancier. I am experimenting with colour-feeding three birds, just to see how my luck, or method, works out before next year.

I have two large flight cages, and run my birds in as soon as they can crack seed, and I think the flight a big help to the birds. During the hot weather I put the bath in every morning, and the birds seem to enjoy a dip. I also give fresh drinking water three times a day; if I don't, the wife does.

I feed canary and rape seed as a staple food all the year round, but during the moult I give a little hemp, niga, and linseed about three times a week, also a boiled young carrot, and a wee touch of egg-food occasionally.

I have already started making more cages for next season, and so far have completed two that are beauties. I am a little fussy about having things nice, and am aiming to have a model bird-room next year if all goes well.

I have now forty birds in all, among which are Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, and Rollers, also a pair of Australian Linnets. I bought most of my stock and cages, etc., at a bird store, and I have been most fairly treated by the keeper of this store, and I owe him a great deal of thanks for his never tiring in answering my questions about my birds. I would sooner trust to his judgment when I need stock than try to pick them out myself.

I might mention that I have learned one lesson among many others, and that is: Never count your chickens before they are hatched. To this may also be added: Leave off the counting for some time after that, because one's figures as to the number of young birds may undergo a sudden change.

I look after the management of the birds and feeding of the young ones (or, rather, preparing the egg-food, etc.—excuse me), but my wife attends to the cleaning of the cages and all the real work connected with the hobby, which anyone will admit isn't any small job when thoroughly done three times a week.

I am not giving a detailed account of my many experiences, as I am afraid it would be imposing on your readers to thrust more on them, and I also take into consideration the scarcity of paper. I hope some readers of CAGE BIRDS will sympathise with me in my uphill fight to become a fancier, as I do think that the bird hobby is just one of the sweetest of real pleasures one can pry out of this life if one will just dig after it as I am trying to do.

The Principles of Canary Breeding and Some Advice to Novices.

By J. W. TOMLINSON (Newcastle, Staffs.).

A BIG slice has gone from the lives of many of us since we made the acquaintance of the Canary hobby. So long ago was it that their introduction to the hobby is fading from the memories of some into the dim and misty past. Still there are some who can tell you that the birds were there before them, that they toddled alongside their cages, and have never wandered away from them.

There are chips off the old blocks also coming along, eager to render any little service with the birds they are capable of performing. Just one instance in illustration. I know a little chap of three years who fills the water fountains, turns the handle of the egg-mill, and never omits to beg for a bit of egg-food—"to make me sing."

Yes, reader, many of us have been "in" longer than we care to think about, for we realise how far we have travelled. Yet I am inclined to believe that there is a majority who are trusting to be "in" when we go "out"—out and into the great unknown.

The new beginner is fortunate in the possession of a weekly journal devoted entirely to his hobby. Such has not always been, and at one time secrets were jealously guarded. We recollect the time when there was just a mention of the cage bird hobby in one journal, then a share in another, and now we have one of "our own."

"Men may Come, and Men may Go."

We may ponder why, as the years roll on, time still sees the birds with us; fixtures, as it were, like the housekeeper's cupboard. Is it for the love of the hobby, for the fondness of experimenting, the endeavouring to produce something better than that we already possess, the profits to be made? Or, is it the disappointments, the wasted money, and labour lost, which keep us going? All go to make up what we may term the ups and downs of the hobby. Some do well, others better.

There have been from time to time so many different ways of breeding described and advocated that the beginner, who usually consumes all the Fancy literature he can accumulate, is likely to become confused, and flounder amongst such a conglomeration of ideas.

He would do well to recollect that from amongst so many different schemes set forth—and proved of value by their advocates—he would be well advised to choose that particular method which appears to be the most suitable to his own circumstances. There may be, from time to time, little matters cropping up that will cause some little wandering away from the route laid down, but here the fancier must use his own commonsense and judgment, and ultimately his experience.

He would also be well advised, after settling on a method, to deviate from it as little as possible. A diversion may be beneficial, but should his birds be doing well on his own particular methods and treatment, he should then let well alone, and not alter his arrangements because So-and-so acts differently.

I believe that the dominant factor in the success of different treatments in our bird rooms is that fanciers study that method of housing and treatment which produces the best results in their own particular birds. Studying, persevering, surmounting some difficulties, and submitting to others until the happy medium is acquired.

No Method Absolute.

One may advise or advocate that this or that method should be tried, according as it has proved the most beneficial in various instances, yet it would be unwise to say that any one method is the best, and this is because of the wide difference in the opinions of men, and frequently, too, in the temperament of the birds. Nevertheless, a difference in treatment may mean either failure or success, and failuro in the first season may be final for some.

On the one hand, we find the fancier who considers that nothing is too much trouble to ensure success, and with the true fancier the work amounts purely to a labour of love; love for his own particular variety, if you prefer it to be written so. Five minutes in the company of such a fancier in his bird room will give you the impression that he knows his business. You will observe the calm and confident demeanour with which he goes about his duties. He will tell you that he is a working man, and his business keeps him from home from early in the morning until five or six o'clock at night, and sometimes later than that. Furthermore, he works hard at his work: his work is of a laborious nature, and he finds it a nice change, both for the body and mind, to spend an hour or so during the evening in his bird room.

In reply to the question, "How do you manage to supply your birds with the necessary foods during the daytime?" he says, "Oh, it's quite simple; before I go to work I give them a supply of egg-food, soaked rape seed, and a small supply of green food, just sufficient to meet their requirements until the evening. I then give them another supply, renew the drinking water, blow off the husks, fill up the seed hoppers, and renew the supply of crushed hemp."

"Do your breeding hens get as much egg food as those of the breeder who supplies it three or more times during the day?" "Yes; the amount practically works out at the same, because he would give smaller quantities at each meal." "So the bulk of your duties are done during the evening?" "That is so; I try to work, as far as possible, on a method, and, previously to going up to the bird room, I boil an egg: this I leave to cool, and I make the egg food for the following morning's supply after I have seen to the birds. You see, when you take the different little items without a set method something is liable to get overlooked."

"To prevent this, I supply the egg food first, then the green food, the crushed hemp, fill the seed hoppers and the drinkers, and finish with brushing up and cleaning away the husks from the floor. It is rather surprising how quickly one seems to get through the work by taking the separate items collectively."

"Do you gather your day's supply of green food in the morning?" "Oh, no; it is collected at night, and the ends placed in water to keep it fresh. After pinching off these the green food is dry, and perfectly safe to use next morning."

In reply to a question as to where he keeps his stock during the winter, he says: "Circumstances compel me to a room that I cannot supply with artificial heat, even though I feel inclined to use it; therefore, as I do not supply the heat, as it were, outwardly, I must give it inwardly, that is, in the food supply. In addition to the rape and canary I give a little mixed seeds, hemp, a wee bit of egg food, apple or boiled carrot; even rape seedlings grown in boxes under those flights are appreciated, and I change the foods on different days, not forgetting gritty sand and clean drinking water. During a spell of mild weather the bath is allowed, and a little curtailing of the extra diets is exercised. Once a week they get a bit of bread and milk; this wards off many minor ailments."

"Do you consider it necessary to clean the cages out during the winter months?" "Yes; certainly; once a week will be sufficient, unless one has them overcrowded, and in such an event the birds are liable to pluck out each other's feathers." "Do you continue with this treatment up to the time of commencing to breed?" "Yes, and no. Yes, so far as the same foods are given; no, as regards the quantities. I continue to increase the quantities very gradually after the New Year until, at the commencement of March, they are having half a teaspoonful of egg food to each bird three times per week. On the other days they get a pinch of mixed seeds and a spray of green food daily, preferably dandelion at this season. I use a little discretion, and, if there is any possibility of an early spring, I increase the quantity of nutritious seeds, etc., a little earlier in the season."

How Not to Do It.

Although this fancier cannot command success, he deserves it, but we find, on the other hand, the fancier who considers that seed and water are quite sufficient for birds that are not breeding. A winter's accumulation of the birds' excreta has been known to heap up in the flights, "it helps to keep the birds warm." One could argue with this fancier that though a certain amount of benefit may arise from warmth of the room during winter, it is not necessary to supply the stimulation through stale excreta, but rather through the diet.

One word in regard to this. If birds are kept in an artificially-heated room, then careful and plain dieting is necessary to prevent them coming forward into breeding condition before the proper season. In such a room hens have been known to lay at Christmas, fed simply on rape and canary.

With regard to difference in the temperament of the birds, we find that were some cocks allowed to remain with the hens during incubation they would delight in putting their beaks into the eggs; others will pull all the nesting from around the hen as she is sitting; others will bully the hen every time she comes off the nest.

On the other hand, there are those, and they are, I believe, in the majority, that, will do none of these things, but will be found sitting quietly on the eggs when the hen comes off for exercise or food. Some cocks will feed the youngsters, others will not; these latter, I believe, are in the minority.

So, taken generally, the cocks appear to give less trouble than the hens, and even these, in their second breeding season, are usually as comfortable as the proverbial old shoe. Probably a great deal consists in our having become familiar to the hen's little oddities, likes, and dislikes during her first breeding season, or, perhaps, I had better write, her attempts at breeding. For we find that it is the young hen that usually frustrates the best laid schemes. Sometimes we find that should the cock be left in the cage during incubation she objects to his presence, and will not sit properly. What is to be done? The remedy is very simple; take the cock away.

(To be continued.)

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Coventry O.S.—Aug. 16. Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. Framing schedule of annual show.—J. Kent.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 12, Flying Dutchman, 7. Classification for open show.—W. Helliwell.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Aug. 17, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45.—Wm. Kane.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Carlton Hotel, 8. Important business, also discussion re colour feeding and co-operation.—E. Thomas.

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Falkirk, Grangemouth and Bannockburn C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Business of special importance.—David Aitken.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Aug. 12, Station Hotel, 7. Business very important.—B. Hainsworth.

Garston B.B.A.—Aug. 2, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Fix schedule for annual show; members please note and attend, as our usual classification may be curtailed.—R. T. Lonsdale.

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Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Aug. 15, Oddfellows Hall, Morley Street, 8.—J. E. Rowe.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD (Kensington).—The bird's years are somewhat against him, and you cannot expect him to sing now that he has started to moult. Treat as follows for a few weeks, and it should assist him materially through a good and complete moult, when he should soon resume singing. Keep him quite on the warm side, but be careful to protect him from cold direct draughts, or sudden extremes of heat and cold. A light cover thrown over the cage until the bird has quite ceased dropping feathres will also be of assistance to him. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day, in addition to this give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, or the equivalent in bread and milk now and again as a change. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Give a morsel of some green food or freshly gathered wild seeds daily. In the drinking water for three consecutive days add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea, and after that give five drops each of tincture of gentian, syrup of saffron, and diluto sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. When the feathers have ceased dropping you may add 20 drops of chemical food to the water two days in every three for a month or so, to help the bird to throw off the effects of moulting. With regard to the sore legs, this is not unusual in old birds about the moulting season. To relieve it, bathe the legs daily in a solution of boracic acid for a few minutes, then dry, and slightly anoint with zinc ointment. A small teaspoonful of boracic acid in a saucerful of warm water will make a suitable bath.

VARIOUS (M.W.I.).—(1) It is quite possible that the cock being out of breeding condition was the real cause of the infertility. The fact that the eggs of both hens were equally unproductive would go to point in that direction, though the test is not conclusive in this case by any means. Had you given some particulars I might have been able to be of more use to you in this case, but you do not even say whether the cock was in song, much less anything about its apparent health. But, anyway, it is too late now to think of trying again, even if you had another cock to try with, so I cannot advise you better than to wait until the moult is well over, and then look round for a young and lusty cock in vigorous health and full song, and keep him for next season's breeding. As the hens are only in their first season they will be quite suitable to mate up again next season, and, if they retain their health and activity, for several years to come. (2) Judging from your description, I think the hen is probably a broken green Yorkshire, but it is not possible to be quite definite from a written description such as yours. (3) For the above hen the best mate depends upon what you wish to produce. As your hen appears to be what is termed a buff-green, if you want to breed greens a self yellow-green, bred from self greens would be the best mate, or if you wish to breed marked or variegated, which, by the way, are, in this breed, termed un-even marked—a clear, dark-eyed yellow bred from slightly marked birds of a marked strain. (4) See Mr. Norman's replies next week for answer to your Lark query, which should have been written on a separate sheet.

STIFF HIND CLAW (H. G. H.)—I read your query to mean that the claw stands out straight behind, and is not curled underneath the foot. If this is so, it may be due simply to a weak or relaxed muscle, which may disappear spontaneously after a time, or to a thickening of the cuticle at the junction of the toes underneath. In the latter case a small "corn" is apt to form and make the trouble permanent. But in either case you cannot do any harm, and may quite remove the trouble by the following treatment. Bathe the whole foot daily for a few minutes in very warm water, and then remove it and hold for a minute or two in a saucer of cold water in which you have dissolved a teaspoonful of common salt. Then dry gently and carefully work about it a very little of Jeyes' Veterinary ointment, or any similar preparation. Do this daily for a week or two, and in addition place small and almost round perches in the cage—say, about the size of an ordinary lead pencil, and leave these perches in until you see that the bird grips with the claw fairly, when you may put in one a trifle thicker, and thereafter gradually work back to the ordinary sized perch. These small perches may possibly require to be in for two or three months, but even in that case they rarely fail to cure any case that is not beyond hope of relief.

FERTILISATION OF EGGS, ETC. (Ubique).—You ought to get a copy of our handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you for 7d., post free, and master its contents before another season arrives. With regard to your particular questions: (1) I have no definite record of the shortest time known betwixt actual mating and the production of fertile eggs, but given birds in good breeding condition an interval of about thirty hours is certainly sufficient for the purpose. Thus, if an unmated hen laid the first egg of a clutch and the cock was introduced the day that egg was laid, the third and each subsequent egg of the clutch, assuming the eggs were laid on successive days, may be expected to be fertile. (2) It would not necessarily be detrimental to feed with home-made egg food one day and the prepared food you name the next, in the rearing of young, but the egg food should be made fresh each day it is used. It would be most risky to keep it in a glass, or any other receptacle, over the intervening day, and use it on the third day after it was made. (3) By the time the young just hatched out are reared and off their parents' care it will be very late indeed to try for another brood. I should not think it worth encouraging the parents to try again this season.

ABNORMAL FEATHERS (J. W.S.).—The trouble your bird has with moulting is not unusual in aged birds, and yours is now "getting on." The following treatment will set matters right. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable place, but you need not overdo it in the matter of heat. Allow bird to bathe as freely as it likes, but always in the early part of the day at this time of year, and also provided it does not appear to suffer from chill after bathing. In addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and then dusted with soft sugar every third day for a month. On the intervening days give first ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water, and next a morsel of banana or carrot, the latter either raw of boiled. If the bird's usual diet consists of a plain canary and rape mixture, give also on the days when you give the fruit half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and linseed. But if the usual diet consists of an elaborate seed mixture, as usually sold in packets, the latter item should be omitted.

WRETCHEDLY THIN (T. H. H.).—(1) I fear these birds are not likely to do you much good in the breeding line, and the one that seems to have had a cold so long is probably not a fit subject to breed with at all. Try the following treatment for a month, and then report result. Keep in a fairly warm place, out of direct draughts or extreme fluctuations of temperature. In addition to the staple diet give each, every second day, a piece of bread, the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of mixed seed and a morsel of banana. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead, every second day for a fortnight, 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre; then stop it for a week, and resume it, and give again for another fortnight. (2) If in good health, apart from the effect of moulting, the voice will return without assistance in the course of a month or so. To help it you may add to the water, every second day for a week or fortnight, 20 drops each of glycerine and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, as may seem necessary. (3) The proper quantity of chemical food to add to three ounces of water is an ordinary teaspoonful. To get the best effect of the medicine it should be given either in distilled water or water which has been well boiled and allowed to stand until cold. (4) The dietary you name is quite suitable for this season, and should suffice to bring the birds into good breeding condition as soon as the weather is suitable for these operations.

J. T. M. and G. S.—Replied to by post.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

ABOUT SKYLARKS (Larkonian).—It is doubtful if your freshly caught young Skylark will commence to sing until he is quite or nearly through the moult. You cannot do better than keep him steady and feed well. I am sorry I do not know the food you mention, it may be all right, but I should prefer to use a good brand of insectile food as used for Warblers, or one of the admirable food mixtures given in the Nutshell booklet on the Skylark, post free 2½d., from this office. You should feed well just now, as he will soon be going into the moult, and the better he is managed the sooner he will come into song. A little hard-boiled egg occasionally, and a few insects will assist considerably.

FEEDING YOUNG MULES (M. B.).—Young Mules, like all young creatures, require careful management. They leave the nest early and soon commence to feed themselves, and it is at this time one has to be particularly careful. Of course they must have soft food, but unless they are watched they will frequently over eat, and many are lost in consequence. In addition to soft food, they should be given split groats, cracked canary and rape, and as they get on to this food, the egg food should be diminished. It is a good plan to give them a little bread and milk about twice a week, as this regulates the bowels. A most important thing in the rearing of young Mules is cleanliness; they should be cleaned out every other day, and a fresh set of perches put in All food and water vessels should be washed out every time they are refilled. If you have many do not over crowd.

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Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

THE KEEPING OF BUDGERIGARS (C. Holmes).—(1) Budgerigars do not use any nesting material, they simply clear out the interior of the husk to their liking. (2) Apple or banana is good for them, but some individuals will touch neither. (3) Such occurs with all species of birds to a greater or lesser degree, but is not necessarily common to all—they will settle all right ultimately; evidently she is not satisfied with her mate's attentions and wishes him to feed her. (4) They are already old enough to breed from. (5) The feeding may be normal, but watch against constipation, and put a few drops of chemical food in the drinking water twice or thrice weekly. Give a tablespoonful of crushed oats twice a week. (6) These birds are best kept in pairs, not necessarily one pair only in cage or aviary (this depends upon the size of cage, etc.), but there should only be an equal number of adult males and females in each cage or aviary. (7) Some do not separate the sexes at all, and it is only necessary where they insist on breeding all the year round—the end of October or a little later will be soon enough to do so.

BUDGERIGARS NOT NESTING (Esperance).—The Budgerigars have gone out of breeding condition for the time being, but there is yet time for them to go to nest this season. If you suspect the wind blowing in at the end of the aviary to be the cause, and the sacking insufficient to check it, then tack a piece of roofing felt over this end, outside the netting, and the birds should then be quite snug. Now they can come into a small open flight, such covering up will not make the aviary too dark. Beyond supplying the necessary diet to bring the birds into breeding condition and keep them fit, you cannot do anything else to keep them fit. But it has been a very bad season for birds, and losses and failures have been rather numerous. The only thing to do if these birds persistently refuse to go to nest will be to sell off two pairs of them. Watch our advert. pages and buy a pair that have reared young—your other birds are then certain to emulate them. As regards a house pet, I am in a bit of a dilemma; such have to be bought, and except in the case of someone who must sell off in a hurry, there are no cheap birds now. Several nice species have been referred to in previous replies, and I can only again say "watch the advert pages," and when you see what you want at a price which suits you, snap it up. As regards the ailing bird, give it a dose of fluid magnesia every fourth day and chemical food on the intervening days. It should recover. Keep it in fairly warm quarters and strictly out of draught till it is well again.

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Answered by THE EDITOR.

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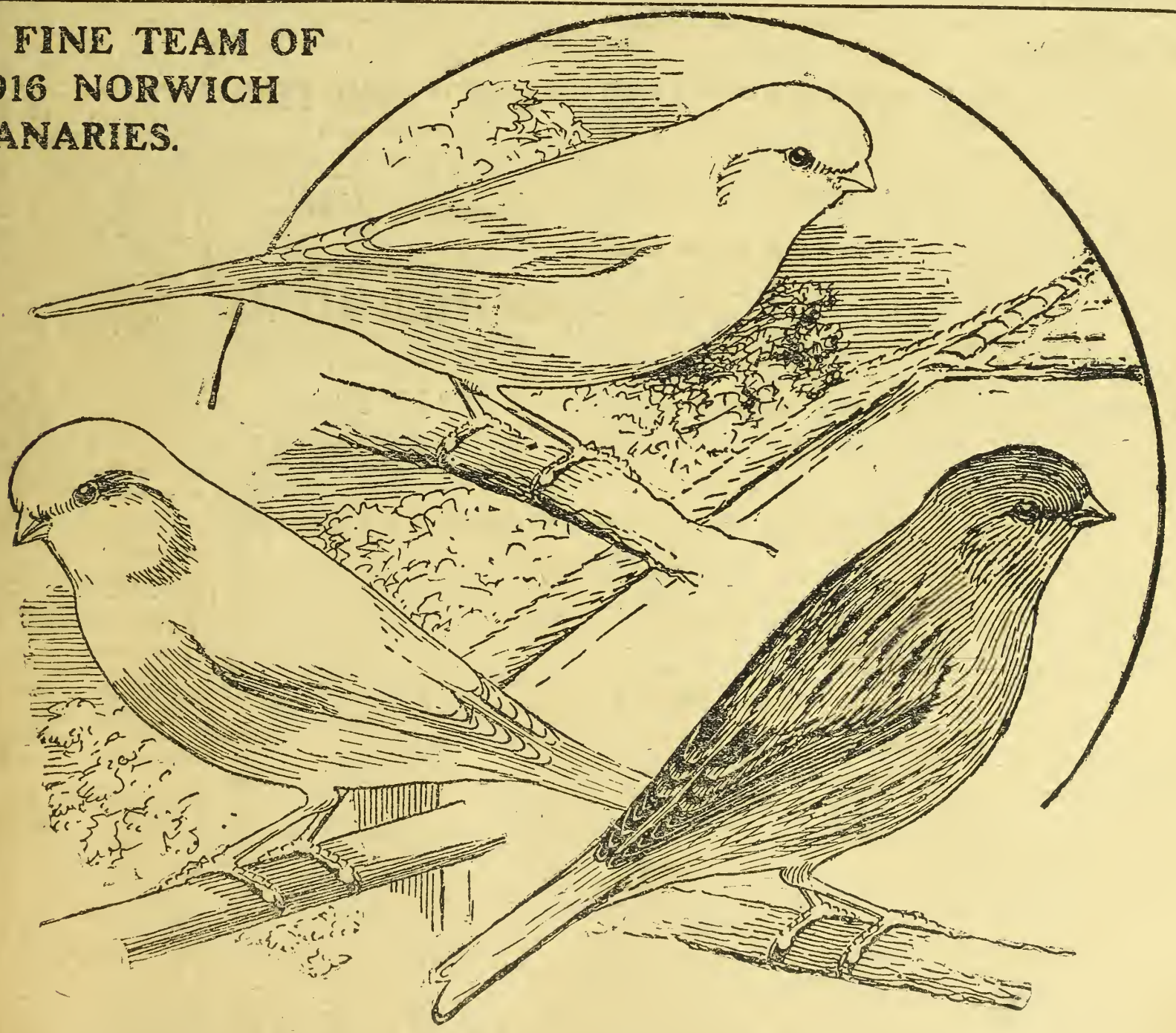
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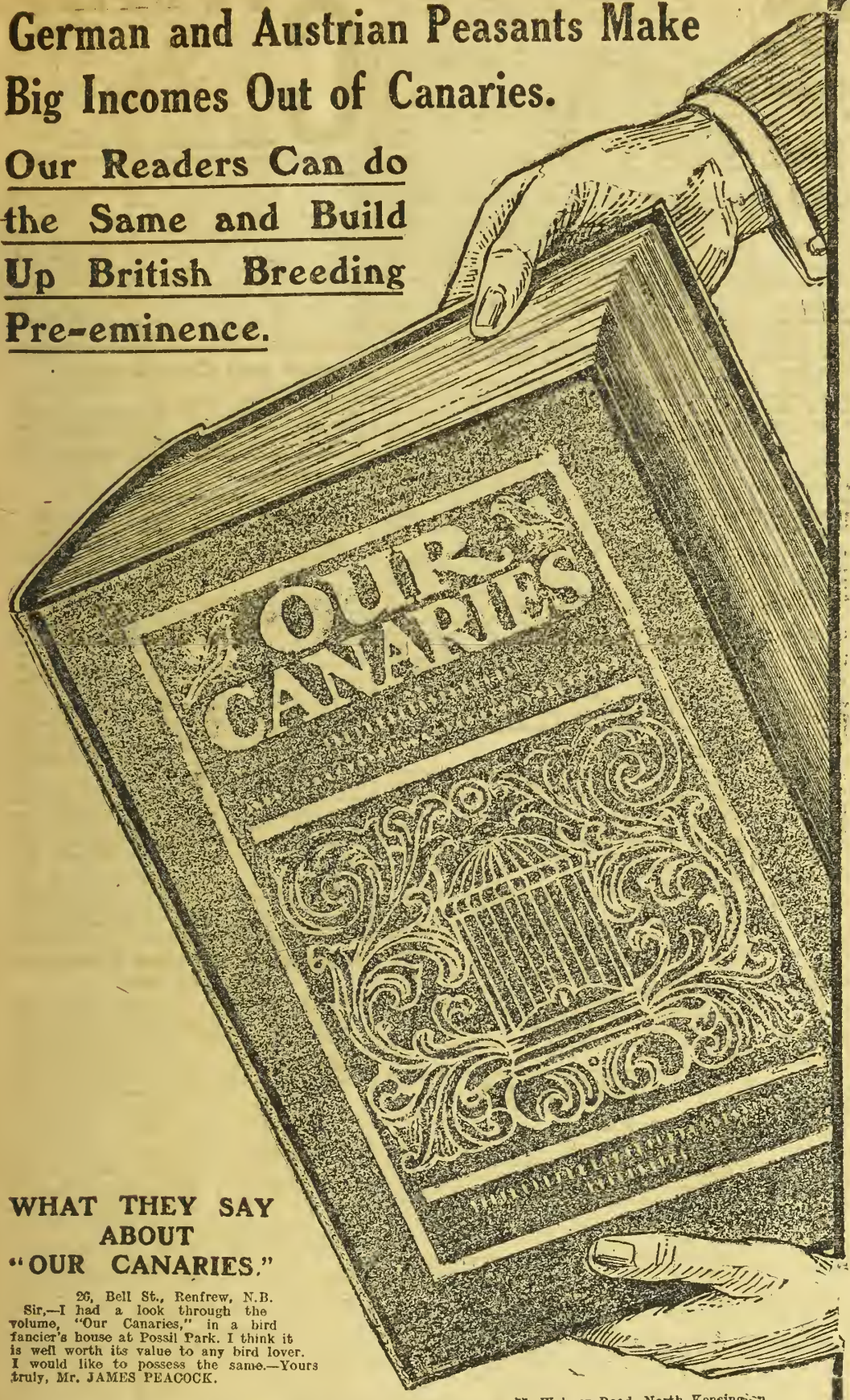
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The Young Bird Shows.

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SOUTH HEIGHAM C.B.A.

First feather show, July 31. Mr. J. Carlton judged, and his awards were well placed. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, Appleton, large and first-class clear hen; 3, Cooper, capped yell. hen. Buff: 1, Cooper, cl., short and thick body, should make a good one; 2, 3, Appleton, typical buff hen and large cl. cock.—G. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Members F.F. show, Aug. 12, Shoulder of Mutton, Bruntcliffe. Mr. J. Firth, Bradford, judged. Class 1: 1, 2, vhc, Booth; 3, Robinson; hc, Cook; c, Scholes. Class 2: 1, vhc, c, Cook; 2, 3, Booth; hc, Robinson. Class 3: 1, Scholes; 2, Booth. Class 4: 1, Booth; 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Scholes. Points in F.F. shows; Cook 27, Scholes 25, Booth 22, Robinson 17.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Owing to moulting season, only a few exhibits were staged for the August table show. Special best bird, H. T. Gibb, with a good Goldfinch in fine fettle. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gibb, a fine team of cobby ones. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Fellows; 2, Gorman. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Gibb (Border Fancy). Mule or Hyb.: 1, James, three-weeks-old Siskin-Greenie. Brit.: 1, spl, Gibb.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Annual show of young Canaries, British and Foreign, July 20, St. Bride Institute, Bride Lane, E.C. Entries were not so numerous as in previous years, but some very good birds were staged. Spl. winners:—Silver medals, Messrs. Crawford, Huggins, and Mrs. Huggins; Bronze, Messrs. Fairman, Newton, and Mrs. Huggins; most points, Messrs. Crawford, Gill, and Mrs. Huggins; 2nd most points, Messrs. Fairman, Huggins, and Mrs. Gould; most entries: 1, Crawford; 2, Mrs. Gould. Mr. T. Heath judged and gave general satisfaction. Mrs. Gould exhibited a pair of young birds bred from original Wild Canaries. Champ. Nor.: 1, vhc, c, Crawford; 2, 3, hc, Kerr. Yorks: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Fairman. Bord.: 1, vhc, Crawford. Crest or C.-B.: 1, vhc, Oldaker. A.O.V.: 1, Oldaker. Nov. Nor.: 1, 2, Newton; vhc, hc, Gill. Yorks: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Huggins. Bord.: 1, vhc, Mrs. Gould. Crest or C.-B.: 1, Gill; vhc, Mrs. Gould. Brit. Hardbill: 1, Mrs. Gould. Softbill: 1, Mrs. Huggins. For.: 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Huggins; 2, Day; c, Mrs. Gould. H. L. Huggins, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Third, and last, N.F. show of the season, headquarters, Aug. 2. Eighty birds in competition. Hon. judges, Messrs. Abbott (Yorks, etc.), and John Walker (Borders). Stewards, Messrs. Foxcroft, Hammond, Sinclair, and T. R. Jones (hon. sec. Liverpool B.B.A.). There was a large attendance. Champ. Yorks, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Mullins; 2, Satterthwaite. S. or F. Yell. Green: 1, Mullins; 2, McLoughlin. Buff: 1, Mullins; 2, 3, vhc, McLoughlin. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Worral; 2, Nugent; 3, Breckill. Buff (14): 1, Worral; 2, 3, Satterthwaite. Hv. Mkd. or Var. Yell (3): 1, Gidman; 2, Worral; 3, Percival. Buff (6): 1, 3, Worral; 2, Satterthwaite. S. or F. Yell. Green (6): 1, Corkhill; 2, Breckill; 3, Worral. Buff (5): 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Corkhill; 3, Breckhill. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Buff (6): 1, 2, Hodson; 3, Frankham. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Parsons; 3, Mrs. Frankham. Buff: 1, 2, Battersby; 3, vhc, Parsons. S. or F. Yell. Green: 1, 2, Battersby; 3, Longmore. Buff: 1, 3, Longmore; 2, vhc, Battersby. A.O.V.: 1, Longmore; 2, Parsons; 3, Mrs. Frankham. British: Class 27: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, vhc, Mrs. Holden. Class 33: 1, Mrs. Holden; 2, Nowlan. Next show, Sat., Nov. 4.—H. Holden. Please see note at head of Show Reports.—(Ed.).

Club Reports.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting, July 27, Oldham Hall. Patronage was granted to Barrow Border Section; Manchester, full patronage; Liverpool O.S., full; Sheffield, Yorks, Swansea Bord., Gateshead Bord. Societies please apply.—F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

STANLEY (Victoria Club).

Meeting, August 5, Mr. R. Peart chair, when we had the biggest turn-up of members since our last show, and thank them for their support of Mr. R. Bewicke and myself at the election. Mr. R. T. Bewicke, Newfield, was elected to judge cage birds. Let us have as good a turn-up on August 20.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, Aug. 2, Shield's Cafe, Mr. Wm. Mather chair. A very good attendance. Decided to hold annual show on New Year's Day, in the Bird Market, Clayton Street. Mr. Jas. Bailey was appointed judge. We are sending an order for show cages, and any members requiring these should let me know. Results of nest feather show: Champ.: 1, 2, Crawhall; 3, vhc, hc, Havis; 4, Mather. Mkd.: 1, 2, Crawhall. Nov. Cl.: 1, Collins; 2, 3, 4, Shields; vhc, hc, Key; c, Studholme. Mkd.: 1, 4, Collins; 2, Studholme; 3, Key; vhc, Frost; hc, c, Graham. Next meeting, Sept. 12. Anyone wishing to become a member will be given a hearty welcome.—R. Havis, Hon. Sec.

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PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, August 12, Baker's Restaurant, D. R. Smith presiding. Business of Nest Feather show completed. Classification for open show deferred to next meeting. Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester) was appointed to judge. Selection of charity also deferred to give an absent member a chance to move his resolution. Mr. Rees Jones was enrolled a member. Members are requested to turn up in strong numbers. Many hands make work light and create enthusiasm.—W. D. Lewis, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, Aug. 12, Oddfellows Hall, Thornton Rd., Bradford. Mr. F. Hammond chair. Patronage was allotted to Bradford City, Oct. 14; Bradford West, Oct. 21; Manchester, Oct. 27 and 28; Sheffield, Nov. 3, 4; Ardwick and Manchester, Nov. 11; Huddersfield, Nov. 18; Burnley, Dec. 2; Gateshead and Dis., Dec. 9. We are still wanting a few more dates that are open. Nov. 25 Dec. 16, 23, 30. Will societies wishing to have our patronage please let me know as early as possible?—Sam Wilcock, 16, Back Manor Street, Eccleshill, Bradford.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting held Aug. 10, Mr. Espie chair. Mr. Coulthard elected a member. Vote of condolence passed to the relatives of Capt. A. C. Young, who was killed in action. The question of the future of the society was discussed, several speaking on the subject. One speaker asserted that before the present secretary would take the position as secretary, a motion was passed at the meeting at which he was elected, February 15, 1912, to give £5 per year as remuneration. This statement was disproved, as the motion regarding salary was passed on Feb. 2, 1911. Eventually a motion to rescind this minute was carried, six voting for and none against. Decided to have a special meeting, Sept. 2, to consider the date of open show.—Jos. Reed, Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting concurrent with the August nest feather show at headquarters, upwards of fifty members being present. Mr. E. Battersby occupied the chair. Mr. A. E. Wilkins (chairman), very kindly deputising for the Hon. Sec., Mr. Holden, who was otherwise engaged. Report on the visit to the Zoo at Otterspool, was read, and vote of thanks passed to Mr. T. R. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec. Garston C.B.S., who acted as organising sec. A few more nominations for membership were accepted, including an ex-member who has served at the front. The Chairman reviewed forthcoming events and made an appeal to members for their support, in justice to the lecturers, etc., who were always so ready to give their services free in the interests of the Fancy. Sept. 5, at 8, at the Schools, Royal Street, lecture on "Hybridising," by Mr. J. W. Cutmore. Members and friends cordially invited.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting, August 1, St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick. Rev. J. W. Wragg presided over a fair muster. Sec. read the half-yearly balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory. Mr. Schofield (Failsworth) then gave a lecture entitled "Canaries in general." The lecturer is an old breeder and exhibitor of 20 years' standing, and his advice to the members was of much importance. He dealt with Norwich, Yorkshires, Lancashires, Crests, also relating his many experiments in in-breeding. After the lecture a lengthy discussion followed, and Mr. Schofield was called upon to answer numerous questions. He handled them in a masterly way. There was sometimes a little difference of opinion, still, Mr. Schofield never wavered from the point of his lecture. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Schofield. Those who missed this lecture will have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Schofield later in the season. Give him what he deserves—a well-attended meeting, and you will hear something that will interest you. Subject will appear later.—J. Spencer.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

On Aug 6 19 members and friends attended an outing to Box Hill and Dorking. Arriving at Box Hill the party were very much impressed by the lovely view which can be seen from outside the station. Taking to the road, a quaint old-fashioned church was admired by all, and, going in, the party nearly filled it. After continning our walk through some very pretty scenery, a halt was called for lunch, which was partaken in a field under a haystack surrounded by some splendid beech trees, and here we heard the song of the Skylark, Linnet, and Greenfinches. After lunch some of the ladies went into a farmhouse and got new-laid eggs from the nest and were shown over the dairy. Marching on again through the fields and woods we reached Ranmore Common, where the views stretching for miles around received the attention of all. Our next halt was at the local post office for refreshments and to feed the chickens, which was soon being done in good style by Miss A. Bell. Getting on our way once again we had some lovely views over Dorking, and on arriving at the Temperance Hotel in West Street, Dorking, a tea was waiting, which everyone enjoyed. After tea a little walk through the town took us to the train home, and we arrived at London Bridge at 9 o'clock, tired but well satisfied with a most enjoyable outing, which it is hoped to make an annual feature.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

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The Principles of Canary Breeding.

By J. W. TOMLINSON, Newcastle, Staffs.

(Continued from page 466.)

Coming to the practice of some of taking the cock away after the third egg is laid, we find some hens will not sit and feed the youngsters without him, and in this case we have to return him. Should we intend to work on the colony system, the objecting hen has frequently to be removed, and tried in a singlo cage.

Again, we come across the hen that is comfortable under any one of the above methods, but will not feed her youngsters, and for what reason? She may be the nest sister to other hens that can do "nothing wrong." At the outset we fed her on the same food as the other hens; then we tried her with the diet she seemed to have a preference for, but to no purpose, she consumes the diet, and yet the youngsters gradually die. Sometimes we find her do likewise with the second round, and then suddenly change, and rear the third round.

Yet again we find hens that will not rear a chick during their first season. In the case of a newly-purchased hen we have to consider whether it may be caused through a change of surroundings, such as bringing a hen into a colder county, putting her up to breed where she is being continually disturbed by people in the room, or a sudden change of diet, together with purchasing her late in the season. When none of these causes applies, one can only conclude that the trouble must be caused through some undeveloped instinct of motherhood.

Other hens, both young and old, and they are rather numerous too, will pluck their youngsters on leaving the nests; they prefer the light-coloured feathers to build a new nest, which is frequently placed upon the old one. The remedy is obvious; put the youngsters either in a nursery cage, or in the next compartment of the breeding cage, part them with a wire slide, and arrange the perches so that the parent or parents can feed them through the wires. Occasionally a hen will crop up that will commence to pluck out the pen feathers as soon as they appear; such a one deserves a rest—the long rest.

In a general way one can lay down a few principles to assist a novice in getting through his first season, and in so doing one would say, that if he can procure two-year-old hens that have proved good, he should by all means get them.

Obtain them as soon as possible after the moulting season is over, say, about November to January, and place them in the room you desire them to occupy during the breeding season. In case you do not obtain them before November, then ascertain whether they have been kept in a cold room or otherwise; also follow out, as near as you possibly can, their former owner's methods of feeding, and the methods he adopted in the breeding cage.

Don't move them about from place to place if avoidable, as this will often put a hen off for some little time from going to nest. Go about your feeding and other duties as quietly as possibly, to avoid frightening the birds, and do not move a hen off her nest just to see if the eggs are still there.

You may, and should, take a glance into a nest of youngsters when the hen is off them, and remove any that may be dead. Should one be found dragged from the nest on to the cage bottom, and still showing signs of life, hold it in a closed hand, and breathe on it.

Well-fed youngsters will begin to leave the nest in about eighteen days, but so long as they "cry" for food don't deprive them of their parents. Afterwards, and when feeding themselves, do not overdo them with egg food, yet allow them sufficient. A guide to this may be taken that where the youngsters are eating all their egg food, and not touching the crushed hemp or the soaked rape, then they are receiving from the egg food alone all that is necessary to sustain them, and the remedy is obvious; give less egg food.

Just a word about soaked rape. Personally, I have used it successfully both for old and young birds too, right up to the time the latter have begun to moult. Further, I continued it with success right through the moult for one season. It was soaked from day to day, for twenty-four hours, rinsed well, and drained off, not rubbed dry, before using. Just a small quantity is all that is required; if it is fed at, say, 9 a.m., or earlier, any that remains should be cleared away at tea time.

The judicious use of egg food will also apply during the moult, say, about half a teaspoonful on alternate days to each bird; on the intervening days the same quantity of mixed seeds should be allowed. The egg food may beneficially be substituted once, or even twice, per week by bread and milk, say, a piece about half an inch cube to each bird, clearing away at teatime any that may be uneaten. Avoid baths on cold or chilly days, and so cover the drinking water on such days that the birds cannot get bodily into it to bathe. The seed heads of wild plants, such as chickweed, groundsel, or the like may be given.

If it be Rollers that you are keeping, there is nothing to be gained by caging off your young cocks until you can recognise the formation of a tour, or, maybe, a roll, from amongst the warbling; warbling, in this sense, meaning their tours and the rolls in embryo, or in their undeveloped condition.

HOW TO MOULT BRITISH FINCHES.

By E. J. PETTIT (Leyton)

IN the hope that my experience may be of some assistance to novices, I am sending a few notes on "How I Moult my British Hardbills for Exhibition." Fresh air plays a most important part in the moulting of my birds. They are kept in a shed which is built in the garden close to the house, so that it is sheltered from the wind and rain. It stands on four legs, so that the floor is 2ft. 6in. off the ground. Altogether it is 7ft. high, with a span roof. The length is 4ft., and the width 3ft. It is painted inside with sky blue, and on the outside dark green. This shed is not very large, but it holds twelve cages arranged on two shelves.

If the birds are to be got very steady for showing I do not believe in keeping them in very large cages while they are moulting. My cages are 12in. long, 10in. high, and 6in. deep for birds such as the Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, or Siskin, and 14in. long, 12in. high, and 8in. deep for the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, or Greenfinch, and 18in. long, 14in. high, and 10in. deep for any of the Buntings. They are all of the box pattern, with loose wire front, and sliding doors. Each cage has two perches at the same distance apart as those in my show cages.

In order that the birds may moult out a good colour, which goes a long way to winning on the show bench, I always give a little colour food, beside plenty of wild seed. My method of giving the colour food is to mix it with the seed in this way; I get a 2lb. glass jar, and into this I put a mixture of canary one part, summer rape half part, and linseed half part, this I mix well together, and on the top I put a teaspoonful of the colour food, increasing it to two teaspoonfuls as time goes on, and the birds get further into moulting. I pour about a teaspoonful of olive oil on the top of the colour food, and, after letting the oil run well into the seed, I mix the whole up well together with a stick of wood, so as to get the colour food well mixed with the seed. Having done that, I cover the jar over, and leave it for a week.

I find it is a good plan to keep two jars going at the same time, so as to have plenty of colour food in stock. I get this ready about the first week in July, and give each bird a teaspoonful during the second week of the month; one teaspoonful is plenty for each bird. Of course, I give them besides some wild seed freshly gathered, and insects when I can get them.

Let me here advise a novice not to colour feed a Greenfinch unless it be a good yellow bird. I have found that in most cases colour feed entirely spoils Greenfinches, for it causes them to moult out a dirty grey. I never have much trouble in getting my birds to start moulting, but if I do I put a little saffron in their drinking water, and this soon starts them. When the moulting is due to commence I find shepherd's purse a very good wild seed to give the birds.

My Bullfinches especially have plenty of fruit in season, and I find this helps to bring them out a good deep colour. Right through the moulting I put a small piece of sulphate of iron in the drinking water; this is a good tonic, fixes the colour, and prevents any looseness; I believe nothing beats rainwater in the bath for putting a polish on British birds, and I also give them this for drinking water when it is convenient.

I forgot to mention that the front of my shed consists of two wire doors; they are matchboarded up to about a foot to keep the floor nice and dry, and inside the doors I have canvas blinds, which draw on a wire, so that the shed may be darkened when the birds are being colour fed. Outside the wire doors there are two extra pieces of canvas for covering at night.

When the birds are well through the moulting I begin to train them for the show bench. I run them out into their show cages occasionally, and speak to them all the time. By doing this I find the birds get very steady. Once a week I run them into an old spare cage, and spray them with clean soft water. When the birds begin to fine down in their plumage I gradually leave off the colour food, giving them at that time only a little three times a week, and this I continue right through the show season.

I would finish these few remarks by advising all novices not to get more birds than they can properly manage and keep in perfect health. Good health means a quick moulting, and a quick moulting means a bird in perfect plumage. Lastly; take in Cage Birds.

Eighteen Years of Mule Breeding.

By E. RIDLEY (Manchester).

IF the following short notes prove of any help to novices in the science of mule breeding, my time will not have been spent in vain in relating some happenings during my eighteen years' experience in Mule or Hybrid breeding, for it has ever been a pleasure to me to help those with less experience than myself.

It is remarkable what some are told concerning mule breeding. I met a friend the other day who said he had been told to clear out of the room all cock Canaries, or he would never succeed in breeding mules. I proved to him in my own bird room the folly of this statement, by showing him all the cock birds in cages opposite to the muling pairs, and singing freely, and nests of mules too.

My first experience of bird breeding was with a Roller cock and a supposed Green Canary hen. She laid thirteen eggs, built three perfect nests, sitting her full time in each case, and I then discovered that she was a Linnet-Canary mule. I separated them, having had no results, and the hen sang till she dropped dead on the cage bottom.

The next season I purchased from a neighbour, and a gentleman fancier, Mr. A. Bladon, a yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock and clear buff Norwich hen. From these I bred two large yellow green cocks, and four hens, two yellows, and two buffs. I then purchased two Goldfinch cocks, and the next season, after taking a nest of Canaries from each, I paired up the hens with Goldies, and from these I bred six good dark mules, two yellows, and four buffs.

I did not like them being so dark, and showed them to an old fancier who at once advised me to colour feed and show them which I did and proved the truth of his statement that they would be in the money. The first year I got first and special for best bird in the show with one of the yellow cocks. (Of course as a novice.)

However, I was not allowed to remain a novice very long, having shown in the open with honours. Another fancier came to see my birds, not the type of the first fancier mentioned. He offered me a clear Norwich cock, rather ancient, for one of my buff cock mules, and with this he gained many prizes (novices beware). I thought he was doing me a good turn, but he was doing himself one instead.

I have always admired the light mule, and the even marked, and I made up my mind to try and breed some. To obtain these I purchased a large clear bred buff Lancashire cock, I paired this bird to my hens, and by Sib-breeding year after year I have now got a few hens that throw the light mule. I have not yet got the clear but though I am in my 61st summer I still hope to obtain one.

I have not had a good season this time as regards numbers, but hope to rear the seven I have got. One is a fairly light yellow, large bird, and one is a buff evenly marked on eyes and wings.

I may say for five years I have been trying for the Greenfinch-Chaffinch, and last year, 1915, I got one, but it only lived eight hours. We need to remember the old adage "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again." The weather here has been very wet and cold, and I have had many dead in shell, for my room is a very cold one.

To get my birds into breeding form I gather the young leaves of dandelion and the ripe heads for the British as soon as possible, and for Goldies I use plenty of hemp, teazle, inga, maw, and linseed, with plenty of fresh, clean water, sharp grit, continual bathing, and roomy cages. I would say, too, don't forget Cage Birds week by week, for I am bound to own that I owe much of my success to the perusal of it.

THE LINNET AND HOW TO KEEP IT.

By W. C. COWARD (Devonport).

MUCH has been said in Cage Birds from time to time about various kinds of British birds and their keeping, but not very much of this has been about the Brown Linnet, although I think that some readers will agree with me when I say our Brown Linnet is one of Britain's sweetest songsters, and deserves more thought than is generally given him.

The Linnet makes an ideal cage bird, and with very little trouble can be kept in perfect health, I am a very keen fancier of this beautiful bird, and during many years I have kept no other kind. It is not strange, therefore, that I should like more fanciers to take a keen interest in this little songster.

Let us suppose then that we are going to keep Linnets as pet birds. The first thing we must think about is our cages, some people keep Linnets in what are called back cages, these are very small affairs about 7½ins. long, 7ins. high, and 5½ins. wide, they are by far too small for the keeping of any bird permanently, and birds which are kept in them usually break their tails and entirely spoil their beauty.

The cages I use are of the ordinary box pattern, 14ins. long, 12ins. high, and 7ins. wide, these are not so large as to be cumbersome, but they allow a Linnet plenty of room to move, and will show him off to perfection.

Having decided on our cages, the next thing will be to get our birds, and the best way to do this is to catch our own. If, however, that is not possible, we must try to get in touch with a fancier who captures them himself, and tell him what we want. I should advise the beginner to buy birds that have been caught a few weeks before coming into his possession, even if he has to pay a little more for them.

I like Linnets that have been caught in August, September, or October, as at this time they can generally soon be tamed, and in most cases will begin to sing in less than a month.

Of course, many good birds are caught later in the year, in fact I myself caught a beautiful specimen last year in February, and in less than a week the bird was singing as well as any of my old birds.

Fresh caught Linnets are better put several together in a breeding cage with seed and water inside for the first week or so. Do not overcrowd; four in one breeding cage is quite enough, give them crushed hemp, and scalded summer rape.

When you think them ready to be caged off separately, feed them on best Spanish canary seed and summer rape as staple diet, and half a teaspoonful of crushed hemp once a week.

As a tit bit mixture I use 2ozs. dandelion seed, 1oz. maw seed, and 1oz. lettuce, this mixture should be given two or three times a week, but not in too large a quantity, a half teaspoonful to each bird will be quite enough. The tit bit mixture of course, should be given separately from the stock food; birds fed in this way should keep fit and well, and make their owners proud of them, for when the birds are in good health and properly fed they will sing in daylight or gaslight.

Bird keepers must never forget to give their pets plenty of fresh air; put the birds out of doors as much as possible, always keeping them out of cutting winds or out of the direct rays of the sun, also don't forget that pussy may be about somewhere near the cage, and see that it is hung out of her reach.

Just now we are on the eve of the moulting season, and a few drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water will be very useful, the water should be boiled and allowed to grow cold before the steel drops are added, and you must be sure to use glass drinkers not metal ones.

As soon as you find the birds are well started in the moult put them in a corner of the room with a light cover over their cage, this should help them to throw their feathers more easily and more quickly. It is scarcely necessary to say that fresh water must be given every day for drinking, and a bath should be hung on the cage door. Linnets are very fond of bathing, and it keeps their plumage in good order.

Give plently of green food such as lettuce, dandelion, etc., and any kind of fruit that is in season, and for the fancier's benefit as well as that of his pets a regular supply of Cage Birds for Friday.

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Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

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Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)

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Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

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Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

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Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

Swansea C.B.A. has fixed its open show for Nov. 16; judges: Canary section, Mr. J. H. Roe, Esq.; British and Mules, Mr. C. Hoult-on.

Societies requiring the patronage of the Northern British, Mule and Foreign Bird Club, writes Mr. W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle, should apply at once as a meeting to allot same will be held Aug. 26, in Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Newcastle, at 8. Further particulars will be sent on application.

The Wild Birds Committee of the East Sussex County Council have decided to apply to the Secretary of State for a renewal for a further period of five years of Clause viii. of the Wild Birds Protection Order, 1911, for the Administrative County of East Sussex. This clause prohibits entirely the taking of any kind of wild birds' eggs throughout the localities mentioned therein.

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Alleged Fatal Infection from a Parrot.

Reporting to the Dover Health Committee on 26th July, the Medical Officer stated that one case of diphtheria which caused the death of a medical man had been proved to have been contracted from a pet Parrot.

Mr. S. Wilcock, hon. sec., Open Norwich Plainhead Club, 16, Back Manor Street, Eccleshill, Bradford, writes that Nov. 25, Dec. 16, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30, are still open for patronage. Secretaries of societies desiring the patronage of the club for either of these dates should apply as quickly as possible.

Mr. J. Kilshaw writes that owing to being very busy at his work he has resigned the secretaryship of the Bolton Roller Canary Society, and Mr. Thos. Ormston has taken his place. Mr. Ormston's address is 57, Croston Street, Bolton, to which all communications should be addressed.

TEN SHILLINGS FOR A LETTER.

WE know that many readers of Cage Birds turn first of all to the correspondence page, and with a view of making this page quite the most interesting of any in our journal we purpose awarding each week until further notice a prize of ten shillings for the letter which, in the opinion of the Editor, is the best of those published.

The letters sent in answer to our prize questions of the past few weeks have been of great interest, but when we put a direct question for reply the field is of course restricted, and only a section of our readers can reply in any particular week.

The weekly prize we are now offering will be open to all our readers alike. The letters may be on any subject, so long as they are on birdy matters. They may be sent at any time, and every week a prize of ten shillings will be paid for one of the letters published.

We are sure that every reader of any issue of Cage Birds, or of any page of Cage Birds, must, as he reads, find something on which he would like to express an opinion, or something which suggests something else which he knows would be of value to others if expressed in print. Let him then sit down at once and send us a note. It may not be published the same week perhaps; but when it is published the writer may get ten shillings for his trouble. Even if he does not win the prize, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has helped to make the only paper devoted to the hobby of bird-keeping interesting to his fellow bird-keepers, who in their turn are helping to interest him.

An advantage of the present proposition is that no reader need be in want of a subject. He may take the current number or any back number, or even this proposition itself if he so chooses, and write in support of or against anything he may find, or the letters may be quite independent of anything that has gone before. The field is practically illimitable; the idea is before our readers, and it is for them to help us in our endeavour to make Cage Birds interesting to one and all alike.

We would say just one word to lady readers, however. Will they please take "he" when written in this offer to mean "he or she." Some of the very best letters and articles published in Cage Birds have been from the pens of our lady readers, and we should not like them to think we are leaving them out of the present offer.

The prize of half a guinea for the best answer to the question, "What is your favourite British Finch?" is awarded to Mr. Harold Freeman, 4, Clovelly Avenue, Nicholson Street, Hull, for his letter on the Linnet on page 463 of last week's issue.

The awards in our Six Guineas Competition will be announced next week.

Please accept my thanks. You can't think how surprised I was when I got my Cage Birds to find my Goldfinch on the front page, writes Mr. M. J. Griffin. The likeness is simply perfect. He is the best coloured bird I think I ever saw; he came from somewhere in Oxfordshire. He has been shown three times, and each time he has been first, and if he shows the same amount of cleverness when facing the judge as he did when three old hands tried every wile to make closer acquaintance with him for the first time, he will capture many more red cards for his devoted owner.

A Sparrow Story.

The instinct or some other equally well-concealed power which enables birds to convey to their fellows a note of warning of possible danger, says "A. N." in the Manchester City News, was strikingly illustrated recently when I placed a wicker-woven Sparrow trap baited with hempseed and bread for the especial alluring of the parent birds with hungry families at home on my windowsill. In the first half-hour four were caught, and vast crowds outside awaited admission, I killed three and one escaped, and the crowds vanished and never a Sparrow came near me again. The warning had spread far and wide, for in the grounds of our club I met with no success; but the steward is a bird lover, and will harbour Magpies, to the detriment of Thrushes and Blackbirds, so I am not certain that he may not have lent a helping hand to the interned ones.

I must express my regret, writes Mr. M. S. Runchman, that owing to my leaving home at the time you were good enough to put the portrait of my cinn. marked Yorkshire on the front page of Cage Birds, I neglected to write and thank you for so doing. However, I should like now to say that I much appreciate your kindness, and was much gratified to see my favourite bird occupying that coveted position. I thank my friend, Mr. Norman, for the excellent likeness he made, and I hope he will think some of my youngsters (of which I have something over 50 this year) worthy of the same honour when they come on the show bench.

A Tribute from Wales.

Kindly accept the best thanks of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S. for the excellent report you gave last week of our first open young bird and British bird show, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, asst. sec. Although the entries were low, we have only ourselves to blame; we should have advertised our show in Cage Birds to a greater extent than we did. Advertising for one week, as we did, is not good enough, but I venture to say if we are spared next year, and the times are better, we will have a good show.

SOME HINTS ON MULE BREEDING.

By WM. ARMSTRONG (Dundalk).

AS a mule breeder for the past few years I would like to state some things that may be helpful to novices and amateurs. First, in choosing a British Finch for muling, take my advice, and get a bird, say, about two years old; I mean an old bird taken between October and March. Never go in for Greypates or branchers; if you do you are only looking for trouble.

In mule breeding always remember the saying, "An old dog for the hard road." Providing you have got your bird, let him run with a few Canary hens now and again; never mate him to one. Give him a big, roomy cage, and feed him on the best until you have got him in "proper condition." These two words reveal the secret of Mule and Hybrid breeding, for it is at this point where so many fail.

In reading Cage Birds during the past few weeks I have been greatly struck by the above words, "proper condition." I mean the writers, practically all of them, attribute their success to having the cocks in good condition.

Secondly, never mate or pair British birds as you would do Canaries; get them into breeding condition first. Never let them run together until you see the hen calling, and then only if the cock is in proper condition.

Fanciers may ask how they are to know that. Well, there is only one way to know it, that is, by examination of the vent. Don't judge a bird by his song or anties, or conclude he is ready just because you happen to see him wanting to feed a hen; such birds only raise false hopes. The best Mules I ever reared were from a Goldfinch that never sang or displaced his wing or tail feathers.

A few years ago I thought over how a stud of dogs or horses was bred, and the conclusion I came to was that it was simply by knowing the proper time, and mating them at that time.

I would advise novices to start with a Linnet, as he is very easily got into condition, and will breed freely with two or three hen Canaries if properly handled. It annoys one to see stated sometimes that he is a sulky bird. This is far from being the ease.

Another thing I find is that a Finch wanted for hybridising is better mated to a dark green hen Canary first; anyhow, this is my system of working them, and I find it mostly works to success. Really, I think fanciers should make more use of British hens than they do at present.

I need not go into details of preparing hens, as most fanciers know enough about that, but to help the novice or beginner I will tell him not to start till about the middle of May, and to finish in August.

I always give a young Canary hen, or a hen I buy, a nest of Greenfinches first to rear. When she has got three or four young ones reared there is no fear of her being a bad feeder or a sweating hen. Another item I may mention is that from the time incubation starts to the end of the season I give chickweed daily.

Young Mules I feed from the first day on hard-boiled egg and biscuits, well sprinkled with maw seed, and once a week until the end of the moult I give bread and milk well covered with maw seed. Young Mules leave the nest at fifteen days, and at twenty-five days are doing for themselves. As a final word, give your birds all the attention you can, and success is sure to be yours.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

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W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

C. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

The London "Daily Graphic" of Aug. 1 reproduced photographs taken at the Zoological Gardens of a very wide-awake Lion and a forlorn looking "Eagle," which, by the way, was a Vulture. The inscription reads as follows:—"The lion and the eagle at the Zoological Gardens yesterday illustrated the recently-used happy phrase of a famous French writer who spoke of the awakening energy of the British lion and the drooping of the Prussian eagle." The sentiment is all right, of course, but the Vulture in the photograph was having the time of his life, and was simply revelling in his "place in the sun," which is so much the desire of the Prussian Eagle, but which is certainly not materialising.

Fieldfare or Missel Thrush?

Referring to the reported nesting of the Fieldfare in N. Wales, the "Manchester City News" says "Further details of this interesting event are anxiously awaited. What is the nest like and what the colour of the eggs? It is said that the eggs of this bird have been found on the ground in England in late spring, but the nesting of the bird in this country has hitherto been unheard of. In Norway it is said to build in colonies. The proximity of this nest should enable the naturalist to obtain a photograph of it and of the birds. Of course that would not be conclusive evidence that no mistake has been made, but it would stimulate our curiosity."

Few of us have ever seen the nest and eggs of the Fieldfare, for it is not given to many to have the opportunity of nature study in the northern countries in which the bird breeds. Neither are detailed descriptions common in books on British birds, but we believe that both nest and eggs resemble those of our Blackbird. The nest, however, is usually placed in a high tree, and the eggs vary considerably in their markings, some being very heavily marked, and others nearly unspotted. The eggs of the Missel Thrush, of course, are very different from those of the Blackbird, as they are greyish in ground colour instead of greenish blue.

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The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 445.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, which will embrace the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity. The housing, feeding, general management, diseases, breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally, the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

FOR larger birds, such as Thrushes and Blackbirds, cages such as the following have been found best: 26 to 28 inches long, 16 to 18 inches high, and 11 inches wide. Anything less than this should not be employed except as a very temporary abode. The wires should be of stout gauge and about ¾ inches apart. If the bird is newly caught this is too wide as will be testified by the loss of feathers on the forehead and damaged bill.

The construction is exactly the same as the stock cage for Finches, but the drawer will have to have a deep china dish for the food. As many of these birds have the habit of throwing their food about, the best way perhaps if the bird is not intended for show, is to have it outside; certainly the cage will be cleaner. One perch can be placed higher than the other to let the bird have more exercise, and this is a very important feature in birds of this class.

For small softbills a cage of the same dimensions as the Finch cage will suffice. To supply these birds with food the plan usually in vogue is to have an earthenware or china dish fixed by a loop of wire to a small hinged door in the front of the cage. This is a very neat arrangement, but, if the method used for large softbills is simply reduced in size, it will be found equally serviceable.

About Breeding Cages.

Breeding cages are in one, two, and three compartments. For a single breeder the Finch cage dimensions can again be used. The nest may be let into a platform of wood at one end, running from the back to the front on a level with the cross bar, but all sorts of positions have been advocated at one time or another. A door should be placed in such a position that there is easy access to the nest, and another one below can be used for the bath, etc. This cage will require an egg drawer, which may be fastened under the lower door or to slip between the wires.

The double breeder should not be less than 30 inches long and the more inches beyond this that can be given the more useful will this type be, as it can be used as a flight after the breeding season. To do this the wire or wooden slide dividing it into two is removed. The fittings are exactly the same as the single breeder.

The three compartment cage is one of the most useful to the breeder. As with the double breeder, length is a good speculation, as this is an ideal cage for storing young, moulting numbers of birds, caging off a sick or refractory member from the remainder, to say nothing of the advantage of being able to run two hens with one cock. Mule breeders especially will find this type a paying investment.

An extension of this idea has taken the shape of the 6, 8, 12, etc. compartment cages. Those are in reality simply double or treble breeders joined together. They are extremely useful where space is limited, but they rather lose points in the ease with which they can be cleaned. Breeding cages are best supplied with sand trays. These have disadvantages as mentioned before, but the cage can be cleaned with the minimum of disturbance to the birds, and this is a matter of vital importance.

To Beautify the Birdroom.

The finishing off and colouring of cages is very much a case of individual taste. Again uniformity should be the aim, and, although this is not possible with the inside, yet it should not prove difficult where the outside is concerned. Paint, stain, enamel, and distemper are all used, and where the wood is itself a thing of beauty, this is polished.

If paint is required to dry with a glossy surface, add linseed oil and a small quantity of varnish, but if a dull surface is preferred, turpentine alone should be employed. Enamel, though more expensive, is an ideal finish. It is easily used, looks well, and can be washed time and again. This latter quality should recommend it to all who appreciate cleanliness, and, although it is apt to chip off occasionally, yet, if a good quality be bought and properly applied, this seldom happens. Staining to imitate different woods is effective, especially if French polished; and distemper is very useful provided it is done sufficiently often. Whatever method may be adopted it is always a good plan to have the outside a dark colour and the inside to harmonise with the colouring of the inmate, and also to show the plumage off to the best advantage.

I have purposely left the show cage to the last, as this type is much better bought from the makers. They can make it much neater, lighter, and better finished, and it certainly pays any exhibitor to spend a few more shillings and have a cage that will not detract from the merits of the bird.

A Model Birdroom.

The aim of all aviculturists who have a number of cages is to have a model birdroom. The ideal from the point of the inmates is one in which light, air, warmth, and cleanliness are all combined. As the conditions were necessary in a cage, they are even more so when it comes to dealing with a number of cages.

If the room be indoors, it has the advantage of warmth, as a room over the kitchen will be found to be quite sufficiently heated. For the majority of breeders an artificially heated room will seldom be found necessary, except when dealing with very highly bred Canaries, or with the more delicate foreigners. More important than heat is the avoidance of draught, and the keeping of the room at an equal temperature.

If heating be found necessary, then the open fire is undoubtedly the best, provided there are no birds uncaged; otherwise it seems to have a fatal fascination for them, and there is little hope of saving a bird's life if it has made acquaintance with fire. The second best way, but the most expensive, is to have a system of hot water pipes, with the boiler outside the room; this is almost as good as the open fire, and leads to a more equal temperature.

All other means, such as lamps and apparatus for fitting on to a gas jet, should only be used in an emergency, and for a short time. Birds are peculiarly sensitive to impure air, and many of their respiratory diseases are directly attributable to the use of these means for promoting warmth.

The advantage of an outdoor bird room is that it is usually built to the owner's requirements, and hence the fitting up is easier to arrange. Whatever type one decides on, choice should always be given to one facing South. Here one gets the maximum of sunshine with the minimum of cold, but it is surprising what can be done with the most unpromising aspects if the staging for the cages is judiciously arranged. If the room gets too hot in summer, a shade placed outside the window will help to keep it from getting stuffy.

The easiest and most efficient method of ventilation is to have a window open top and bottom. This allows the cold pure air to enter the room at the bottom, whilst the warm vitiated air passes out at the top, and to avoid strong currents of air entering the room, a slide of perforated zinc should be placed in front of the openings. Always remember in fitting up stagings to avoid, as much as possible, placing these in a direct line from the window to the door, or window to fireplace.

The Decorations and Fittings.

If the floor be stained with potassium bichromate dissolved in water, and then polished with beeswax and turpentine, the birdkeeper need not pay more than 1s. for covering, provided he can spare an hour or two for polishing. To my mind nothing looks so well as this, but linoleum does excellently; it is easily cleaned, but is more expensive.

Strips of tin nailed all round the wainscotting, taking in about three inches of the wall and the floor, prevent mice getting in, and, if these animals are a nuisance in an outdoor aviary, they are trebly so in a bird room. The walls can be distempered with any colour that is fancied, a pale blue makes a very pleasing background to the cages, and, if the floor is polished as described, the two will harmonise splendidly.

In regard to fitting up the birdroom, the owner has to consider whether he intends it to be an indoor aviary, a room for cages, or both. If both, then the one side can be given over to the aviary whilst the other is used for the disposal of the cages. An indoor aviary is fitted up in exactly the same as the outdoor one, so far as the essentials are concerned, but, of course, it is impossible to have numbers of plants growing, so a few twiggy branches may take their place.

The more usual use for a bird room, however, is for stacking cages, and these have to be arranged so that one may be pulled out without disarranging those in the immediate neighbourhood. Where shelves can be put up, these are the most substantial and look best, provided they are stained the same as the floor.

Where damage to the walls, involved in the erecting of these, is prohibitive, cage racks will have to be provided. These are long pieces of wood the width of a cage, erected in vertical rows, the distance between each row being determined by the length of the cage. The height of the cage is marked off by little strips of wood running from back to front, and so providing rails on which it can be slid out. The staining and polishing of these racks may also be done with the potassium bichromate and beeswax.

In fitting up the bird room one should not lose sight of the many compartment cages. Where space is limited they are undoubtedly very valuable, although they take longer to clean, and are not so easy of manipulation. They have the advantages of the three compartment breeder, as mentioned before. Then every bird room should have at least one large flight cage. This can be made to the size of the available space, and thus fill up very usefully some vacant corner.

Whatever type of cages the bird keeper has, however, he should always stage the lowest a clear two feet from the floor. This is a point lost sight of by many, but is vital from a hygienic point of view. A useful method of staging is to have the lowest row for freshly caught birds, the rows on a level with the face for those training for exhibition, and the upper ones given over to the larger birds.

"Cage Birds" Plates as Wall Pictures.

The enthusiast who has all the outsides of his stock cages treated with the same colour, and in the same way, has ample satisfaction when he comes to fit up his bird room. With the scheme we have given of dark polished floor and light blue walls, a dark colour should be chosen, black being especially effective. The insides of course must differ, but this does not matter, the different colours can be grouped together, and the general colour scheme does not suffer.

The decorative scheme has so far been considered from the point of view of artistic effect and cheapness, but many other little additions will improve this. Pictures of birds, preferably of the coloured plates of CAGE BIRDS, are most suitable, being pleasing to the eye, and at the same time very instructive for purposes of comparison. The large ones can be hung in any available wall space, while the smaller variety look well between the rows of cages. This is certainly the best position if one is studying type.

As neatness has been our motto throughout, it would be a great pity to spoil things by sticking the pictures on the walls, instead of hanging them properly framed. Again the cheapest and most artistic methods coincide. Get a piece of glass cut to the size of the print, a piece of cardboard of the same size for strengthening the back, and bind all together with "Passe-partout" paper to be bought at any stationers. Before the war the cost of framing a picture one foot square in this way would have been about 3d. Further decoration can be supplied with ferns and flowers in pots, only do not overcrowd. A few well placed are all that is necessary.

Sundry Necessaries.

In fitting up our birdroom and considering the decorative scheme we have seemed to pay small attention to many necessary articles, and this will now be remedied. The first of these necessities is a common wooden table which is an essential in every birdroom. It should be kept scrupulously clean. If the owner likes he can cover it with linoleum or American cloth, which is washed after each day's work.

On the floor at one end a small dustbin or large tin box can be set, to receive the refuse and scrapings of the cages. This should be removed every night and replaced when needed. The breeder will require also an egg mill and seed crusher, these can be fixed on to the other end of the table. If this is set against a wall, the tools necessary may be stored in a rack made to hold them and screwed on just above it.

Some form of cupboard large enough to store baths, empty cages, and other paraphernalia is almost a necessity, but if these are placed on an empty shelf and a curtain fitted in front, they will not become unduly obtrusive.

For holding seed in large quantities a new sanitary dustbin is excellent, and for smaller amounts biscuit boxes serve the purpose to perfection. To prevent those spoiling the whole appearance of the room, they should be painted some dark colour and neatly labelled, or else hidden away from sight. To complete the furnishing, all that is now needed is a thermometer.

Sometimes the birdkeeper has a large room at his disposal, and is inclined to spend many of his leisure hours there. In this case one or two comfortable chairs and a small bookshelf to hold his books of reference, pedigree charts, etc., are welcome additions.

In concluding this chapter, let me recapitulate the conditions essential to the housing of birds, namely, light, air, warmth, cleanliness, and ventilation. Whatever original ideas the fancier may wish to carry out, let him see that they comply with these requirements and he need have no hesitation in adopting them.

(To be continued.)

THE "JENNY-WREN."



A Charming Picture by Mr. E. F. Bailey of a charming British bird that makes a delightful pet. The original of the picture is the very perfect specimen which has been exhibited with great success by Mr. John Frostick, Streatham.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Correspondence.

A Cage-Making Query.

Sir,—In your issue of 5th August Mr. Henry Neve, of Heathfield, wrote an article on Canary breeding in which he advised making cages with three-ply wood. He says, "Make top, bottom, and back of three-ply and the two sides of deal or pine." I want to know if you could get him to tell me how to fix the back of the cage on to the top and bottom where the boards meet at right angles; the nails would not hold in the three-ply.

Jock Hill.

A Cheery Letter from Natal.

Sir,—May I add a word of tribute to the excellence of your paper! I feel sure that the majority of those interested in Canary breeding would rather pay an extra fee than lose the medium through which expressions of opinion can be voiced. Personally, though, so far, very little of your space has been devoted to my particular fancy, Rollers, I would have been exceedingly sorry if you had decided to discontinue the paper. May I add that I find the correspondence columns an interesting feature, which I hope will never fail.

You deserve the congratulations of all for the able manner in which you are urging the capture of the German Canary trade. Years ago there were imported into Natal, through Durban, large numbers of Roller Canaries, but local breeders quickly recognised the value of this trade, and commenced to breed in opposition, with the result that the German withdrew.

During the past ten or twelve years very few German birds have reached Natal owing to the fact that they can be and are reared sufficiently cheaply here to preclude competition from overseas. The same applies to the British Canaries. Another reason why the German trade no longer finds favour is that imported birds readily succumb to the climate; the utmost care is necessary to induce them to live, and this the average buyer is not prepared to give. Altogether the difficulties at this end have outweighed the benefits to the importer, and the local breeder is in a fairly unassailable position as far as song birds are concerned. I wish you every success in your efforts to keep out the Germans, more especially as the British Canaries are equally entertaining choristers.

C. F. Winson.

Durban, Natal.

[We should be obliged if our correspondent would kindly forward his full address, as we should like to write him.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

The Norwich Canary Fancy in Ipswich.

Sir,—In your issue of July 22, there appeared an interesting letter from Mr. J. W. Gordon Stewart, in which he promises to do something in the near future to restore the Plainhead fancy to its former importance in Ipswich.

He further asks for suggestions, and in response, I would like to draw his attention, and that of others similarly interested, to the fact that since April of this year a new society styled the East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club, has been in the course of formation.

The proposition originated with a propaganda worked by some of the more vigorous fanciers in Norwich, and has met up to the present with considerable and influential support. The object of the club is to supply exactly the material which Mr. Stewart requires. It will give support by way of patronage to important shows making an open classification in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and Lincolnshire. This means that any show being thus supported would benefit to the extent of receiving numerous entries from a wide area, and would be practically made secure from financial loss.

The members of the East Anglian N.P.C. would, in order to secure the points necessary to obtain the prizes offered by their own society, be compelled to exhibit at the shows patronised, and as there seems a possibility of the membership reaching something like a hundred in number, I suggest to Mr. Stewart that there is here an opportunity to be seized. All the members of this club will, by vote, have an equal voice in placing the patronage, and, as the area to which this organisation is confined includes Suffolk, there is no doubt that the men of Ipswich will, if they are wise, enrol themselves and secure the benefit of our support. I may add that our Secretary, Mr. R. Tomlinson, 17, Amptill Street, Norwich, will be pleased to answer any enquiries with reference to the club. Reports of monthly meetings are always furnished for publication in the columns of Cage Birds.

J. J. Smith,
Chairman E.A.N.P.C.

Do We Coddle?

Sir,—Re my last letter as to the success of Mr. H. James, of the Brighton and Hove C.B.A., in having bred five varieties this season, viz., Goldfinch-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Siskin-Canary, and Redpoll-Canary, I have now the pleasure of adding a Hybrid cross, namely Siskin-Greenfinch. Mr. James has already two of this uncommon cross, and the hen is sitting on another five eggs. In common with most fanciers, this lucky breeder has his time more than occupied with other business this season, and his birds have received less attention than usual, yet this luck in results. One is inclined to ask: Do we coddle and tend our birds in captivity too much?

Will H. Gibb,
Sec. Brighton and Hove C.B.A.

New Secretary for Llanelly C.B.S

Sir,—I shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly inform your readers that I have relinquished my position as secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. owing to my inability to devote the attention necessary for its progress. My thanks are due to all the members for their kind assistance during my one year of office, and I hope they will give our new secretary every possible support. The society is one of the leading clubs in Wales, and it is necessary therefore that the members shall continue to work hard to keep its position and good name.

I can safely say that if we decide to hold our annual show again this season exhibitors may send their birds without fear, as we have a battalion of members second to none in the fancy. Our new secretary is Mr. Hy. Webster, Pottery Place, Llanelly, who will deal with all future correspondence.

D. H. Davies.

Bird Shows and the Amusement Tax.

Sir,—I have been instructed to write you on behalf of the Blantyre O.S. regarding the admission tickets to our annual show. We have subscription sale tickets, each member giving a cock Canary gratis. The numbers are drawn the night of the show. The tickets are sold sometimes two months before the show, and each ticket costs 3d. Most of the people who buy tickets never come to the show, so we want to know if we require to charge a penny tax on every ticket sold, or if we only require to charge the penny when entering the show. The majority of the people buy a shilling's worth, that is, four tickets.

Alexr. MacMillan, Sec.

It would appear from this enquiry that the tickets are really admission tickets for the show, although each ticket represents a chance in a draw or lottery. This being so, it is clear that, subject to any exemption which may be granted to the show if held for charitable purposes, as explained last week, the tickets would have to bear a tax, and be sold at three for a shilling instead of four. It may be as well to mention that lotteries of any kind are really illegal in our country, and societies that promote them are liable to prosecution.—Ed., Cage Birds.

The Breeding of Cinnamon Canaries.

Sir,—Will any reader of Cage Birds kindly tell me how to breed self Cinnamon Yorkshires? I am told that I ought to pair a self Cinnamon cock with a Green hen. I have tried with five pairs this year with the following results:—

No. 1 pair: Self Green cock with a Ticked Yellow hen. All the young ones were self Greens, a good grass green, and with no light feathers whatever.

No. 2 pair: Both self Greens; poor colour Buff Self Greens and Variegated Yellows all in the same nest.

No. 3 pair: A Self Cinnamon cock with a Cinnamon Marked hen with pink eyes. Four of the young were Cinnamon, and one Self Cinnamon. All were hens with pink eyes.

No. 4 pair: A Self Cinnamon cock with Clear Yellow hen. The young were all Clear Yellows.

No. 5 pair: Yellow cock with Cinnamon Marked hen, sister to No. 3. The young were all clear. Some Yellows and some Buff.

Would Variegated Yellows bred from two Green parents throw Self Greens if paired back to a Self Green? I have been using the Self Cinnamon cock during the last three seasons with different hens, but I have not yet got a young Cinnamon cock. All the young have been hens.

I should be very greatly obliged if a more experienced reader of Cage Birds could tell me how I could pair my birds another season to get Cinnamon cocks, either marked or self coloured.

E. Williams.

Descriptive Forms Suggested for the Use of Vendors.

Sir,—I beg to forward a suggestion that you should print some forms in which particulars, descriptions, and essential details of birds for disposal could be set forth by fanciers, breeders, and dealers. I have found after three or four years at home, and in some considerable correspondence with other fanciers regarding birds for sale, that as often as not the most essential details of description, strain, age, condition, and health, etc., are left out entirely, with the result that, rather than carry on a further correspondence and waste time, one puts the letter into the wastepaper basket.

Such forms should have a ready sale, and be most useful to all fanciers, and with your long experience the particular details and kind of form required could easily be framed by you. I should be greatly obliged if you would publish this letter so as to get opinions regarding the suggestion.

Jungle.

"The Songster of the Night."

Sir,—I for one would like to thank Mr. Bent for his most interesting and helpful article which appeared in Cage Birds, Aug. 12, on the King of Songsters, the Nightingale. It will, no doubt, be of great help to many others besides myself. This is my first season at softbills, and I have made a start with the Nightingale after carefully studying this bird and reading as much about it as possible. I secured a nest of young, five in number, and have reared four out of the five, one being accidentally killed. They are now nine weeks old and nearly through the moult, and three of them are beginning to warble nicely.

Of all the birds I have hand-reared this year or for a number of years past the Nightingale proved to be by far the easiest. This is not what I expected, as I had expected to have much trouble and difficulty, but in this case none has been experienced. I have kept and reared almost every kind of British hardbill for many years, but none so easily as the King of Songsters.

Perhaps Mr. Bert would kindly give me his opinion or a few points, namely:—At what age may one expect hand-reared Nightingales to sing the full Nightingale song? Do these birds require a tutor to get all the notes? Is it necessary to colour-feed them for show? Does he, or anyone else, know of any success being obtained from a Nightingale and Blackcap cross? If so would he, or they, give their experience, and say how they were managed, whether in a cage or aviary?

I am seriously thinking of trying to get a Hybrid from the Blackcap and Nightingale next season. I thank you for past help which I have obtained on many occasions from Cage Birds. A. W. Meek.

In reference to his article of last week, Mr. Bent writes to say that "during the last half-century," should read "during the last twenty-five years."—Ed., Cage Birds.

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Anxious" is a born humorist, he just writes as he talks "I hear." So "Anxious" was at the meeting when I was elected secretary, what an honour for the secretary. He is not telling the truth when he says I let someone take the position for the two days' show; ever since I was elected secretary I have done the secretarial work at our shows.

"Anxious" would be at the meeting, I suppose, on Thursday last, when at the commencement there were ten present, four who had paid their subscription, and six who had not; three of these paid at the close of the meeting. A minute passed on February 2, 1911, relating to the remuneration the secretary should receive for his services, £5 per year, was rescinded, the idea being to see how the finances were at the end of the year. It was asserted by one speaker that this minute was passed at the meeting when I was first elected secretary, and that that was how I came to take the secretaryship. I was elected on February 15, 1912, and this minute was passed February 2, 1911.

As regards "Anxious" being a champion, when I wrote "posing as a champion," I didn't mean exhibiting. I meant posing as champion for "last year's members." Glad to hear he is a champion, good luck to him, but he has not been very long in that proud position. He is now posing as a judge as well, so "I hear," perhaps he is selling off again. I wonder if "Anxious" is amongst those who have paid their subs., I think not. As regards the secretary carrying out Rules 5 and 6, if "Anxious" has any sense he would see why these rules cannot be carried out just now.

So there is another champion in the field under the nom de plume of "Observer." Strange how these persons cannot put their names to the letters they send for publication, it shows how very sociable they are.

J. W. Reed,
Sec. Newcastle C.B.S.

The Keeping of Softbills.

Sir,—It was with much interest that I read the article on the Nightingale, from the able pen of Mr. F. Bent, and I might say it would do much to encourage the keeping of Softbill songsters if many more of such articles appeared in Cage Birds.

There appeared two or three items in Mr. Bent's article, that I should like him to answer, if he will, and this would be much appreciated by myself, and I daresay many other keepers of Softbills. Why add powdered cuttlefish to the bird's menu? Do insectivorous birds consume grit in their wild state? Why, in Mr. Bent's opinion, has hard boiled egg killed more birds than any other food? Re "ant eggs," I have seen them recommended as food, also an infusion of them for excessive fatness of insectivorous birds. I think, but I am not certain, that it was Bechstein's idea. A reply to these queries would be instructive. I remember reading an article in Cage Birds by that well-known expert on Softbills, Mr. Jeffreys, saying that he kept his birds for years on a diet of hard boiled eggs, boiled potato, and ant eggs. I am quoting this article merely to show how misleading it is to novices who read the two articles.

I trust Mr. Bent will give readers of Cage Birds a little more of his knowledge by replying to this, which, as I say, would be much appreciated by myself and I daresay many others.

H. Simmonds.

The Cruelty of Closed Rings.

How it May be Prevented.

Sir,—A favourite Roller of mine, a dear little chap, has just lost a leg through the closed ring eating into the flesh, and partly into the bone, owing to the natural thickening and scaling of the leg, common to all birds at his age—five years. The toes were mortifying, and there was nothing for it but amputation. He now sits on one leg, with the stump of the other tucked beneath him, and looks at me reproachfully for having, after all these years, during which he has trusted me, and perched on my finger, served him this dirty trick. It makes me quite sad to look at him.

I am writing this letter in the hope that other fanciers will support me in a plea for slightly larger B.R.C.C. rings for our Rollers. A little larger ring would have many advantages, and I cannot see one disadvantage. First, it would prevent regrettable tragedies like the above. Second, it would mean less loss of young every year through being thrown out of the nest by the hen after ringing (the hen takes the ring for excreta and out it goes, with the young bird as well); for a larger ring would permit the young attaining an age of nine or ten days before ringing, and by that time they throw the excreta over the side of the nest, and this danger is over, the hen no longer searching the nest for the excreta. Thirdly, it would permit a more legible numbering of the rings than at present; and every fancier who, as show steward, has searched the present rings in the indifferent light of a winter show room will appreciate what a saving of time, temper, and eyesight this would be.

The rings need be only slightly larger than at present to encompass all these advantages. The rings on German contest Rollers which I imported before the war were slightly larger than ours, and the ring numbers could be discerned at a glance. Our present numbers on the rings are little more than scratches.

I hope that other fanciers will support me in this aim to get larger rings, for I am sure that many young birds would be saved every season by just a couple of days or so later ringing (at present I have often to ring at five days old), besides preventing the above-mentioned danger to old birds.

I have just examined the ring of another old Roller of mine (four years), and I find his leg has thickened so that one can only move the ring with some difficulty, and, to avoid it getting worse, I shall at once remove the ring from this bird, while it can be done with safety.

H. G. Hill.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 477.)

Do Wild Birds Poison Caged Young?

Sir,—As one who has had many kinds of birds brought up in the easy way of allowing the wild parents to feed them, I can endorse all that Mr. H. Hood writes on the subject in the article "Some Birds of the Garden," in Cage Birds, August 12. At the same time I think he omits two most important points in their management. The first is to see that the cage is protected from sun and rain. The second, and more important, to provide plenty of pure drinking water both inside and outside the cage. Ask a man who believes in the "poison" theory if he gave the birds water, and he is pretty sure to answer in the negative. The thoughtless creature put them into a waterless cage without cover; the sun scorched them by day; the cold rain drenched them at any time; they died, and their parents were blamed for poisoning them! D. G.

The Value of a "Cage Birds" Recipe.

Sir,—I have been reading a lot of advice lately on the treatment of our pets, but I have not seen much on the saving in the cost of egg food. Some time ago I read an article in Cage Birds, on egg bread, and I thank the writer for his advice which has meant a big saving to me as eggs have been so dear this breeding season. As directed in the recipe mentioned I used 1lb. of finest ground whole wheat meal flour to four eggs, at the cost of 10d., mixed well together, then baked for three hours in a slow oven, then cut up and let it dry. When crushed the egg bread is ready for use. I have found that it will keep thirty-five birds for a fortnight, twenty-five young ones, and ten stock birds, and from March to September this will have saved me about 13s. 6d., which I think will pay for the seed used through the breeding season. Then again, I read in a letter in Cage Birds, that eggs were too rich a food for hens, causing them to be lazy and leave their young. My hens have not fed better for many a season, and some of my young cocks are now under training; others going through the moult finely. I shall continue to give them this food about three times a week, and I should think if this feeds high-class Rollers it should prove all right for others. I have only lost two young on sticks, and if my luck continues I hope to advertise my stock later through your valuable paper.

G. W. Grimsditch.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Wait and See," appears to think that I have said that big heads cannot be perpetuated by in-breeding. I did not say so. I only asked Mr. Crawhall for evidence that it was so, and he now states that he merely used the term, or the sentence, as an illustration. But if it is any satisfaction to him, I will take his word for it, and if I happen to be down Devonport way I will give him a call. Perhaps he will have one of those to spare which by manipulation and selection are growing tails at the wrong end. I wonder if he backs them into their show cages as the army transport do kicking horses.

My first letter, in which I manifested to "Wait and See" little or no experience, was not referring to my own experiences, but to results of other fanciers that have come within my knowledge—fanciers who may not have perpetuated big heads, and tails at the wrong end, by in-breeding, but who manage to keep at the top in the warmest of competition, by pairing birds of pure pedigree and blue blood.

I pointed out in that letter that fanciers of a certain school were in-breeding mad; that, according to them, there was only one road to success, and that by in-breeding; and I also pointed out that there was overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Winners have no doubt been bred both ways, and will continue to be so bred, but I would say that the best Norwich Canary that was ever bred (in the opinion of the leading fanciers) was bred from two entirely different strains. Your correspondent, "Invicta," would probably state that they were remotely related.

I have received many a letter since my advent as a controversialist in Cage Birds—some congratulatory and some otherwise, but I little thought that my pseudonym had been penetrated so far afield as the place from which I received one this week. It is curious how these things leak out, and how small the world is. Evidently we have mutual friends. I am referring to a letter I received from a fancier in the North who is personally unknown to me, but who is known by repute as a skilful breeder of the Norwich Canary, and who is too modest or too cautious to enter the controversy. Here it is:—

"Dear Sir,—You will be surprised to receive this letter from a total stranger to you, but I am writing to you in regard to your letters on in-breeding. (Here follows some remarks on myself and my writings on the Norwich which I am too modest to reproduce). I have practised in-breeding to a large extent, and still practise it, but only rarely, and I have had very similar experiences to some of those you mention. I found the faults in the birds came out in the young with much more regularity than the good points, and I came to the conclusion that it was no use in-breeding except your birds were tip-top. That was years ago, before I had the stock I have now, and I only practise it now occasionally and then with birds that are show birds. There is another point I would like to mention which I see you do not, and that is, I found the young from my in-breeding pairs were more difficult to rear. Have you found it so? I started the season with twelve cocks and twenty hens, and after a bad start, finished up with thirty-six young on the sticks, and a few late ones in the nest now. I hope your results are satisfactory."

I might mention, by the way, that my results are not. Anyhow, it would seem from this letter, and from the experiences of other prominent fanciers, that in-breeding is not quite so prominent as its votaries would expect, and one point seems to be emphasised, viz., that only the best should be used, else one is going to do a lot of waiting, and very little seeing if one is out for champions.

Sub Rosa.

Sir,—It is now about five months since I purchased my first Canary and my advent into the fancy seems to have been attended by a considerable "splash." When I wrote my original letter to Cage Birds I never for a moment thought it would create so much interest and start a controversy which can do nothing but good if carried on in a perfectly friendly way. I open my Cage Birds every Friday morning in fear and trembling lest I should find one of "fors" or "against" indulging in personalities. You see I have been a "doggy" man for twenty-five years, I have bred pigeons and poultry also, and I know what fanciers are when they get at loggerheads—in fact, I wrote to Mr. Crawhall some time ago because he was so interested, and wanted some of my experiences in some of my other fancies, and I told him in my first letter that as we had our heads hard up against the brick walls of ignorance and prejudice it would perhaps be better to let the matter drop.

I think it a great pity "Sub-Rosa" gave up in-breeding at the penultimate stage; had he tried judicious crossing during one more season he would have done better, much better, provided of course he exercised ordinary care and selection in mating up his birds, and knew what he was breeding for, I know that, taking Norwich—I should go for skull first, with type, then try to get quality, colour, etc., later. I say skull first because you rarely get skull without size and, unfortunately, length.

Now it seems rather strange for a five month's novice to sit down and dictate to the "grey beards" of the fancy, but "Sub-Rosa's" contention notwithstanding, Mendel's laws of Heredity stand good whether you are breeding sweet peas, poultry, pigeons, or Black Angus cattle ("Angus Doddies" we used to call them in the county of Angus where I come from). "Like produces like," and related birds or animals have a higher potentiality for reproducing their "like" than those which are unrelated.

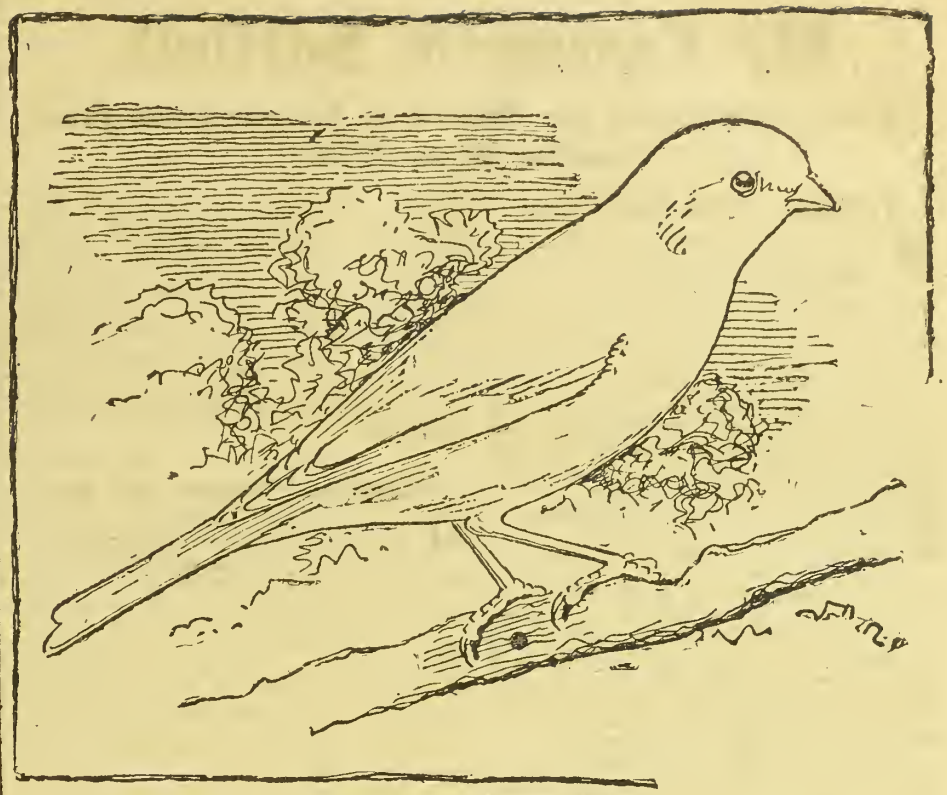
I do not pretend that all stock bred from related parents is perfect stock from a show point of view, but I do know that stock thus bred has a greater power of stamping its type and peculiarities, good and bad, on its progeny than does stock procured from unrelated parents, therefore I believe that by using related birds a breeder has a greater chance of breeding fine specimens, and I think the chances are as three is to one. Given time, patience, and careful selection, any given point can be produced, diminished, or exaggerated.

Now, with regard to size. You can in-breed for size just as easily and successfully as you can use in-breeding to reduce it where it is necessary. Take the Irish wolfhound for instance, it is one of the newest breeds, one in which huge height, bone, and strength are a sine qua non. If "Sub-Rosa" will look up a few Wolfhound, Great Dane, or Deer-Hound pedigrees he will find something to astonish him. Of late years the trouble of the Terrier men has been to keep them small enough for the bench in spite of in-breeding. A little judicious in-breeding and you get them what you want. I could go on adding instances ad infinitum, but "Sub-Rosa" can readily prove for himself that in-breeding, judiciously carried out, can be of use either to increase size or reduce it. I don't like the word "head," what you need is skull, "head" is misleading, as a bird which has a skull not much larger than a split pea with an abundance of feather on it is called a good headed bird by some fanciers. I prefer plenty of solid bone and little feather. I breed short faced tumblers so I know something about heads. I also breed Modenas, and the tendency of these is to be "snipy" in head, it can be, and is counteracted by in-breeding.

I agree entirely with what "Invicta" says in his letter, but I have never tried the brother and sister mating; I prefer father to daughter, or mother to son, but as birds stand lower in the vertebrate scale than the four footed species there is no reason why they should not be somewhat closer in-bred.

I have been to considerable trouble to verify the statements contained in this letter, and I do not propose to be drawn into a lengthy controversy on the subject. So far as I am personally concerned I do not propose to carry the correspondence any further. I wish "Wait and See" would send me his name and address. I am dropping the pseudonym "Bee Jay," and signing myself,

J. W. Gordon-Stewart.



A LONDON BORDER FANCY CANARY.

Winner of 2nd Prize at East Ham Show for Mr. H. J. Kybert, East Ham.

THE YELLOWHAMMER IN NATURE AND IN CAPTIVITY.

By PHILORNIS.

This familiar species is a favourite cage bird with many people on account of its handsome plumage, which may be made still more attractive by a little judicious colour-feeding.

The adult cock bird is seven inches in total length; the beak is brown above and horn-colour below; the head and a patch on the nape of the neck bright yellow; various dusky streaks on the forehead, lores, behind the crown, and at the edge of ear-coverts; sides of neck yellowish brown; upper portion of back and wings dark brown, the feathers having a broad edging of dusky yellow; primary and secondary wing quills dull black, the former with narrow outer edges of yellow, the latter with broad edges of chestnut, tertials and wing-coverts same as secondaries; chin throat and under parts bright yellow; an irregular line of chestnut descends on each side of the throat from the corners of the lower mandible; the breast and flanks are suffused and longitudinally streaked with chestnut; tail dull black, the middle quills bordered with chestnut, the rest with narrow yellow edges, and the two outer pairs with long white patches on the inner web; legs light brown. In winter the plumage is less brilliant, and much mottled with brown.

The female is paler in general plumage, and the under parts are more suffused with dingy brown. The young only acquire the bright yellow of the head after the first autumn moult; and the upper parts are dull green in colour, streaked with black.

The Yellowhammer is a late breeder, and consequently its song is heard long after the majority of other wild birds have become silent; it is therefore associated with the sultry days of July and August, and has a certain drowsiness in its tones which harmonises well with that season.

The nest of this bird is usually placed close to, or even on, the ground, in the shelter of a low bush or hedge. It is often found among the rank grass at the edge of a field, and is neatly made of moss, hair, and root-fibres. The eggs are white tinged with pale purple or sometimes yellow, and spotted and scrawled with dark purplish brown. The cock seems to take a share in the task of incubation, and one observer has heard it singing while thus engaged.

The young birds are fed mainly upon insects, and leave the nest when about a fortnight old. During the summer the adult birds also seem to partake chiefly of an insect diet, but in autumn the seeds of various weeds are consumed, among which may be mentioned those of Stellaria (Stitchwort), Polygonum (Knot-grass), and Arenaria (Sandwort).

As winter approaches Yellowhammers join together in small flocks, and appear in company with Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblings, etc., about farms and stackyards, and at that season feed to some extent on grain, but smaller seeds seem to be preferred when obtainable.

Outside the British Islands the Yellowhammer is found breeding in Sweden, and occurs still further north as an autumn visitor. It has also been observed in Russia, Western Siberia, Italy (chiefly in the north), and is well-known throughout the rest of Europe except in Portugal, the south of France, and the south of Spain, where it is comparatively scarce.

In captivity a newly-caught Yellowhammer should at first be fed on canary seed, crushed hemp, and scalded German rape in small quantities; a few mealworms and any insects procurable, may be given daily, also a small quantity of egg-food. This diet should be continued for a week or two, tho soft food, scalded rape, and insects being gradually withdrawn thereafter.

When the bird has become a little tractable and reconciled to its cage, it will do very well on a diet of three parts canary seed, one rape (dry), a little bruised hemp or sunflower now and then as a treat, and a mealworm or two occasionally to keep the bird in good form.

When colour-feeding, begin the soft food gradually, giving small quantities at first and slowly working up to the full amount and strength; finish off in the same gradual manner. For a Yellowhammer I like a cage about 15 inches long, 12 high, and 7 deep.

My Favourite Softbill.

Varied Opinions of our Readers in Answer to the Prize Question of the Week.

Faithful to his First Love.

WHAT is your favourite softbill? A rather delicate question for a softbill enthusiast to answer, but I must give premier place to our common Redstart. This bird has always been a great favourite of mine, in fact it was my first investment, and I often wish it was more generally distributed amongst us during our summer.

So far as my observations go it is by no means a common bird. It is shy and something of a recluse, and hence may often escape attention, but when once seen it is never forgotten. It is a summer migrant, arriving about the middle of April, and departing for Northern Africa—its winter quarters—about the end of August or early in September.

It appeals to me in many ways, one of which is because of its flame-coloured tail feathers. It is a rare treat to see it alight along some sun-lit hedgerow, spreading its tail fanlike in the act. Its plumage is of such a sober character that the lightning movements of the chestnut tail feathers are shown off to perfection, and cannot fail to attract attention and court admiration.

It cannot be said it is a great musician, some even assert that the song is monotonous, but to me there is no such thing as monotony in the avian choir.

The prominent tail feathers are responsible for many names to this bird—Red-tail, Fire-tail, Fire-flirt, Fiery-Brantail, and White-fronted Redstart.

My stock cage for a Redstart is 3ft. long, 18ins. high, 1ft. wide, with zinc drawer. I use a covering of pitch pine sawdust, and food and water vessels outside, and free use of bath; absolute cleanliness is essential to its well being.

This is my stock food, and I find it hard to beat:—Equal parts of best ants' eggs, best dried flies, and meat meal, one Osborne biscuit crushed up, a piece of York cheese, and a little grated carrot, all made moist with boiling water. I also lay in a stock of wasp grub in summer for winter use. For live food I depend entirely on maggots, and house flies.

Procure a good adult specimen from a catcher about the month of May; he will readily take to cage life; get him meated off properly, colour-feed during moult, and treat as above, and you will find at the end of the moult you will be the proud possessor of one of the most charming and delightful of our many British softbill migrants.

R. J. Robertson.

None so Good as the Blackbird.

OF all soft-billed birds none can rival the Blackbird with his jet-black plumage and golden beak. The best Blackbird to keep is the hand-reared one, for hand-reared birds have a smaller sense of freedom than wild-caught ones.

The best kind of cage is the box pattern about 36 in. long and 16 in. wide by 20 in. high. My cages have two doors, one in the front and one in the side. The door in the front is a sliding one. The cage must be well covered to protect against damp which is injurious to the birds.

The perches must not be less than ⅝ in. wide for "Blackies." Round perches are the best, and capital ones can be made from broom handles. The feeding of the Blackbird is an important point to be considered. My stock food consists of: one part each of crissel, ant eggs and dried flies. To this I add four parts of ready made Blackbird food, which can be obtained at all bird shops, two parts of Spratt's Dog Meal, two parts bread crumbs, and mix with enough water to make it into a crumbly state. I give them also plenty of luxuries such as beetles, caterpillars, worms, gentles (flesh maggots), pieces of apple, pear, plums, bananas, currants, blackberries, lettuce and freshly grated carrot whenever possible.

Do not overfeed the birds or they will become fat and spoil their appearance. Do not forget to give them a few mealworms and a snail daily. The drinking water should be changed twice daily. I place some Parrish's Chemical food in the water twice weekly.

Every afternoon, no matter what kind of weather, I give my birds a bath in a round tin about 3 ins. deep and 6 in. in diameter. To prevent the bird from slipping in the tin I place some pebbles in it. At present, my Blackbirds are in the moult, but that does not deter them from their daily bath, which they greatly enjoy. I do not colour-feed my birds as I think Parrish's Chemical Food is better than Tasteless Pepper.

As I stated before, hand-reared birds are the best. All my Blackies are hand-reared. I keep them out of doors in all kinds of weather, and they never suffer any ill effects. The cock Blackbird should have jet-black plumage, orange coloured beak, and ring round the eyes. The hen bird is browner in plumage. The head should be round and not wedge shape. The tail should be perfect, as the Blackbird has the habit of spreading its tail like a fan, and so exposing any faults in the feathering.

Search the wide world over, and you will not find a better soft-billed bird than the Blackbird.

F. Dengis.

Thinks the Thrush the Best.

OF all our British softbills the Thrush is my favourite; either in intelligence as a pet, in beauty of song, or in plumage, there are no birds to surpass it.

I have a couple of Thrushes at present, and this is how I keep them: I have them in cages, 30ins. long, 14ins. wide, and 22ins. high, with three perches about a foot distant, and a sand tray, made of zinc, in the bottom covered with peat moss about an inch deep. I clean the cages twice a week as they need cleaning out often if you wish them to look spick and span.

My birds are fed in the following manner:—4 parts crushed puppy biscuit, 2 parts ants' eggs, 1 part dried flies, as well as a little cold boiled potato, scraped carrot, cut up grass, and a little meat occasionally. Live food is given in abundance, as we have a garden, so that besides mealworms, the birds get slugs, snails, beetles, cockroaches, and other insects. I have also a stock of berries, such as haws and elder, and blackberries, wineberries, and other fruits are given when in season.

Many people neglect giving their birds a bath, and this is a great mistake, as birds cannot keep clean or in good health unless they have pure water. I always give my birds a bath every day in summer, and once or twice a week in winter, first thing in the morning, as they enjoy it more then. Rain water is far better than tap.

I let them fly loose in a room once a day for about an hour as they need a lot of exercise. Their cages are out in the open all day and night in all weathers, and the birds take no harm. So treated the Thrush is certain to keep in good health and be a credit to its keeper.

D. W. Stothart.

In Praise of the Bearded Tit.

MY favourite softbill is the Bearded Tit. These birds make most interesting pets, and the cock bird, if a good one, does well on the show bench. They live quite a long time in captivity, and as they grow older each moult seems to leave them a little lighter in feather. They are very fond of insect food, and the stock food must contain plenty of this. For myself I buy the best ready made mixture I can get, for I find this cheaper than making up the food myself. I moisten the food with a very little carrot, and I give my birds mealworms or other insects every day.

Bearded Tits are quite hardy, and they are better kept in a cold room than one which is artificially warmed. They are very fond of a bath, but I do not give one every day to my birds. I usually keep a few rushes in the cage, fixing them in a wire stand in the centre. They enjoy themselves very much in their sporting about these rushes.

Besides their ordinary stock food, and the live insects, I give them a little fruit such as apples, etc., which I fix in the wires. My cage for a pair is about 20ins. long, 16ins. high, and 12ins. deep.

When sending these birds to shows great care must be taken to avoid their contracting a chill, for if a bird has been kept in a comfortable room, and is then sent out in winter time to a bird show it is likely to go soft and catch cold unless the travelling case is well protected.

One Bearded Tit which I used to keep in my kitchen was, I think, the best of its kind I ever saw. It was finger tame, and when I showed it at Swansea it took the special prize for the best in the show, which I think is rarely done by a softbill. As he flitted amongst the rushes fixed in his cage he was a picture indeed.

To my mind there is nothing so pretty as a small Softbill class, and when I visit a bird show I always pass an hour or so in watching this one class, and although the hobby is rather an expensive one yet the keeping of Softbills will always be my favourite.

R. V. Williams.

The Waxbills' Christmas.

By MRS. HAUTENVILLE COPE.

IT was a typical Christmas frost and snow, but custom dictates the spending of it in the country, and certainly London at the so-called "festivo season" is not desirable, so perforce we had to pack up and depart. Nine little Waxbills; rather a mixed collection. Conspicuously beautiful were the tiny pair of Orange Breast or Zebra Waxbills (*Estrelda subflava*)—a devoted couple, though they never exhibited any desire to nest.

A pair of Firefinches *Lagonistica brunneiceps*), the cock glorious in colour when bought in May; his hen, procured, or rather kept alive out of several, has been with him since September. A young cock Firefinch out of colour in May, in full beauty since September.

A cock Avadavat, who, judging by his colour, is about three or four years old, was in fine orange-red plumage from July to December; now he has only isolated orange feathers left to remind one of his past colouring. Two other Avadavats sold in June as a pair of Golden-Breasted Waxbills.

Lastly, an Orange Cheek Waxbill, bought in September. All these birds are tropical. The Firefinches, though imported by hundreds, are scarce as cage birds, seldom surviving the journey over many weeks; hence both delicate and unsatisfactory. All these nine birds had to brave Christmas in the country.

The Waxbills' Travelling Cage.

In the summer I invented and had made a special cage to take to pieces for travelling; to this I now added a wooden back and sides. The birds were transferred to a small 12in. by 9in. wire cage, and warmly wrapped round with a thick plushette cover secured with cloak straps, were jolted in cab, train, and carriage till they reached their destination

Out came the cage sections, out came the zinc tray; soon the edifice was joined together, and once more they were in their own cage, partitioned into two, I regret to say, owing to the vicious temper of old Ruby, as I call the cock Firefinch, whose spiteful manner to the younger cock causes him to deliberately pursue, fight and swear at the terrified little relation, who fain would seek safety in flight, and hides away in any convenient corner; this animosity only begins with the advent of the hen.

I have urged the necessity of sleeping places, so I put into practice my "idea," and with brown paper and small safety pins constructed rapidly some sleeping bags such as were described in Cage Birds some time ago.

I knew that in a big room well provided with doors and windows—tho latter facing due north—that the temperature would fall, that the birds in the confined space of a cage could not take exercise to keep warm, and that they must consequently feel the cold.

A small thermometer hung on the cage told me exactly the temperature by day; it registered 47 degrees. When the fire was lighted at about 5 p.m., and the shutters closed, the mercury rose, and in a couple of hours registered 60 degrees, sinking before daylight back to 48 degrees. The birds were all in perfect feather, tight, and trim.

Just a Bit Too Cold.

One day the thermometer descended to 45 degrees. Then I noticed all the birds were quieter and puffier, especially the Firefinches. All ate more than usual, but, being away from home, they had no tit-bits, only white millet, spray millet, and a little canary seed and poppy. At home they have small seeds in variety, ant eggs, and other items to vary the menu.

As long as the thermometer did not descend below 48 degrees the birds took their daily bath as usual directly the fresh water was put into the cage, but here I did not put them warm water, as I feared that might tempt them to take baths.

The Avadavats and the Orange Cheek all sat together. The Firefinch pair kept apart by themselves, as did also the Orange-breasted Waxbills. The latter spent most of their time in a nest place I had constructed out of the crown of an old straw hat. The cock flew in first, then rang out his faint song, like a far-away bell ringing; the note by which he called the hen up into the warm seclusion of the nest.

Orange-breasted Waxbills are kind-hearted little birds, albeit quite capable of self-defence, but they will share their nest with any lonely Waxbill, and I saw the young Firefinch received by them as a guest and allowed to go or come as he pleased; he never seemed to amalgamate with the Avadavats.

When one reads in bird books of heated aviaries and the necessity of a high temperature to keep so-called delicate foreign birds alive, I think this Christmas experience of my nine little pets will surprise many people who read it, and that it goes far to convince the observant that wrong feeding and sanitation are accountable for more deaths than climatic conditions.

I ought to specially mention that the bird cage is placed as far as possible away from the windows, and out of draught, and that the plushette cover is thrown across the cage to keep out draught, so that with a wooden back and one side, the light enters at the side, and by as much of the front as is uncovered by the plushette wrap.

The Firefinches sing a good deal every day; a feeble song, but strangely resembling that of the English Robin: occasionally an Avadavat lifts up its pretty voice. Considering that these birds come from very hot countries, it is surprising that they can stand the cold below temperate, i.e., 55 degs., but, curiously, during last year's hot summer I noticed that when it was over 70 degs. they seemed to feel the heat; the cock Avadavat used to sit and gasp for breath after 75 degs. was reached, and all avoided the direct rays of summer sunshine.

Moisture cools air, and Waxbills, in nature, frequent the water-holes, possibly spending their days among dense foliage, bathing more or less all day in very hot weather.

Firefinches Fearless and Familiar.

I love the Firefinches—they are such fearless little things, coming to the side of the cage, chirping back in answer if you talk to them, and when let out of the cage flying on or near those who minister to their daily wants, for they discriminate between friends and strangers.

I wish I could afford to import Firefinches, or that I could have some featherless, sickly specimens to experiment upon; it is a delight to see the new feathers quickly coming; to see the dishevelled, miserable bird daily improving into a resemblance of its beautiful self; but these delights are reserved for those with long purses and large aviaries. If birds look out of condition, it is their owner's fault. This I have proved conclusively.

A Book for Bird Lovers.

A Bird Calendar for Northern India. By Douglas Dewar. (W. Thacker and Co., Creed Lane, Ludgate Hill.) Price 6s.

AT sight of the title of any modern work on Indian birds one instinctively looks for the name of Mr. Dewar on the title page, and when it is found there is a guarantee as to the contents of the volume.

Mr. Dewar has a style of his own, and a delightful one, too. The solid pabulum conveyed in his writings is presented in such a manner that we have no idea of its solidity; we imbibe the knowledge as we would drink a cooling draught, and any one of his books once taken in hand is put down with reluctance. Even if one has the opportunity of reading it through at a sitting, one regrets coming to the end

This latest work, in spite of its somewhat uninviting title, is no exception. The very word calendar seems to carry a "cut and dried" suggestion, but there is nothing of the cut and dried nature in this charming book.

Take the opening paragraph for instance: "Take nine and twenty sunny, bracing English May days; steal from March as many still, starry nights; to these add two rainy mornings and evenings, and the product will resemble a typical Indian January." We have here the key note of the whole work, brightness, and whether the author is referring to the varying characteristics of the months as they come along, or to the birds which are nesting during each month, the brightness is sustained throughout.

The book is worth reading if only for the many items of general information to be found between its covers. For instance, one learns from it all about the "osprey" trade, and the methods adopted by the natives in obtaining the plumes; the construction of the wonderful nests of the Baya, the Tailor-bird, and many others; the artful tactics employed by the Koel cock in enticing away the Crows from their nest, while his mate deposits therein her own egg and removes those which rightfully belong there; the courtship, breeding, and plumage changes of all the birds of the Northern Provinces, and a host of other knowledge.

To the keeper of foreign birds the work is indispensable. It tells him the scientific name of every bird mentioned, describes its eggs and its nest, its movements throughout the year; in short, all there is to know about it. The value of the book is enhanced by a copious index which affords the means of quickly tracing the year's life of any of the birds which come within its scope.

How Bird Societies Can Help their Members.

By the REV. C. B. JOLLIFFE (Cardiff).

(Continued from page 448.)

On June 20 the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe put a question to the members of the Cardiff C.B.S.: "What Advantages can the Society offer its Members?" The lecturer proceeded to answer his own question, and in doing so pointed out methods which should appeal not only to the members of his own society, but to those of every other in the Kingdom. By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe we are enabled to reproduce the lecture for the general benefit.

MAY I appeal to the old member, ripe in experience, who says "they have nothing to teach me," to remember the many things he has learned from others, and in the harder school of personal experience, and come away from his leisure and his birds and give to one and all what he can contribute to the real benefit of our Society and the Fancy.

I am conscious that I have said little about the British section and Mules and Hybrids. A wise man only speaks of what he knows, and I know so little of this section. I am anxious to learn, and when I look upon some of the beautiful colours of the Chaffinch, as I have seen them in Oxfordshire in March, I should like to know how to produce these in November and in captivity. I hope someone will come forward with the desired information.

We come now to some four or five things all of which I think will commend themselves to most of us as things our society can do for its members, and which, if properly organised, will go a long way to make it financially attractive to a great number of people who at present are isolated bird-keepers.

Why Not a Thrift Society?

In all probability the main numerical strength of our membership, like all other C.B. societies, is composed of working men. To my mind this is one of the many beautiful features of the Fancy. You are on your way home with a lovely bouquet of flowers in your hand, a present for the wife or sweetheart (may she be both), when a poor dirty little street girlie call out: "Give us a flower, Mister!" Instantly you class that child with the beggar. That is your mistake. Her eye has seen the beautiful in the flower, and it is the soul of the artist within her that causes her to cry out.

Just so with the genuine lover of birds. The business of Canary breeding is merely incidental: the soul of it all is the love of nature. Removed as men are, in town and city life, from the freedom and beauty of the country, the soul in them cries out for the things that move, and sing, and express themselves in lovely forms and colours.

If the good wife wishes to bring the good man home from his work at top speed, and to keep him there, let her take a deep interest in his hobby. If it be birds, I am sure she will not only, as a sweetheart, have set her trap and caught her bird, but, as a wife, will have found a nice cage in which to keep him.

If there is no mutual hobby, and the man does not clear out after tea, it may be as I once heard of a Wiltshire woman saying to an enquirer: "You want to know what my husband is. Well; when he goes to the Conservative Club he is a Conservative; when he goes to the Liberal Club he is a Liberal; and when he stays at home he is a darn'd nuisance!"

How It Would Work.

Now there are not many working men who take their wages monthly or quarterly, and who are in the habit of handling £10 to £30 in lump sums. They are paid weekly, and their savings are made weekly or not at all. A man will read in CAGE BIRDS that a certain firm is offering giant Spanish at 32s. a cwt., carriage paid. He reckons up that at 4½d. per lb. he pays £2 2s. for his cwt., or if he can manage as much as 2s. 6d. for 7lbs. it still comes to £2 per cwt. Naturally he wishes he had the 32s. to spare, and thus knock off 10s. per year in the cost of his birds. Can the society help him?

Before answering this question let me give you another illustration of how the working man is handicapped, taken from a case related to me. There was a beautiful specimen of a Canary (Yorkshire or Norwich I know not) standing 1st in an open show, and catalogued at 50s. A working man hurried home from his work that day, swallowed his tea, and made a bee line for that show, almost as rapidly as he walked to work in the mornings. His trained eye spotted this bird, and he mentioned the matter to the secretary. "Six p.m., laddie, is the time limit for making claims." He only had a sovereign, and went here and there outside the show, among his friends, in order to raise the other 30s. Back he goes hot foot to the show, but it is now 6.30, and to his keen disappointment the bird had been claimed and paid for.

How could the society help a case like this? If you had asked the man's wife how, out of her small weekly allowance, she was able to pay 36s. for a ton of coals, or a like sum for a really decent pair of blankets, her answer would have been "thro' my thrift society." Gentlemen, why not have a thrift society among our members, into which every member could pay 1s. per week, and at the psychological moment, when he most needed it for his hobby, could come to the secretary and ask for it? No need then for a member to go round with nervous and reluctant feeling to raise the wind, but with a fine manly sense of independence, and with a "joy unspeakable," as he looks at his handsome purchase, he would be able to exclaim: "Mine, and paid for!" The details of organisation I leave to the executive, but I am confident the suggestion is worth considering.

A Co-operative Suggestion.

This matter of purchasing leads me to another suggestion. It must be apparent to us all that whilst we meet together as a body to consider many things concerning our birds, we do absolutely nothing to help each other in the matter of lessening the cost of maintenance.

If the average cost of each bird is now about one penny per week, and we have an average of about 25 birds all the year round, the cost to us annually is about £5 5s. If we can reduce this by £1 1s. we shall be able to prove to every would-be-member that he is getting 21s. for 4s., which puts Mr. Lloyd George's famous 9d. for 4d. into the shade. Permit me to show how it can be done.

For the sake of illustration I will take an average fancier; we suppose he needs annually about 1 cwt. of giant Spanish, costing £2; 14lbs. of rape, costing 5s.; 28lbs. hemp, costing 10s.; 28lbs. granulated biscuit, costing 8s. 6d.; 4lbs. of red pepper, costing 8s.; total, £3 11s. 6d. I confine myself to these five requisites, though I do not overlook eggs, inga, maw, linseed, nesting bags and felts, etc., etc.

Compare these prices with the prices advertised in CAGE BIRDS, for equal quantities, but sold in the bulk, i.e., per cwt:—Spanish, 32s.; rape, 4s. 2d.; hemp, 8s. 9d.; granulated biscuit, 6s. 9d.; pepper, 4s.; total, £2 15s. 8d.

This means a saving of 15s. 10d. on five articles. But, observe that all the above prices are retail. It is my idea that at least 40 out of our 60 to 70 members would combine together, so that we could purchase our stuff at wholesale prices, or at least at a figure much lower than the lowest advertised prices.

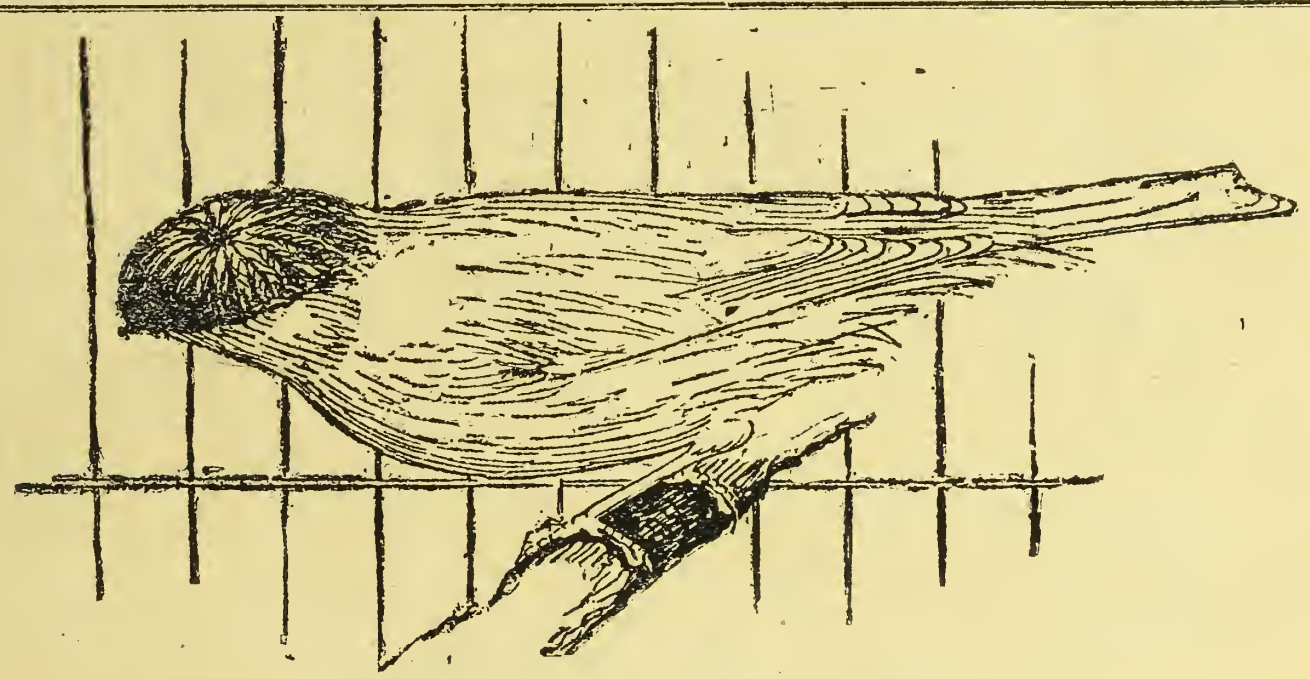
Supposing we put it at a most reasonable figure, viz., 10 per cent. off. Now multiply the £2 15s. 8d. by 40 members and you get a total of £111 5s., and 10 per cent. off this sum comes to £11 2s. 6d. Divide this £11 2s. 6d. among 40 members and you an individual saving of 5s. 7d. Add this 5s. 7d. to the 15s. 10d. saved from the usual purchase price, paid by the working man in his weekly purchases, and you have a total saving of £1 1s. 5d. per member per annum. I am persuaded that this is inducement enough to any wise man to join hands with us in our already progressive and strong society.

Now let us consider one or two objections to this scheme. There are members of our society in the seed business. Would it be fair to jeopardise their livelihood for a purely mercenary purpose? To this I would answer: Give them preference over everyone else in this matter. Let them have the first opportunity of quoting prices. An order for two tons of canary seed is not going to be lightly dismissed by the biggest firm in the kingdom. As to outside seed merchants in the city it may be the means of compelling them to join our ranks for the purpose of availing themselves of the most favoured party clause in one's proposals.

How will this affect the specials at our shows? I am afraid the seed merchants of Cardiff are not greatly struck with the bait of offering seed specials to our members, though I am one who once won a half-cwt. to my great encouragement. The special is one which does not do the seedsman all the good he anticipated. If he limits it to a certain district of the city it does not appeal to all the members of our society, and if he places no geographical limitations on it it may be won by a member living at the other end of Cardiff, whose only interest in this particular shop is in the fact that he has to apply for his special in person. I would meet any loss on this head by making a levy on each member availing himself of this co-operative principle, of 1s. towards these specials to members exhibiting at shows.

How are you going to distribute the seed? I believe large firms are willing to make up the order in hundredweight and half-hundredweight bags, and consign the same to A., B., and C., care of the secretary. If the firm receiving our orders is situated in the city, that firm can and should deliver direct to the members. Anyway, in the hands of our capable executive this scheme could be put into working order, and the executive could be held responsible for the quality and guarantee procured by our expert committee.

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A PROMISING YOUNG CRESTED CANARY.
Winner of 1st Prize at Holborn Hall Show for Mr. H. Mayhew, Bury St. Edmunds.

A Story of a Tame Greenfinch

By MRS. M. J. PARKER (Hailsham).

SOME time ago I sent you my experience of a tame Chaffinch, which I reared from the nest, whilst living in this country town, and it has struck me that it might interest your readers to know of a similar experience that I had with a Greenfinch years ago in London. I notice that two or three writers lately have told about the extreme tameness of the latter bird when their owners take the trouble to pet them.

Some years ago, whilst on a visit to Colchester, I found a very late nest of Greenfinches (I think it was in August). There were two young, and I reared only one, and as I returned to London before the bird could feed itself I used to take it about in a tiny all round wire cage, when going out to tea, etc.

I believe from the colouring that bird was a hen. She became so perfectly tame that a great part of the day she was flying loose in the room, but on no account would she go into any other cage than the absurdly small one I reared or rather fed her in, though I provided her with a nice, fair-sized one.

I intensely dislike the cruelly small cages I see some poor birds confined in, but as my pet spent a great part of the day out of hers it did not matter. I had several birds at that time, but she would not look at them, except, I used to fancy, with scorn.

Why I am sending you this account is because I have wondered at times if it did now show a reasoning power that we do not give birds credit for. I lived at that period with my grandfather, who night and day was under the care of a kind and experienced nurse. He used to get up late in the morning, and after the exertion of being dressed always had a small quantity of wine, and a large soft biscuit. Now the bird was particularly fond of that, and as soon as my grandfather began eating she flew on to his hand and liberally helped herself.

At times this was not approved of, and she was flicked off with his pocket-handkerchief, but that did not trouble her at all, for she used to cunningly slip down on to his knees (where I could not help thinking she knew he could not see her) and would reach up to the biscuit from underneath his hand that held the biscuit, and eat as much of it as she desired. I knew he was quite unconscious of her presence then, and I have always thought she knew that as well as I did.

In the morning at about breakfast time she, as a rule, perched on the curtain rod over the window, and when my brother came down he used to stand in the middle of the room and keep cracking his fingers at her. She never could resist the challenge, and down she would come on to his arm, and then would enter a little sham fight with her beak and down his arm.

Pretty regularly every morning, also, she used to fly up to my bedroom when I went to make my bed, and we used to have the same game together before anything else could be done. An experienced bird fancier told me that had she been allowed to fly out into the garden she would have returned, but living in London, I never ventured to try such an experiment.

She possessed her full share of mischief, for I used occasionally to wear a small necklet of fine plaited pearls, and if she could manage to get on to my shoulder she would only for the pleasure of cracking one or two of the beads, before I drove her off. I believe she loved to hear the crack, as some humans do with a nutshell under their foot.

I think you will agree with me that Greenfinches can be trained to be as faithful, and nearly as intelligent, as a dog. They are very healthy birds. I never remember my pet ailing anything up to her death, which unhappily occurred through her pecking a coloured candle in my bedroom, whilst I was away on a visit.

I should like to say that every week I eagerly look in your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, for other bird lovers' experience and I should like to know what they think of the reasoning powers of the bird creation.

HOW BIRD SOCIETIES CAN HELP THEIR MEMBERS.

(Continued from page 481.)

YOU will observe that I am looking upon our Society as a Brotherhood of Fanciers handed together not only for mutual encouragement, but also for practical help. It ought to be our supreme duty to see that none leaves our Society for the sake of the cheery word and ready sympathy which from time to time one and another may need.

I have been much attracted by the suggestion first started in CAGE BIRDS at the commencement of the war that when our soldier fanciers come back from this terrible and tragic conflict, they shall find true friends in the fancy. But why leave it to the generous few to give a pair of birds? Why not begin at once and open a Friend-in-need-Section of our Society?

We can pass round the hat at our monthly meetings and a penny per month from our sixty members means £13 per annum. With this the Committee could purchase a few good pairs of birds so that our warrior chums might have a good start again. Remember some of these men sold up at a day's notice, and birds which went for 5s. each cost them £2 and £3 each to procure. This would be "keeping the home fires burning" in a decent wholesome fashion.

There are other needy cases which should appeal to us, men who fall ill, some who get out of work, others who have bad seasons, and still others who have the worst of bad luck. These all need putting on their feet again.

I have been impressed by the many who write me from all parts of the Kingdom, who from one cause and another are in danger of dropping out of the fancy and who plead for a chance to get started on the good way again. It is not easy to dismiss these cases by saying—where are the members of the Society in your district?

If every Society in the country had this Friend-in-need-Section we should have one answer to all such, viz:—Why do you not seek the good offices of your Society? We have always done something in a haphazard fashion for the chap who is "down on his luck," but it is so much better to organise these things, set them on a permanent basis, and be ready against the day of need.

What an Advice Committee Could Do.

From time to time we hear of men, usually novices, who have had a glaring fraud perpetrated upon them. Recently in CAGE BIRDS there was a letter headed "Ever been 'Ad?" The writer appealed to fanciers for some suggestion as to the best method of purchasing birds with a decent measure of assurance that, so far as the beginner is concerned, the dishonest and fraudulent practices which are apparent to the matured hand should be prevented.

It has occurred to me that if a small Committee of competent and expert members, say three or four members to each section, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, British, etc. were appointed by the Society to act officially as an Advice Committee, to some extent these injustices could be prevented.

Let me explain. A novice finds he is hopelessly outclassed, and is prepared to spend £5 on a pair of birds. As a novice, the chances are that he is wholly incapable of judging a £5 pair of birds. If he is offered for £5 what is not worth more than 25s. on face value; if the birds are five, six, or even seven years of age; or if something is wrong with the birds' general health, the probability is he will not perceive it. The expert committee would give its advice in all things but pedigree. Here it cannot say "yea" nor "nay," and in this matter it cannot fix the value of the bird or birds.

Again, the purchaser may not like to disclose the price he is prepared to pay, or he may be unwilling to name the source from which the birds are supplied. To that extent he limits the value and service the Advice Committee can be to him, had he given the fullest confidence he would have reaped the highest benefits.

Notice how the position of the seller is affected by the existence of this expert Advice Committee. The novice writes to an advertiser stating the fact that the bird is to be submitted to the Advice Committee before the deal is closed. What happens? If the bird is blowing, tail-wagging, wheezy, scaly-legged inner coverts dropping down, or, in the case of a Norwich with an extra length, the tail has been sand-papered down; in a word, if the bird is possessed of any defect, or has been subjected to malpractices discernible only to the practised eye, the chances are that the would-be vendor is not going to send it out, or, if he does, he has the grace to state its deformity and put down the price accordingly.

In nine cases out of ten the usual message in answer to a reply to an advertisement of this character will be "Sorry the bird is just sold; shall be having more in a few days and will write you." He never does write, for he is not going to face the Expert Committee. The novice he could manage alone, but the novice plus the three "old hands," are too much for him. Even "old hands" may be caught napping at times, but the chances are that the novice will reap the benefit ninety-nine times out of a hundred.

The Expert Committee will give its advice free, and if the novice pays on the value assessed by the Advice Committee, say 1s. in the £, the proceeds can go towards the funds of the Society, and it will tempt the Advice Committee to keep the valuation up. If the novice has been asked less than the assessment then he can pay up with a beaming countenance, concluding of course that he has a good bargain.

Now that one is dealing with purchases through the medium of adverts., it may be as well for me to say that in my opinion neither seller nor purchaser should use the name of the Committee or Society as a guarantee of payment. If the purchaser has not sufficient confidence in the seller to send the full purchase money before receiving the birds, then let him use the deposit system operated by CAGE BIRDS, which, to my mind, is the fairest and soundest system known.

Personally, I never send out birds without receiving the agreed price as deposit. In the event of the purchase being completed, I pay all insurance and the purchaser all carriage; in the event of no purchase all monies are returned less the insurance of the birds. But, even so, I much prefer the deposit system with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS.

In order to prevent the idea that the Advice Committee should be used only for purchases made through the medium of adverts., I wish to say it is my intention that, no matter the source or medium of the purchase, the Committee should act if desired, the purchaser obtaining a voucher from the Secretary, and in the event of no purchase being advised by the Committee the transaction to close on the payment of 1s., if a purchase be effected the poundage to be as above.

(To be continued.)

My Favourite Finches and How I Keep Them.

By T. PARGETER (Banbury).

MY favourite of all British Finches is the Goldfinch, and I think this bird is the most popular with others besides myself. I feed my Goldfinches as follows:—I use good canary seed as staple food, and about twice a week I give a mixture of hempseed, maw, niger, teazle, and gold of pleasure.

Besides these, I give seeding heads of such wild plants as I can gather, especially thistles, hardheads, teazle, shepherd's purse, etc. Treated thus, I find my Goldfinches do very well and keep in perfect health.

The Bullfinch is another favourite of mine, and is even more simple to cater for than the Goldfinch. Its main food is plenty of good sound canary seed. I give no hemp, as I think this seed is very detrimental to the Bullfinch.

I give plenty of green food, almost any kind that is in season, especially groundsel, the heads of which they are very partial to. Fruit of any kind in season such as raspberries, blackberries, privet berries, and elder berries should always be given, and the seeds of dock, plantain, and nettle, also the ash keys which grow in bunches on ash trees.

The Linnet is a favourite with many, and this bird also is easily catered for. I give mine as a staple food simply sound canary food, and sprinkle the cage bottom with waste seed from threshing boxes. This can be got for the asking in most cases. The favourite green food of the Linnet is groundsel and chickweed.

The Chaffinch is not at all difficult to keep, and is very prettily marked. A good canary seed and the wild seed mentioned for the Linnet will serve as staple food, but the Chaffinch should have also a little live food, flies, mealworms, etc. He does not take quite so readily to cage life as the three birds already mentioned, but his beauty and plumage when he is once set repays for all trouble.

One of the simplest birds of all to keep is the Greenfinch. It should be fed on canary, white sunflower seed, and a little hemp. Green food, of course, such as groundsel, chickweed, the seeding heads of cornflower, and the seed pods of winter greens. The waste from the threshing boxes, as for the Linnet and Chaffinch, is also advisable in the keeping of the Greenfinch

The Redpoll is a charming little bird as a pet, and requires only the same treatment as the Linnet. It soon becomes very tame and is one of the easiest of all birds to reconcile to captivity.

The Yellow Bunting, although not so generally kept as the others above mentioned, is a splendid addition to any collection. Most Yellow Buntings are difficult to steady, but when once tamed become charming pets. I feed mine on Spanish canary food with an occasional mealworm, and I give also spiders, flies, moths, and other insect food.

The Bramblefinch is another very pretty bird, he also is one of those which is somewhat difficult to accustom to cage life. He should be fed on canary and the wild seed from the threshing box as in the case of the Linnet.

The Hawfinch is the largest of the Finches, and, although he has no song, he makes a nice pet, and is easy to keep. He requires as food only canary seed, hempseed, white sunflower, and safflower. He is very fond of green peas, and these should be given him as long as they are in season.

Whatever birds are kept, it is most necessary that they should be in cages affording plenty of room for exercise, and if they are kept in an aviary the aviary should not be overcrowded. The bath should be given at any time, and as long as the birds take it they are doing well.

Britain's Goodly Heritage of Songsters.

By "RAMBLER."

THE song of the Thrush is the favourite music of our country, as well-known as it is dear to all who have the opportunity of listening to its strains. Amongst all the ranks of our feathered musicians we cannot find a bird whose melody is so pleasing and varied as that of the "Throstle." His notes may be said to be almost endless in variety, each note, seemingly uttered at the caprice of the bird, and without any perceptible appreach to order.

The Song Thrush warbles throughout the day, but morning and evening are the times when his melody seems at its best. When at the dawn of day, the first streak of morning appears glimmering over the eastern horizon, and surrounding objects are beginning to assume a more decided outline against the grey morning sky, you will be greeted with his first few notes. Gradually they swell into a lovely song, which is carried half a mile or so along the valley by the gentle zephyrs of early morn.

Or should his morning melody not suit your convenience, pay his haunt a visit when the sun is nearing the western horizon, and hear his requiem to the parting day. It may not please so much as his morning song, for then there is a freshness and vigour throughout all animated nature that probably gilds his performance with a higher charm and lends it an additional sweetness. Still, its rich modulation, its infinite variety, and its soothing strains will give unspeakable delight. Listen, then, to its sweetness till the evening has wrapped the woods in gloom, or the night mist creeps round the hills, hiding the speckled songster from your views; for he will warble so long as the last streaks of day are visible.

A Rival of the Nightingale.

But darkness does not always stay his music; and at midnight, notably in midsummer, when the dawn is spreading almost as soon as the twilight leaves the western sky, he will sit and warble, too. There is no monotony in the notes of the Song Thrush; they are for ever on the change; and when the birds are numerous and full of song, the effect produced is indeed a grand one, and far beyond the art of the most graphic pen to describe.

The song of the Blackbird is first heard in the latter part of February, and continues with undiminished power till the end of May. His notes are on the wane throughout June, and in July his mellow pipe is hushed during the autumn moult until the advent of the following spring. Though rich and full in tone, it possesses little variety; but still the Blackbird's melody is amongst the finest music of all known birds; for what it lacks in variety is made up in compass and richness of tone.

Early morning, about sunrise, and after five o'clock in the evening, in the latter part of April, are perhaps the times the Blackbird's powers of song are heard to the best advantage. On the topmost twig of some lofty oak, or hid away amongst the foliage of the lowest branches, he will sit in the dusk of the early morning and warble his wild flute-like song, which floats gently on the still cool air, as he greets the now glowing eastern sky, and later the rising sun. Then again in the evening he sings as loud and full as in the morning.

Although the Blackbird warbles his delightful strains at all hours of the day, still it is in the morning and evening that the lover of nature can pause and listen to the bird's wild strains in fullest enjoyment; for he strives his best to herald the approaching day and sing its requiem in his choicest tones.

The Skylark has no great variety of notes, his compass is small; nor are the notes either powerful or rich in tone; but he pours forth his song so industriously, so continually, and arranges his notes so harmoniously, that the songs of few birds are listened to with more pleasure. The song of the Skylark is pre-eminently cheerful; and if the monotony and continuousness of the music reminds you of that of a bagpipe it has at least no melancholy in its tone; it is not continued for so long a time as is generally supposed, ranging from two minutes to a quarter of an hour.

The Linnet's song is heard most frequently in early spring. Then very often the males of a flock will warble in chorus from a tree top, filling the air for some distance around with their melody. Perhaps the Linnet's song is best heard to advantage, however, when the flocks disperse, and each pair is engaged in domestic duties. Then, it may be in some dense mass of furze bushes, a low warbling song may be heard proceeding from a cock Linnet sitting on the topmost spray serenading to his mate. The song is not very loud, part of it is somewhat harsh, but it is varied by those low melodious notes which make this species so popular with the bird fancier.

The Bullfinch's song, which is usually uttered in a low tone as to be scarcely audible at a distance, as if he were fearful of being discovered in the act, is very pleasing and mellow. The Bullfinch is in great request as a cage bird, from the readiness with which it will learn to whistle various tunes, and from its docile and confiding disposition.

The Chaffinch is a lively bird, and rarely fails to attract the attention of even the most casual observer, as it either sits on some exposed twig and rattles off its merry laughing song, or mayhap as it flits along the hedgerows.

Early in March, when the pale primroses are peeping from under the withered leaves, and the hawthorn shows the first signs of verdure, the song of the Chaffinch assists in welcoming the advent of spring. At this season it is the life of the woods and groves, almost the only music the boughs afford.

The song of the Chaffinch is short and even monotonous compared with that of many other birds; still there is a freshness and sprightliness about it that well makes up for its lack of melody.

The Robin's Plaintive Music.

The Robin is one of our few perennial songsters, and warbles incessantly throughout the year, except for a few weeks in autumn while undergoing his annual change of dress. We have scarcely a bird in Britain that possesses a song so rich and plaintive as that of the Robin—a song that has so peculiar a charm as to border on sadness, especially as it greets the ear in the decline of autumn when the year is fast dying away.

There is nothing particularly sweet in the Yellowhammer's strains, but there is something about them that has a great charm in the opening year, and lends a sense of life to the surrounding scenery. The song consists of one note repeated several times in quick succession, concluding with two others drawn out to a considerable length.

The Yellowhammer is a most pertinacious songster; what he lacks in quality, he makes up in quantity, and throughout the summer his music is heard in untiring strains. No other bird, save the Robin and Wren, sings so late in to autumn. He commences early in February and continues in song until September.

Like the Robin, the Wren is also a perennial songster. With the exception of a few weeks in early autumn, during the moulting season, its loud carol may be heard at all times of the year. In spring when all nature is full of life and vigour, the Wren's wild lay is prominent amongst all the bird songs, as it pours from the little creature buried and unseen in the dense growth of sprouting ferns, of anemones and graceful bluebells.

In summer he warbles at all hours of the day. In autumn amidst the showers of falling leaves, his melody, like the Robins, is almost the only bird music we hear, and in winter his song is just as cheerful amongst the icicle-draped roots and snow-covered branches as it was amongst the flowers of spring and summer.

The song of the Wren is remarkably loud for the size of the bird, and is composed of a series of jerking notes followed by a rapid trill, the whole abruptly terminated as though the bird had been frightened.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Open Linnet contest, Clarence Hotel. Tbough many birds are in the moult, 14 birds entered, and we heard some good singing. 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, Binns. Judges, S. Butterfield and Huchinson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmaker's Arms, Saville Green, Aug. 6; 24 birds sang: 1, Shaw; 2, Playforth; 3, 4, dead heat, Marshall, Butler. Judges, C. Biss, W. Wheelbouse. Aug. 13, 15 birds; 1, Marshall; 2, Watson; 3, Thompson. Judges, J. Smith, W. Lacy.—W. Lacy, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn. Linnet contest, Aug. 13, under a very good company, for 4min. time sing: 1, Hardman, 2min. 46sec.; 2, James, 2.44; 3, Fishwick, 2.12 Night sweep: 1, Fishwick, 2min. 25sec.; Hardman wins £1 bet with 2min. 3sec. Open contest, Melbourne Hotel, Sheffield Road, Aug. 9. Landlord will give 10/-; and Mr. J. Norburn will give a special. First bird in window at 3.30.—J. Hardman, Sec.

Queries Answered

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and conclude with either the correct name or a pseudonym.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must be written on separate sheets of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*Queries received during any week, up to the* **first post on Saturday morning,** *will be answered in the issue bearing date of Saturday in the* **following** *week.*

(7)—*If an answer by post is desired from our specialists, a postal order for sixpence must accompany any query relating to sickness of birds, or a shilling in ordinary enquiries, with a stamped and addressed envelope in either case. Dead birds must not be sent to the office (see Post-mortems).*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Postcards are not admissible.*

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

COLOUR-FEEDING YOUNG (Major).—Provided you use only pure tasteless pepper, without any admixture of natal, or hot pepper, the young in the nest would not take any harm from your supplying colour-food to the cock which has begun to moult and is still helping to rear the brood of young. But if you could depend upon the hen rearing them by herself, or if the cock ceases to attend to their wants, as he may very likely do, you should remove him to a cage by himself to "feed" and moult him properly. Whilst not harmful to the young under the conditions named, colour feeding young in the nest is rarely profitable.

DOUBTFUL SEX (Ignorant).—I should be strongly inclined to think the bird is a cock, especially if the throat throbs very perceptibly when it is singing and the song is anything more than a mere scrappy performance; and to test this you should have mated it with a known hen in good breeding condition to see what the result would be. But it is too late to do this now this year, so you will have to wait until next spring, when, if the doubt continues, you would do well to try this plan for the first brood. It is quite possible for a cock to rear young birds that are given to it. It is a thing that has been known to occur on many occasions.

GONE WRONG ON FEET (Hardee).—It is quite possible for trouble with the feet, such as you describe, to be hereditary in a strain, but, of course, no one can say that this is the case in any particular occurrence, if one knows only the immediate parent, and that is a newly-acquired specimen which shows no trace of the trouble itself. If the trouble were inherent in the strain, it is not essential to its transmission that the specimen should be affected itself. Try what the following treatment will do for it in a month or so. First of all put in cage one moderate-sized perch, of a nearly round shape, and another thin one, about the shape and out very little thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. Then get two saucers and fill one with fairly hot water, but well below scalding point, of course, and the other with cold water, and dissolve a good teaspoonful of common salt in the cold water. Catch the bird and immerse the affected foot, or feet, in the hot water for a few minutes, then at once transfer it to the cold saucer for a similar length of time, then back to the hot for a minute or two, and again to the cold. Repeat this five or six times, and be careful to finish in the cold water. Dry the foot, and gently rub all over with some Jeyes' veterinary ointment. If small corn-like callositics form under the scales, as may happen, they may be removed by a vet., but the cure depends very much upon the extent of the mischief. Repeat the bathing and anointing mentioned above every second day for two or three weeks, as may seem necessary, and then leave the perches to complete the cure in the course of Nature, which will probably take a few months.

DISAPPOINTING (Three Bad Bargains).—(1) The Yorks cock may be troubled with overfeeding or may be a weakly specimen that has passed the zenith of his fitness. In any case, try the following course of treatment. As staple diet give plain canary seed only, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, rape and teazle, and on the alternate days give just a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, in the egg-drawer. Give liberal supply of green salads or such things as plaintain stalks daily. Also offer the bath daily. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. (2) Treat this hen the same as No. 1, with the exception that instead of giving the gentian tonic at the finish, give five drops each of oxymel of squills, tincture of lobelia, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. If wheezing is not then quite stopped omit the medicine for one week, then resume it, and give it again for another fortnight. (3) I cannot confirm the statement that this hen is suffering from liver trouble without full particulars about her, and especially as to the condition of the droppings and bowels. Try the following treatment for a month, and if not then better write again and give the fullest particulars. In addition to the above seed dietary, give a morsel of bread and milk twice a week, and sprinkle it each time with a pinch of maw. In the water give the lemon juice and salts mixture as above for a week, and after this dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in two tablespoonfuls of water; add a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and when dissolved add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this mixture in place of pure water for drinking every second day for three weeks. Do not attempt any more breeding this year. Next season, if not already past the period of their usefulness, the hens may show better results, but if you know that they are now several years old, you would do well to discard them for any further breeding.

RAPE AND DIARRHŒA (Crest).—The specimen of rape sent is not the genuine summer rape, which is of a more reddish tint. The kind sent is often sold as summer rape, and its only bad point is the one you have found out—that it is very relaxing. If you cannot get the reddish-brown seed you would doubtless find this answer very well if you give it separately mixed with equal parts hemp, broken groats, and chopped sunflower seed. Otherwise give it in such quantities as will just serve to keep the bowels normally free. To remove the excessive looseness, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake well dusted with carconate of bismuth and sprinkled with maw seed, and add to the water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium daily until it is stopped. The above feeding will obviate the necessity for giving mixed seed daily as you rightly wish to avoid doing.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

PROCURING LINNETS (Hilda).—Undoubtedly the best time to purchase Linnets is directly they are through the moult, say, the month of October. Before the war one could occasionally get hold of a few branchers that made good cage birds. These had not moulted, and the doing so in confinement caused them to settle down quickly, so that they were no trouble during the winter. Your best plan would be to visit one of the dealers in your city and select a couple of bold-looking birds, that are not too wild. See that they have nice clean feet free from scales, as these are generally young ones.

FEEDING A HAWFINCH (Dollie).—I am glad to hear you like the paper, and I expect in time as you read about different species you will be extending your collection. The greatest secret in keeping a Hawfinch in good health is variety in diet, and with your garden and surroundings this should be no trouble to you. His principal food should consist of good sound sunflower, a little linseed, canary, rape, and sometimes wheat, dari, oats, and small maize. Then at odd times you can offer him beechmasts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, yew, and other wild berries, also various nuts. They are not particularly keen on green food, but will sometimes nibble a little chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, etc. A little fruit should be offered, such as ripe apple and pear. Green peas they are particularly fond of. You need not depend upon mealworms; small caterpillars, beetles, gentles, etc., will answer the same purpose. Keep the bird in a cage large enough for him to exercise in, and give the bath frequently. See that he does not catch cold, as these birds are rather susceptible to this complaint.

FINCHES FOR MULING (Mrs. M. W. J. Orme).—Questions relating to Canaries and British birds should be sent on different slips of paper. The most popular birds for Mule breeding are Linnets and Goldfinches. These make handsome birds and are good songsters. You should procure the cock birds in the autumn and let them fly with the hen Canaries during the winter months to get used to each other before the breeding season. (2) I do not think you can do better than send to this office for our Nutshell booklet on the Skylark, post free 2½d. You will find in it full directions for making suitable food for this bird, or you can get a pound of insectile food and feed him on it, mixing with it a portion of scraped raw carrot or boiled potato. He should also have a little mixed seed, and any insects you can collect for him.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MOULTING A GOLDFINCH (A. B.).—As a rule Goldfinches are not difficult birds to moult. The real difficulty is to moult them so that they are fit for exhibition soon after they are through. Now, in a wild state, a Goldfinch is well up in colour directly he has put on his new plumage. Of course, the colour is not equal to that of the spring, but still it is richer than on birds moulted in confinement. The two factors to this end are food and fresh air, and these should be imitated as closely as possible when moulting exhibition birds. The food can be had in abundance for those who are in a position to collect it. Thistle, teazle, knapweed, grass, and a host of other seeds can be gathered on any waste ground, and should be given freely, in addition to the usual mixed seed. Greenfly and small insects should also be offered. An abundance of fresh air and the daily bath are both absolutely necessary to success.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING BLUE-FRONT (Cerebus).—I do not think there is much wrong with your bird. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Give ripe fruit daily, also nuts. Probably a change of seed mixture might benefit him. Give him some other seed preparation, otherwise feed as usual. Do not omit to keep grit (Parrot grit), cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood, for it to exercise its mandioles upon continually in the cage. Treat as above for a month and then report progress.

PURCHASING A PARROT (Neuadd Aber).—(1) Both of the dealers you name have been regular advertisers in "Cage Birds" over a long period, therefore their transactions presumably give, at any rate, average satisfaction. More than this I cannot say in this column. (2) I will place the birds in order of merit: Grey, Amazon, Indian; the two latter are hardier than the Groy, and a good Amazon is a very interesting and amusing bird. The present is a good time to buy. (3) Grey, £5 to £15; Amazon, £3 to £10; Indian, £2 to £5. The price varies acording to talent. Cheap birds are mostly newly imported, and may or may not have commenced to talk.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (Esperance).—I certainly am not impatient and am only too pleased to help "C.B." readers as far as possible. Some failures are almost impossible to account for, and yet they occur, in spite of correct treatment, thorough cleanliness, and every care. I think I would try another hen, and then, if you get no luck sell out in November. Do out your aviary thoroughly, and in the spring make a fresh start. If you have to do this, apply to me per the Editor I will do my best to put you in the way of getting breeding stock. Judging by your various letters, your failure has not been for the lack of careful or correct treatment, but rather the perversity of individual birds. Many Budgies are bred in aviaries no larger than yours, out the more space they get for wing exercise, the fitter and stronger they are likely to be, and consequently the more rosy the prospects of successful breeding. After carefully reading through your letter, I cannot give any other reason for your failure other than the perversity of your birds. It seems almost impossible that you could have got hold of three really barren pairs, though you may possess inbred or too closely related stock, and if so, this may be the cause in part.

MOULT OF PARROT (J. Berkley).—Many are moulting at the present time, but the period is rather variable, especially in newly-imported birds, which often drop odd feathers at intervals, more or less frequent during their first 12 or 18 months in this country. See that in addition to the ordinary diet your bird gets grit (Parrot grit), cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood in its cage continuously. For the next two months put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and, on intermediate days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, taole scraps, or any kind of animal food.

WILL IT TALK? (W. W., Cardiff.—Some Galahs become really talented birds, but there are many others that only whistle a little and mimic sounds and cries. From what you state I should say there is a strong probability that your bird would, at any rate, talk a little. Keep it where it will not be scared by rushy movements, yet where it will share your life and hear plenty of talk, etc., going on around it. Also when it is in restful mood teach it by the constant repetition method—words and short phrases. There is no royal road; it's a case of patience and perseverance.

HEN BUDGERIGARS NOT RENEWING FEATHERS (May C.).—They may not have commenced the moult at the same time, and the hen may be merely a little behind her mate, or it may be a case of old age, or only a slight indisposition which is cheeking matters. Give them a seed mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and a tablespoonful of crushed oats twice a week. While obtainable free from frost, supply as much flowering and seeding grass as they care to eat. Keep grit and cuttlebone continually in the cage. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Treat so for a month, then report progress.

BARE POLLS (A. M. C.).—I do not think there is anything infectious the matter with your birds. At the same time I should examine the aviary furniture for parasites, and if you find any scald them and spray all the aviary woodwork with a quassia solution. Personally, I think it merely the result of wear and tear, with possibly a little bickering thrown in, which the moult will rectify. Put a little fluid magnesia in the drinking water twice a week, and lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food two or three times a week. Some pairs of Zebra Finches have bad habits, such as you describe, but before you condemn them be sure they are not being disturbed by insects, mice, or other birds. You should have a prospect of success with such as Bengaleso, Bib Finches, Java Sparrows and the like in your cages. Re the large box cage for Parrakeets, the paint should not do any harm unless it is very new. I have in the past kept Parrakeets in painted cages, and though they have cut them up considerably, have suffered no harm therefrom.

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Miss Ormsby.—Budgerigar died as the result of advanced liver disease. This was no doubt responsible for the symptoms displayed during life.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Feeding a Thrush (J. Stones).—We fear that although you say your Thrush is doing well, it will not continue to thrive on the diet you are giving it. Crushed hemp seed and bread crumbs are a totally unsuitable food, and the bird is practically existing on the few worms and pieces of raw meat which you say you are giving it three times a week. Raw meat will sooner or later set up diarrhœa, and you will lose the bird unless you alter its diet. You should give it a good brand of insectile food, such as you will see advertised in our columns, with some Spratt's or other poultry meal added. To enough of this for one day you should add sufficient boiled potato or scraped carrot to make the whole crumbly moist, and you should give besides this the small worms you mention and a snail or two when you can get them. Our Nutshell on the Thrush or the one on the larger insectivorous birds (No. 26) will assist you in the proper management. Our Manager would send you either of these post free for 2½d., or you could get them at your local corn shop or bird dealer's for 2d. each.

Linnet or Redpoll (C. Parr).—See Mr. Norman's replies next week for an answer to your query. Also please see Rule 6 at the head of these columns.

Suitable Bird House (G. Wood).—It is, of course entirely a matter for your own option whether you use the place for breeding Canaries or for Hybrid breeding. The former is, of course, the more easy of the two. Please see Rule 6 at the head of these columns, and look among Mr. Norman's replies next week for an answer to your muling question. You did not send your address with your query.

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East Ham F.S.—Aug. 24, Central Liberal Club (opposite Town Hall, East Ham), 8. General meeting and lecture by Messrs. F. W. Axam and J. A. Smith. Prizes won at show, July 15, to be presented. Visitors, especially ladies, heartily welcomed.—W. A. Harwood.

East Ardsley.—Aug. 19, Black Swan, 7. Inter-club specials and prize money.—A. Walton.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Aug. 26, Temporary Hall, Grahams Road, 7.30. To consider the advisability of holding the annual show. Fanciers please come to this meeting so that the business can be fully settled. New members invited.—W. Clarkson.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Fixing date of annual show and nomination of judge.—G. Vipond.

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Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Railway Hotel, 7. Table N.F. show. Judges, Messrs. Brooks and Davies (Bolton). Birds staged 7.30.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—Aug. 24, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Please note, meeting a week earlier. Mr. H. G. Hill will give a paper on the "Training of the Roller Canary."—J. W. Thomson.

Manchester & N. Counties O.S.—Aug. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 8. October show business and discussion on change of meeting room.—F. Wilkinson.

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Northern British Mule and F.B.C.—Aug. 26, Shield's Cafe, 8. Allot patronage, etc. Subs. due. New members invited.—W. Curry.

Penygraig C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Butcher's Arms, 6. A lot of business to go through; offices to fill; also to discuss early show; subs. due.—G. Padfield.

Partick C.B.C.—Sept. 1, Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road, 8. T. Fraser.

Stanley Victoria F.F. & C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Club Room, 7. To elect poultry judge and make up schedule.—R. Hutchinson.

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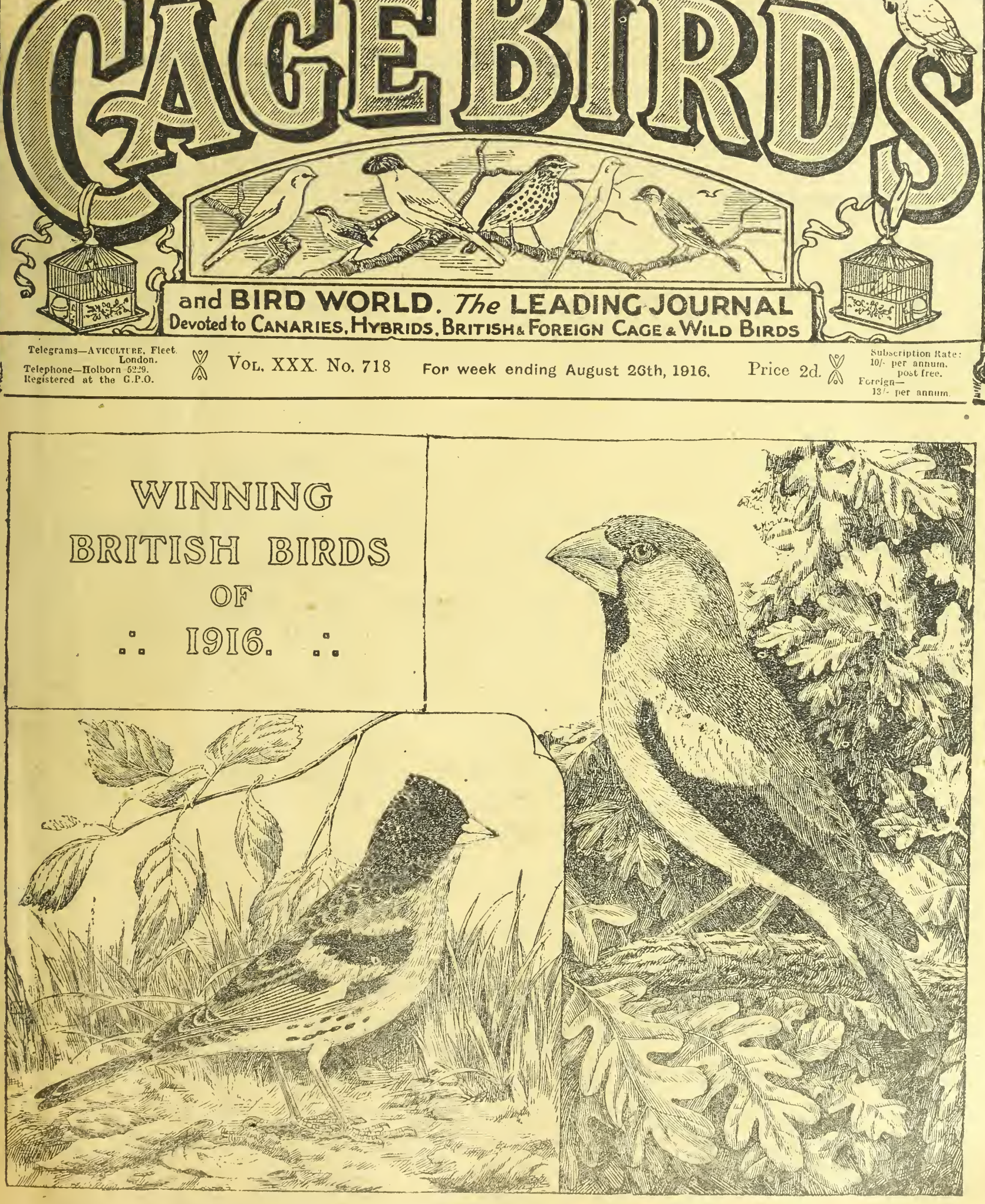
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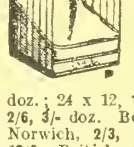
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BURNLEY C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Club Rooms, 75, Lindsay Street, 7.30. Free and easy evening. Subject, "Disclosure of the Hat." Friends heartily invited.—W. Broxup.

BLAYDON C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show, and other important business.—G. Havver.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.—Sept 2, Raith Arms. Inn, 6.—A. Robertson.

DUBMIRE WORKMEN'S CLUB C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 11 a.m. Special business.—Geo. T. Lynn.

GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES CLUB.—Sept. 2, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Classification and other Club Show business.—J. H. Adam.

GLASGOW AND W. OF SCOTLAND.—Aug. 29, 100, W. Regent Street, 8. Lecture on Canaries by Mr. R. Heggie. A large turn-out of members and friends requested.—M. Craig.

G.E. RAILWAY F.A.,—Sept. 15. Members' young stock show; entries close Sept. 9.—E. W. Dawson.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.—Aug. 28, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for classification for open show and other business.—A. Lawford.

HALIFAX O.S.—Aug. 26, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Discussion re annual open show. A good attendance is earnestly desired as it is of great importance.—J. J. Dunn.

ILKESTON C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Derby Arms. F.F. show. Birds staged at 5; judge, Mr. J. Booth.—T. Smith.

LARKHALL C.B.A.—Sept. 2, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Fixing up classification and judges for annual show. Closing date for young bird cup competition Sept. 16. New members invited. Subs. due.—T. J. McGregor.

LONG EATON C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Blue Bell Inn, 7.—J. Turner.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Open show business.—J. W. Reed.

NEWCASTLE EAST END C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Blue Bell Inn, Shields Road, 7.30. General business; subs. due.—E. Coltman.

NORTHERN BORDER FANCY C.C.—Sept. 6, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, 7.30. Election of sec., and other very important business. Members are specially requested to be present.—C. Farrer.

N. LIVERPOOL C.B.S.—Sept. 5, 8. Lecture on Hybridising by Mr. J. W. Cutmore. Friends welcome.—H. Holden.

N.W. GLASGOW C.B.C.—Aug. 29, 44, Napiershall Street, 7.45. Classification for annual show and paying of points spls. over monthly show.—P. Heuston.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES.—Aug. 30, Headquarters, 8. To discuss desirability of autumn show.—H. J. Lockhart.

QUEEN'S PARK (GLASGOW) C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.45. Annual show business. Specials won at F.F. show given out at this meeting.—A. K. Hunter.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Mail Coach, Wellgate, 7. Special meeting, half-year.—W. Wilshaw.

SHEFFIELD O.S.—Aug. 29, Rotherham House, 8.15. Committee meeting. Very important business re open show.—E. C. Job.

SWANSEA C.B.A.—Aug. 26, Elysium, High Street, 8.—J. H. Ford.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.—Aug. 26, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. Arrangement for members' show, hall, judges, date; to receive deputation from Sunderland F.A.; appointment of a sec. (pro tem.), present sec. called up. Subs. overdue.—J. Peacock.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE B.F.A.—Aug. 29, "Trinity House," Shaw Heath, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

SACRISTON P.P.R. AND C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 7. Schedules for open show, etc. To exhibit at reduced entry fee, annual subs must be paid by Sept. 19.—Wm. Dodd.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Oxley's Hotel, 6.30. Schedule annual show, and other very important business.—G. F. Dates.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.—Aug. 29, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Classes for annual show.—A. H. McLean.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Open show.—H. Warburton.

WEST BROMWICH AND HANDSWORTH.—Aug. 26, Ivy House, 7.30. Schedule for inter-club show.—P. T. Cowley.

WEST STANLEY EMPIRE F.F. AND C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Club Room, 7. Confirm schedule and present J. H. Stephenson with medal.—R. Hutchinson.

WOMBWELL B.F.A.—Sept. 2, Ship Inn, 7. Special meeting for annual show and to select judge.—F. Moore.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Aug. 20; 15 birds sang. 1, Marshall; 2, Walls; 3, Smith. Judges, W. Lacy, J. Bamfield, W. Wheelhouse.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 13. 14 birds sang. 1, 2, Ward; 3, Ineson; 4, Smith. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant. Aug. 30, 15 sang: 1, 4, Ward; 2, 3, Chippindale, Judges, Hardcastle and Sissons.—W. Naylor, Sec.

Linnet singing contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Aug. 20; 13 birds sang and some very good singing was heard. Owing to the birds falling off in the moult we have given up Saturday, as there are not many birds in condition: 1, Marshall; 2, Wigfield; 3, A. Butterfield. Judges, T. C. Summers and S. Butterfield.—T. C. Summers. Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Melbourne Hotel, Open Linnet Sing, Aug. 19; very poor entrance owing to moult. Five mins. time sing: 1, Fishwick, 3min. 26 sec.; 2, F. Norman, 2 57; 3, Norburn, 1 57. Norburn wins his own special; nearest 1min. Dove Inn Club sing, Aug. 20, for 5min. time Fishwick 2 min. 46 sec.; Norburn 1 17; F. Norman, 38sec. Troops wins special, 31 sec., nearest 30secs. Night sing, three entered: 1, G. B. Jones, 1min. 54sec. Fishwick wins all bets with 1 44.—J. Hardman. Sec.

Club Reports.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F., F., &c.

Meeting Aug 20, Mr. J. Armitage, chair, and another grand turn up of members. We made up a schedule of 54 classes, so we are going to have plenty of classes to suit all members.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, Aug. 9, Mr. J. S. Dixon presiding, and a good turn-out. Report of young bird show was given and adopted unanimously. Decided to have annual schedule drawn up at next meeting, Sept. 6. New members elected: A. Hirons, G. Scott, A. Tucker (Boldon); H. T. Russell, W. R. Smith (Sunderland); R. White (Wallsend). We have a membership now of 50, which is a good record for a society which was formed on Jan. 26, 1916. Our radius is 20 miles. Entrance, 1s.; sub., 2s. 6d.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Aug. 12, Mr. Swan presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Russell (Sunderland) was elected to membership. Decided to hold a Members' Show, but before fixing date and place, it was moved that a deputation (Messrs. Waters, Swan, and Sec.) attend the meeting of the Sunderland F.A., with a view to their holding their show in conjunction with us as last year, so that arrangements could be made to suit both societies. Since the meeting I understand that a deputation has been appointed by the Sunderland Fanciers for our next meeting. The Northern Crest Club will hold their Annual Club Show with our Members' Show.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mr. W. F. Swan presided over a large meeting. After a long discussion on our patronage it was decided not to give any patronage, but to hold a Members' Crest Show in conjunction with the Sunderland C.B.S., on Dec. 26, Mr. J. Clark, Sunderland, judge. There will be twelve classes for Crests and Crest Breds with a shilling entry fee; prizes on the sliding scale. There will be the usual cup competition with a gold medal with each cup, but there will be no silver medals this year, a half-crown special being given in their place for most points in each class. Birds to be staged by nine o'clock. The classes are: Crest, cock, hen.; Yell. Crest, Crest 1916, Yellow Crest 1916, Novice Crest; same in Crest Bred. There will be another meeting before the show, when I hope there will be a large turnout of members. A few members have not paid subs. for 1916; kindly do so, so as to swell our membership and make a good show when it comes round.—G. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlow Hall, Leonard Street, Aug. 14; Vice-president, Mr. B. Crawford, chair. Club show to be held Oct. 21. Judge, Mr. W. Grewar, Lochgelly. Classes as last year. Decided to get Leith prize cards. Mr. J. Styles was appointed treasurer for the year, as our treasurer is going to Dundee. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chair.

W. BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH.

Meeting, July 29, Ivy House, Handsworth. Messrs. Sheldon, Hicklin, and Hernshaw were elected members. Mr. Loach (Wolverhampton) was nominated as a vice-president, also as a member. Mr. Jeffries (Harbourne) was also nominated for membership. Agreed that young stock show be held in October, Mr. Baker (Perry Barr) to judge. After a heated discussion it was decided to abandon open show and to have an inter-club show in its place, inviting City of Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and South Birmingham to show. Mr. Roe (Perry Barr) to judge.—T. Cowley, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

A Social Evening and a Presentation.

On Aug. 19 the members of the Swansea C.B.A., held a social at Messrs. Palmer's, Oxford Street (Mr. Alf. Richards in the chair), and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The event was made the occasion of presenting to Mr. W. J. Jenkins a small token of appreciation of the services rendered to the society in officiating as judge at the Young Bird Show, a duty which he carried out in a most admirable manner and gratuitously. The presentation, which took the form of a pipe and case and pouch, was suitably made by Mr. J. W. Ford, the senior member of the society present (Mr. Phil. Jenkins, the senior member being unavoidably absent through illness). Mr Jenkins suitably responded and said that it afforded him the greatest pleasure to do what he could for the society and the fancy generally.

The evening was then given over to singing, the programme of which was ably attended to by Mr. S. Slocombe. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Bodycombe, Evans, Williams, and Jenkins; elocutionist, Mr. Thomas. At the close a hearty vote of thanks to all who had taken part in entertaining the members was moved by Mr. J. H. Ford, and seconded by Mr. J. E. Jeffries, to which all responded in a hearty manner.—J. H. Ford, Sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

An Important Decision.

Meeting, Aug. 15, Cock and Lion Hotel, Wigmore Street, London, Mr. F. A. Lester presiding. There was a good attendance and, more welcome still, a good number of new members to propose. So far 30 have been added to the roll this year. Judging from the reports of members present it would appear that the breeding season has been satisfactory on the whole. The proposed Roller Canary Association and the scheme of rules, etc., published in Cage Birds, Aug. 5, came under careful discussion, and it was proposed by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Hocking, and carried unanimously that: "Whereas the British Roller Canary Club fail to see where the rules proposed by the Leeds Club would benefit the Roller fancy any more than the concessions given by the B.R.C.C. as already published in Cage Birds, they therefore decide not to become a club under the proposed Board of Control, as the B.R.C.C. at the present time fulfil all the requirements of the Roller fancy, and have moreover by their efforts brought the fancy to its present prosperous condition."

It is hoped at next meeting in September that one or more members will be able to bring some birds for the purpose of mutual edification, and to this end if any member chooses to bring up even a faulty bird, it will be of service for demonstration.—Sec., J. W. Norris; reporter, H. W. Gutierrez.

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How Bird Societies Can Help their Members.

By the REV. C. B. JOLLIFFE (Cardiff).

(Continued from page 482.)

On June 20 the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe put a question to the members of the Cardiff C.B.S.: "What Advantages can the Society offer its Members?" The lecturer proceeded to answer his own question, and in doing so pointed out methods which should appeal not only to the members of his own society, but to those of every other in the Kingdom. By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe we are enabled to reproduce the lecture for the general benefit.

ANOTHER service the society can render its members is in the disposal of stock which is no commendation to the breeder. From time to time breeders, who have the courage and enterprise to experiment with their birds, have birds which are either small, browy, or out of proportion to type. Some are beautiful show specimens, but neither layers nor feeders; others are eaters of eggs and young. Some cocks cannot fertilise eggs, and some hens will not rear their offspring. Some beautiful birds which we thought were hens at the last turn out to be cocks. As hens they were ideal; as cocks they are useless to us.

What are we to do with such as these? Sell them! Aye, but, to be frank, that is the difficulty. Give them away! Yes, but you have not solved the problem for the expert breeder with a reputation to be maintained.

If you give them away to a friend, you can only give away singing cocks, and some day a breeder will see one of these, and, there being something about it which attracts his notice, he asks, "Where did you get this bird?" "Oh, So-and-so bred it," says your friend; and it may be the breeder goes away saying: "So that's the stuff he turns out, is it?" and the thermometer of your reputation sinks to zero.

On the other hand, if you sell to a dealer, say for 2s. 6d., a bird for which in the ordinary way you would have asked 20s., simply because you want it gone, and the half-crown means 7lbs. of canary seed in its place, to your amazement you find the dealer has been trading on your reputation.

You can see your birds in his window, "So-and-so's strain, 15s. 6d.; best of blood here!" Yes, and the best blood you have is bad blood, nigh to boiling point. The very thing you desired to avoid is being shouted from the house-tops.

To add insult to injury the buyer is sent round to you with a request for its pedigree, etc., etc. You parted with that bird for a mere 2s. 6d. because you never wished to hear of it again or to be identified with it in any way. Now, like the poor, it is with you always.

What are we to do with this kind of stock? From all I can gather, the practice with some breeders is to wring the birds' necks and throw them in the ashbin. When it comes to egg and young eaters, and to hens who desert their young, I am not greatly troubled in conscience at their fate; indeed they deserve it, and in the majority of cases this is what should be done with them. But in the case of a bird which has done nothing to deserve this treatment I confess that my reputation cannot sentence that bird to death. I cannot take life except for a purpose. Fortunately for me, I have never been in a position where I could not dispose of all my stock. Maybe I am not experimental enough, my motto being "let well alone," and if I am disposing of non-feeders I frankly say so, and deduct price accordingly; but the rest of the Fancy are not all in this happy condition.

My suggestion is that the Society gather all the members' surplus and unsaleable stock, any time after Christmas, and buy each bird at a price, and then offer them to the many advertisers who are willing to take surplus stock at from 24s. per dozen up to £1 per pair "for export"! They would go without fear that your good name would be written on a label and tied to each bird's leg.

I am not greatly concerned as to what the dealer may think about this plan. I do know one thing, however, viz., that the best advice I can offer to any purchaser of breeding stock is never to buy of a dealer unless that dealer is a specialist breeder and will sell you the home-grown article.

I sincerely hope no one will accuse me of suggesting that dealers are dishonourable people. Far from that; only as dealers they neither seek nor care about the history of the bird they are selling. To them face value is everything; to the genuine pedigree breeder face value, however desirable, is not everything by long chalks.

You will observe I suggest the Society should purchase each bird from the members, and thus all profit would go to the Society. This will obviate all trouble about this or that bird being worth more than another; also the question of commissions. In any case, it is a matter for the committee to decide.

If "Cage Birds" is Snowed Under.

I do not know if any of us have fully considered what would happen in these days if no such medium for advertising stock, or reporting shows, as the one and only paper devoted to our hobby, viz., Cage Birds, were to be withdrawn owing to the financial difficulties created by the war. It is no use grumbling at having to pay an extra penny. I can say, with the certain approval of every gentleman present this evening, that Cage Birds has been ever so much more attractive since the price has been increased.

What we have to face as fanciers is what would happen if there were *no* Cage Birds. Remember, if a well-established paper cannot pay its way, a new venture is not going to accomplish what an old friend had failed to achieve.

I have been painfully impressed by the many many small periodicals which have been snowed under since the war started. At the very outset of the war "Canary and Cage Bird Life" went at a stroke, and the increased cost of labour and materials is such that no management can run a paper at the old cost of production.

I am therefore imagining the pedigree breeder with 50 to 100 surplus birds for disposal, and no medium through which he can reach the birdy public. Remember each issue of Cage Birds reaches nearly 50,000 people who are immediately concerned with caged birds. A small advert. has always brought me from 25 to 40 replies, and I have always disposed of my surplus stock without having to advertise twice in the same season.

Last year, many weeks after I had advertised and sold out, nearly 40 applications reached me in answer to the advert. of two months previous. Not selling any other birds than I breed, I had regretfully to send a negative answer to them all. How am I to let the birdy people know that I have any birds for disposal if no such paper as "C.B." is in existence?

The shows are the only means that I know. We should have to treble the selling classes; but what an expense! One and sixpence for each entry, and carriage, and entrance fees. Instead of 5s. to 10s. for an advert. in "C.B." it would mean, carriage and entrance fees combined, nearly £5 for 50 birds, and if we passed on this £5 to the customer we might kill the goose which laid the golden egg.

Another means is that societies could co-operate with each other, and a list of breeders and the quantities they had for disposal could be printed in the catalogues, and our own members' list posted up in the show. In any case, it would be less efficient and less satisfactory than the present admirable medium at our disposal.

My advice to one and all is, keep "C.B." going; not for sentimental reasons, but because it pays the Fancy to support a paper which has its interests at heart. Whether we realise it or not, it will be an ill day if Cage Birds puts up its shutters. For the sake of the hobby, and for the sake of making a £5 Canary fetch more than 10s. 6d. as a songster, rally to the support of "C.B.," and speak your mind plainly to the Editor if you don't get what you want, so long as what you want is reasonable.

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Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

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Twitterings.

Eastleigh C.B.S. Open Show is fixed for Nov. 15 and 16; judge, Mr. H. Norman, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, Sec.

The judges appointed for the show of the Sheffield O.S., No. 3-4, are Messrs. J. Robson, W. A. Cowgill, J. C. Barnes, and J. Frostick

Will members of the Provincial Roller C.C. please note that the next meeting will be held on Sept. 2, a week later than usual, writes Mr. J. T. Smith, sec.

Mr. J. Challenger, sec. Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S., writes that Messrs. Emmerson and Winstone won 2nd in the Greenfinch class, not Morgan as in our report.

Pathhead (Kirkcaldy) C.B.S. has decided to hold its annual show, open to Fife, in the Co-operative Hall, on November 11, writes Mr. J. Thomson, sec. Judges have not yet been selected, but I will send you word later on.

Walton and Everton Secretary Called Up.

Kindly intimate, writes Mr. A. G. Hunt, that I have been reluctantly compelled to resign my position as secretary for the Walton, Everton and Dist. C.B.S., owing to being called up for service with the colours, and any communications respecting the society should, at present, be addressed to the Chairman, Mr. G. Holmes, 2, Kenmere Road. Smithdown Road, Liverpool.

Owing to the name of Mr. A. H. C. Legg, the hon. assistant sec. of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S., not being mentioned in the schedule, credit was omitted to be given him in our report for the hard work he did in helping to make the show a success.

Four classes for cage birds are provided in the schedule of Ystradgynlais F. and F.S. show on Sept. 7, Yorks., Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and British. The prize money is 10s., 6s., 3s., 2s., and the entry fee 2s., and there is a silver medal for the best in each class. Entries close Aug. 31 to D. Evans, Ynys Cottage, Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais. The judge is Mr. A. Cook, Ystalyfera.

We have received from the hon. treasurer, Mr. R. L. Crisp, the balance-sheet of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. for 1914-1916. It appears from the figures given that, although subscriptions for 1915 are not taken into account, yet the cash balance in hand has been increased from £5 4s. 2d. to £8 2s. 2½d. The assets in cups in hand or promised are valued at £29 8s., and there are no liabilities.

The August number of "Hamlyn's Menagerie Magazine" contains an interesting article: "Birds and Beasts in the War Zone" giving the conclusions of some French and Russian ornithologists as to the effect of the war on the routes taken by various migratory birds. It also contains the announcement of the death of the 120-year-old Cockatoo, "Cocky Bennett," which we published in our issue of July 29. It is reprinted, heading and all, word for word from Cage Birds, even to "sends *us*," etc.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of regret, writes Mr. R. Hutchinson, Sec., that I have to inform you of the great loss one of our members, Mr. J. Mason, has sustained in the loss of his mother. She was a keen bird fancier, and was a regular visitor to our shows. I am sure all fanciers in Stanley and district will join with me in extending their deepest sympathy to Mr. J. Mason and family in their loss, and in hoping that God will give them strength to bear up under their heavy burden.

MR. J. O. WILLIAMS, BANGOR.

It is with deepest regret, write Messrs. W. Nolan and J. Kershaw, that we record the death of Mr. J. O. Williams, Goetra, Bangor, at the age of 46 years. He was a sound fancier, and had been a keen all-round exhibitor for years. He had judged very frequently at North Wales shows, and his awards were always well received. As a reporter, too, he was second to none, and his absence will be keenly felt at our fixtures here. He had made a lot of friends by his genial qualities, and never an untoward word came from his lips, a great asset in exhibition circles. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss. He was a deacon of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist. The funeral took place on Aug. 14 at Bangor Glanadda cemetery. All who knew him will join with us in our deepest sympathy with his relatives in their sad bereavement.

MR. JOHN HAIGH, BRADFORD.

It is with great regret, writes Mr. D. Sunderland, that I have to inform you of the demise of an old fancier, John Haigh, Bradford, who died on Aug. 15. Our late friend was known as a sterling, upright, honest competitor in all classes of Cinnamon and Norwich Canaries. He belonged to a circle of good fanciers, many of whom have gone before, and when in the vein of reminiscence, and he could relate with characteristic Yorkshire vim many occurrences of past days. John had been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer for seven years, and passed away peacefully in the presence of his wife and family. His remains were interred at North Bierley Cemetery, on August 18, and were followed to the grave by many well known fanciers, amongst whom were Messrs. Thornton, Mundell, Crabtree, Greaves, and Mrs. C. M. Sunderland.

An Illuminative Lecture.

This week we publish on page 491 the concluding portion of what we have no hesitation in describing as the most helpful lecture ever given to any society in the Kingdom. We refer to the address given on June 20 to the members of the Cardiff C.B.S. by the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe. Previous instalments appeared in our issues of July 22, August 5, and August 19, and the lecture should be studied in its entirety by the committee of every bird society, for there is not one among them all which would not be benefited by the adoption of the admirable suggestions so plainly put before the members of the Cardiff C.B.S. by their widely-esteemed member and pastor. It is not every society which has the advantage of numbering among its members many such ardent workers for the general good as the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe, but all can benefit by the advice which he has kindly allowed us to bring before a much greater audience than the one which listened to the spoken words.

OUR WEEKLY PRIZE.

JUDGING from the letters received since our announcement of last week that we should give a weekly prize for the best letter published, we have struck an idea which appeals to a great number of our readers.

The response has been generous and interesting beyond anticipation, so much so that we have not been able to find room for all the letters in hand. This does not affect the awarding of the weekly prize which goes to the best letter published, and those letters which do not appear this week will have their chance in a later issue.

While writing this acknowledgment we have no idea what letters will appear this week, but the winning letter will be indicated in a paragraph under the heading of the Correspondence pages. We hope our readers will continue to support the proposition, so that it may become a permanent feature of our paper. It is by the interchange of views that the hobby of bird-keeping is kept to the front, and the reader who in any particular week is giving of his knowledge and experience for the benefit of others may himself learn something from the letters published which may repay him for his trouble, even though he may not win the cash prize.

Further, the fact that he may not win the prize with any particular letter should not deter him from writing another. The prize will be given weekly so long as the idea is supported, and someone must take it; the field is a wide one and is open to everyone every week.

One thing we would mention, however, and that is that the letters must be original. In the first week one competitor has thought proper to send in a letter which is a copy, word for word, of one which appeared many weeks back. It is not to be expected that we can always remember, offhand, letters which have appeared in old issues, but if by accident a prize is awarded to a letter which is not original, the award will not hold good. It is not necessary to say anything further in this connection excepting to point out that a person endeavouring to win a prize by sending as original something which has already appeared, places himself in an unenviable position.

We gather from communications received that there are some readers of Cage Birds to whom the idea of winning a monetary prize does not appeal. Readers who are so fortunately placed as not to need the money may allot their prize to any charity they may select.

On behalf of our readers in general we record our thanks to those who have been so quick in responding to our suggestion, and we hope that our Correspondence page or pages may long be quite the most interesting part of Cage Birds. We shall endeavour to make it a keen fight between Articles and Correspondence, and it is for our readers themselves to see that they beat the Editorial side of the paper.

ENGLISH-MADE BIRD TRAPS.

Time was when, if we wanted a really efficient trap to catch a bird or two for our own keeping we had to use one that was alien-made. This is so no longer, for Mr. Rudd, of Norwich, is now supplying traps which, although they act on the principle of the foreign-made article, are better in every respect. Samples of three kinds of these up-to-date traps, all of British make, are to hand, and we have given a practical trial to two out of the three. The "ready-baited" net trap is intended for the catching of Finches of any kind, and in our own garden it has proved to fulfil its purpose. Even the wily House Sparrow has failed to notice that to alight on the perch of the platform which was furnished with a tempting bait of rape seed (glued on) was to release the encompassing net. The other kind which we have tried is on the model of the old German spring net trap, but considerably better in the finish. When this trap is set all that is visible to the birds is a berry or a mealworm, and the bird which essays to get away with the bait finds that the action of the spring is a bit too quick. This trap will take for certain any Softbill bird from a Garden Warbler to a Jackdaw which sees the bait. The third pattern is intended for taking the smaller Softbills, and consists of a square of board to which is attached a spring net. The arrangement for attaching the bait is very ingenious, and should delude any bird into the idea that nothing in the nature of a snare is anywhere near. The "ready-baited" traps are sold at 2s. 1d. and 2s. 8d., according to size; the round wire trap at 2s. 8d. and 3s. 3d., and the flat board trap at 2s. All are well made, and cheap at the prices.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Henry Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Larkhall C.B.A. wishes to inform all fanciers in the district, writes Mr. T. J. McGregor, sec., that the annual show date is altered from October to 25th Nov.

RESULT OF OUR SIX GUINEA COMPETITION.

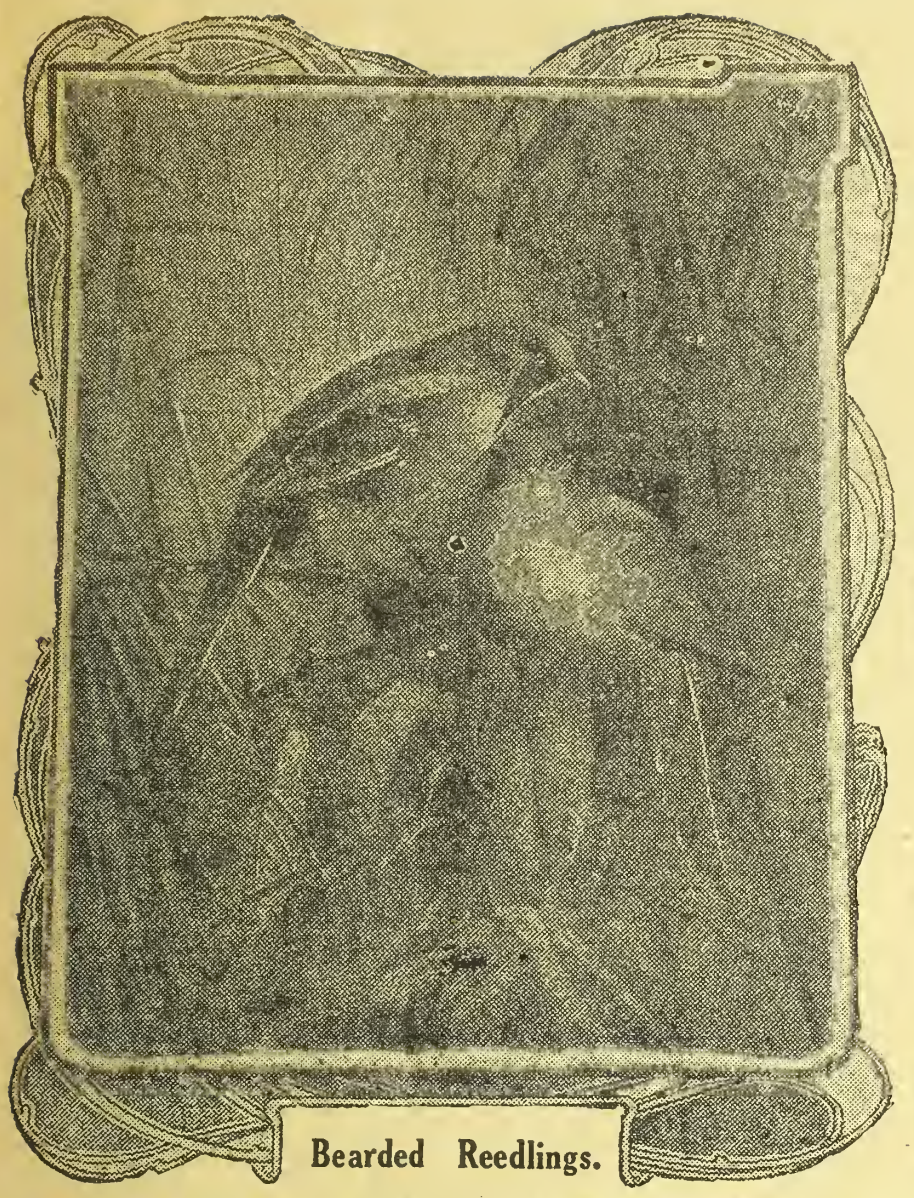
TAKEN as a whole, the articles in the British bird section of this competition were far and away the best of those sent in, and the awarding of the prizes has been no easy matter. Practically every article sent in was worthy of a prize, and it is only after long consideration that we have decided to award the 1st prize to Mr. F. Bent, Glasshouse St., Nottingham, for his intensely interesting article entitled "The Songster of the Night," published in our issue of Aug. 12. The second prize of half a guinea goes to Mr. T. G. Addison, 27, Peel St., Thornaby-on-Tees, for "The Linnet in Nature and Captivity" in the same issue, after a close fight with 'Our Large Softbills," by Mr. C. G. Taylor, in the issue of Aug. 5.

The first prize of a guinea in the Canary Section is awarded to Mr. J. Tomlinson, 30, Thistleberry Avenue, Neweastle, Staffs., for "The Principles of Canary Breeding," Aug. 12 and Aug. 19, and the second prize goes to Mr. W. Connelly, 123, Henderson St., Kinning Park, Glasgow, for "Colour Feeding Canaries," Aug. 5.

In the Hybrid Section Mr. J. A. Hardie, 129, Lintburn St., Galashiels, wins the guinea for "The Principles of Hybrid Breeding," Aug. 12, and the second prize is awarded to Mr. J. G. Westgate, of 23, Westgate, Hale, Cheshire, for "How Novices may score," Aug. 12.

Miss Dyddgu Hamilton, 121, Harley St., W., wins the guinea in the Foreign Section for the article, "Four Favourite Foreigners," in our issue of Aug. 12, and Mr. T. Goodwin, 3, Cobourg Villas, Colourg St., Old Kent Road, gets the half-guinea for "My Black-checked Lovebirds," July 29.

The half-guinea prize for the best answer to the question "What is your favourite Softbill?" is awarded to Mr. A. V. Williams, 6, Greenhough Row, Beacon St., Lichfield, Staffs., for his letter on the Bearded Tit, published on page 480 of last week's issue.



Bearded Reedlings.

In this picture, by Mr. J. G. Keulemans, is shown pair of these beautiful birds as they appear in their haunts among the reeds. The species, which was at one time fairly frequent in the fens of Norfolk, is gradually becoming extinct, owing to the drainage of the district. An article by the artist is given below.

THE BEARDED TIT IN NATURE AND IN CAPTIVITY.

By J. G. KEULEMANS.

YOUR readers may be glad to have some particulars from my pen to accompany the picture of the Bearded Tit, reproduced from a painting of mine. This pretty bird, now almost extinct in this country, was included by Linnæus in his genus Parus, chiefly on account of the shape of its beak and brush-like nostrils.

From an anatomical point of view, however, it can hardly be considered to be related to the true Tits, whilst its habits are totally different from the latter. The Bearded Tit is a bird by itself, having no allies in any part of the world. There are not even any local varieties, although some authors maintain that the examples obtained from Asia are paler in colour than those obtained in England. From personal experience I would conclude that the Asiatic specimens, to which Bonaparte gave the name of C. Sibericus, are simply birds in immature plumage.

What appears to me to be strikingly remarkable is that a bird so shy of the water—that is to say, extensive masses of water, like the sea—should ever have found its way into the British Islands. It is also remarkable that a bird, which passes the best part of the year near the water, should invariably travel along the shores of a lake or a river, and never attempt to cross a lake through space, even though the distance be no more than a quarter of a mile across.

Is it of Alien Origin?

Perhaps the Bearded Tit was, like some other birds, introduced into this country. I am positively certain that the majority of Bearded Tits that have been noticed of late in this country were originally obtained from Holland. A nest with one egg was sent to the British Museum of Natural History some years ago, obtained from a collector near Scoulton-mere, near Norwich. However, no date of the find could be relied upon, and, if memory serves me aright, I had seen that very nest in a glass case in the lodge of the keeper of Scoulton-mere.

Practically, the Bearded Tit is no longer a British bird, for the few examples that may be noticed in this country (Tring, in Hertfordshire) were Dutch specimens introduced by the Hon. Walter Rothschild into the Tring Park Estate. But even at this present time this pretty little bird is only occasionally heard or seen in that locality.

Considering that they do not immigrate from the Continent, and that the few that remain may gradually fall into the claws of Sparrowhawks or bird-catchers, it seems almost certain that within a few years hence the bird will have disappeared entirely from our shores.

Where they are in Flocks.

The Bearded Tit is only partially a migratory bird. Seebohm, in his "British Birds," states that it is a summer visitor in Holland. This, however, is by no means correct, for, although flocks will cross to Belgium in October, many remain during the winter, even during severe winters. I have seen and caught whole flocks in December, when the lakes were frozen and the country covered with snow.

During their autumnal wanderings flocks of some twenty to thirty birds may be seen flying from one reed-bed to another, often settling on the higher branches of adjacent trees or on the upper twigs of the bramble bushes, feeding on the seeds of what berries may have remained.

Early in April they separate into pairs and by the end of that month the nest is built, and the first brood of eggs are laid. There is a second brood late in June or early in July.

The nest is made of grass, remnants of broken reeds, lined with reed flowers and often a few feathers, mostly of duck or moorhen, which the birds pick up from the shore or find floating on the water. Unlike most reed dwellers, it rarely builds in the reeds, but prefers the sides of the lakes or broads where nettles or high grass are abundant. It is always carefully hidden under some overhanging twigs or leaves.

On only one occasion did I find a nest in a reed bed. It was built on the top of a submerged pollard willow, and placed on the only projecting portion of the "crown," and attached to some of the thinner willow twigs that rose above the water.

The eggs are usually four or five in number. They are of a glossy pale creamy white, with dark brown small spots all over, and a few blueish-purple curved lines at the broader end.

The young birds are fed by both parents with small insects, gnats, spiders, mayflies, ants' eggs and soft larvæ found in the reeds. During the summer months the parent birds likewise feed on insects, but in winter they will take small seeds from the sorrel, poppy, and also the seeds contained in the alder cones.

Very Exclusive.

Bearded Tits do not associate with other feather denizens of their neighbourhood except the Sparrow, whose chirping call-note they never fail to answer. Yet they do not keep company with the latter for any amount of time. It seems these two species of birds are simply on saluting terms and no more.

The Bearded Tit has many enemies to fear. During their autumn travels many fall a prey to the Hobby or the Sparrow Hawk, whilst in summer many of their nests are emptied by Weasels, Magpies, or Jays, which steal their eggs. Herons, even the small Bittern, often make a meal out of the unfledged young ones.

As cage birds they are very attractive, but can only survive captivity for a short time. When kept separately they will mope and die within a few days, unless other cages containing their mates are placed close together. Hence, they are to be kept in pairs—death of the one means death to the other within a week.

The male bird seems very fond of his "other half," and looks carefully after her toilet, especially of the feathers of the back of her head. When going to sleep, or squatting to rest, the male takes its partner under its wing like a fowl protects her chicken.

Most of the caged Bearded Tits that are offered for sale in London are derived from Holland, viz., the smaller islands north of the Zuider Zee, whence they are shipped to the town of Helder. Formerly they were very common near the lakes between Rotterdam and Gouda. The Cormorant island of ornithological repute, situated midway between these localities, harboured hundreds of pairs during the summer months.

At the present time these birds have become far less numerous in these or any other parts of Holland, their actual habitat being the river Danube, and its adjacent marshes; also the delta of the Volga in Southern Russia.

Bearded Tits have no song—only a short, but loud call note sounding like a "pang-pang" or "pong-pong." They have, however, an alarm note which is a long continued shrill "Ee-are." This they rarely utter when caged except when a cat comes near, or one of the pair manages to escape.

How to treat them in Captivity.

They will breed in confinement when sufficient room is provided for them to use their wings freely, and when plenty of seeds and water are placed in the aviary. I have had many eggs laid by captive females, but they invariably proved to be barren; probably because I kept the pair in too small a cage.

There is no necessity to have a real paired couple to secure connubial happiness. A male bird and a female though strangers are welcome to each other. In case one dies the dead bird should be immediately replaced by another of the same sex, or the survivor will fret itself to death.

I kept one pair for over two years, which is a very long time for such a delicate kind of bird. The hen bird laid seven eggs in as many days, and then gradually began to assume the plumage of the male, partly by moult and partly by change of colour afterwards.

The best time to secure good specimens for the cage is August or early September. The young birds in their pale fawn plumage, with the dark spot on the back, are more hardy and more likely to survive the privation of freedom.

Food should be very carefully prepared, and the feeding trough kept very clean, as the Bearded Tit happens to be particularly sensitive to cleanliness. They will thrive on a mixture of maw (poppy) seeds, biscuit crumbs and finely-chopped hard-boiled egg, together with a few mealworms or a dozen of fresh ants' eggs every day.

Some Further Notes on the Bearded Tit.

By PHILORNIS.

CHARMING as a species on account of its delicately tinted plumage and graceful form, and attractive as a cage bird from its sprightliness and hardihood, and its pleasant tinkling note, it is no wonder that this little bird is regarded with high favour by those bird-keepers who have watched and studied it in captivity.

The adult cock Bearded Tit is about six inches in total length, of which the tail is three inches or thereabouts. The beak (which is slightly curved) and the eyes are yellow; the top of the head delicate bluish-grey; there is a black patch between the beak and the eyes, from which, on each side of the head, a tuft of black feathers hangs downwards, forming a pointed, drooping moustache three-quarters of an inch in length, which is capable of being raised or depressed by the bird at will.

The ear-coverts and neck are pearl-grey; the nape of the neck and the whole of the back are bright cinnamon; the wings variegated with white, black and red; the breast dull white tinged with yellow and pink; the tail cinnamon, variegated with white and black, with a black patch beneath.

The tail is shaped like that of the Magpie or Pheasant, the central feathers longest and the outer ones decreasing in length on each side, and to this feature the bird owes its name of Reed-pheasant. The legs are somewhat long and black in colour.

The adult female has the top of the head and the moustache a dull rust colour, and is without the black patch below the tail. The general plumage is paler than in the cock bird.

Newly-fledged birds have the back, wings and tail patched with black, but in other respects resemble the hen.

Its Natural Habitat.

In its wild state the Bearded Tit delights in marshy localities abounding in pools of stagnant water and vast reed beds, and has, owing to the drainage and cultivation of such places, become a rather scarce bird in England.

From the inaccessible nature of its haunts, it may, however, in some districts be more numerous than is generally believed; but it is only about the reedy margins of the Broads in Norfolk that it is now positively known to breed in this country.

It was formerly numerous, and interesting observations were made of its habits in the neighbourhood of Whittlesea Mere in Huntingdonshire and also in Cambridgeshire, but its extermination in that part of the country was brought about fully sixty years ago.

It also abounded at one time in East Suffolk, Essex, Kent and Surrey and was plentiful about the mouth of the Medway and along the Thames. At Whittlesea Mere, we are told, these birds used to be caught, while feeding, with a limed twig attached to the end of a fishing rod.

The Days of Long Ago.

One old writer tells us how he sallied forth on a cold December morning to make observations of this species among the reeds below Barking Creek on the Thames, while the reed-cutters were carrying on their operations; and how he saw "eight or ten of the beautiful creatures on the wing, just topping the reeds"; and then how, after a while, he shot a cock bird and held it in his hand when scarcely dead, thinking what a "masterpiece of colour and neatness" it was.

When thus seen in their reedy haunts, these little birds are constantly on the move, running up and down the tall stems and feeding on the seeds of the reeds, capturing the insects on their leaves, or searching about their bases for the small mollusks (or water snails) and other tiny creatures which largely form their food.

The crop of this species has more than once been found to contain the tiny shells of these mollusks only, sometimes in a whole, sometimes in a fragmentary state, and once to the number of twenty, the cavity of the crop being about the size of the interior of a hazel-nut.

The digestion of these minute snails and their shells was found to be aided by the presence in the crop of sharp fragments of quartz and other grit. There can be no doubt, however, that these birds are also largely seed eaters, much more so, probably, than the true Tits, and that the seeds of the reed (Arundo phragmites) form their chief food in the winter.

The Bearded Tit has a quaint musical note, which has been described as resembling the monosyllable "*ping*" pronounced first slowly and singly, and then two or three times more hurriedly, and uttered in a clear, ringing tone.

(*Continued on page* 497.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "Cage Birds," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject it will be eligible to compete for the prize. **The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. BASTOCK, Springfield Rd., Moseley, for his very practical letter on page 495.**

Is There Anything in This Old Story?

Sir,—I have from time to time noticed enquiries from correspondents in Cage Birds for information how to sex birds, and as I have gained much information on different subjects through the perusal of your paper, in acknowledgment I will try to explain my method of distinguishing the sexes. Thread a needle singly with about 12 inches of silk; then place a 2s. or 2s. 6d. coin on the table. Now take one end of the thread between fingers and thumb, bringing the needle as near as possible to the coin, and take the bird in the other hand. After a few seconds the needle will move; if it revolves around the coin the bird is a cock; if a hen, the needle moves pendulum fashion across the coin. I may say that I have tested this method and have never known it to fail. Even young birds in the nest can be sexed in this way. It will act in exactly the same manner by taking hold of a lady or gentleman's hand. Perhaps some readers will test it for themselves and let me know the result of the test.

Llandudno. J. R. Williams.

How Officialdom Works.

Sir,—Thanks very much for publishing the [Twittering "Fish for one; fowl for the other," in "C.B." July 29. As I was certified by my doctor to be suffering from tuberculosis in a particular part of the body I wrote to the recruiting officer asking him to grant me permission to appear before the Medical Board before breaking up my business (I had only been before one military doctor, and he never saw my complaint), but he would not allow me to do so. I went to see him personally, and still he refused, so I had some large bills printed and put in my shop window: "Compulsory sale; all birds and cages to be sold cheap, as the proprietor is called to the colours and will soon be a left-tenant." Well, it caused a little fun, and I sold more than half my stock.

The Medical Officer of Health for Eastbourne heard of my case, so he sent for me, examined me, and found me suffering from the above complaint, and reported my case to London. On Aug. 17 I received a blue card of total exemption, but in the meantime I have lost my situation at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne (I am a musician), as my place has been filled, and close on £100 in my business. Do you consider this fair treatment?

B. Humphries.

Breeding Bullfinches in Cages.

Another Try for the Cock Bullfinch-Hen Canary Cross Proposed.

Sir,—You may remember that in May last I wrote to ask if you thought the eggs from a pair of Bullfinches in a cage, in a summer-house in my garden, would be fertile; and as it may interest some of your numerous readers I now send you the result of my trying this season to get young Bullfinches.

On May 8 the hen had laid five eggs (in an old Blackbird's nest, in a nestpan on the bottom of the cage), which I put under Canaries, and two eggs were hatched, but the Canary let them die after three days. On May 28 six more eggs, three hatched, but the Canary refused to feed them. On June 12, four eggs, two hatched, young ones died, and on July 21, four eggs—the hen Canary broke them all. I then parted the birds.

I bought the Bullfinches last December, and they were flying all the winter in a three-compartment breeding cage with a hen Canary and cock Goldfinch. Although the hen was so tame that she laid while I stood looking on, she only sat one whole day on the eggs. The cock, too, would sit still and let me catch him.

I always understood that Bullfinches were so shy that you never could see them couple, but when I took this cock away for a few hours, and then put him back, he would fly straight from my hand and couple with the hen like a Canary, without any bowing and scraping about

If the birds live through the moult I intend next season to run the hen with a Siberian cock Goldfinch, and keep the cock with a hen Canary and see if I can get fertile eggs. What do readers say as to this? I may add that, after trying for five years I have succeeded in getting one Hybrid (now seven weeks old) from a Siberian cock Goldfinch and a British hen Bullfinch.

F. Litchfield.

A RINGED GULL SHOT.

Sir,—On Aug. 16, while spending my holidays at Pilling, near Garstang, I saw a farmer shoot two Gulls, which I think are called the Grey-backed Gull. When picked up one had a ring on its leg, which I enclose, thinking the person that rung the bird would like to know where it was caught. The ring is marked 3374-7.

H. Heap.

[The bird was ringed under Messrs. Witherby's marking scheme. We have sent the ring to Messrs. Witherby, and will print their reply when received.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

The Cruelty of Closed Rings.

Should They Be Abolished?

Sir,—I heartily endorse all Mr. H. G. Hill says in his article on closed rings, having suffered in precisely the same way both with young and old birds. One specially favourite hen has only one foot through a too-tight ring being used.

Heathfield. Henry Neve.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Hill's letter on the cruelty of closed rings for Canaries, published in your issue of August 19, I think perhaps my own experience of a larger ring might be of some use to him and other fanciers. Three years ago I bought an exquisite tiny Roller cock, rung with too large and heavy a ring. It slipped up and down his leg, worrying him dreadfully, so much so that he could not sustain his trills, and broke off constantly to peck at the ring. After about a week I noticed his leg was getting inflamed and swollen from the foot to the joint, and I therefore decided at all risks to remove the ring, which I accomplished successfully by means of a pair of short-blade nail scissors and the aid of someone else to hold the leg. In a very short time the bird's leg returned to the natural size, and at the present moment he is in the most perfect condition and song. I may add that I disapprove in toto of this system of rings, but if they must be used, at least let them be of the open kind, and of soft metal, easy to remove in case of necessity.

(Mrs.) W. Freke Evans.

Sir,—I have read Mr. Hill's letter about closed rings, and I am sure everyone will sympathise with him in having to cause his pet to suffer. It is, of course, happily, an uncommon calamity; nevertheless, it is a warning to us all to be watchful, and I have had a good look at my two old birds, which, however, are German Club rung, and there is plenty of play on the leg, I see.

I cannot agree with him that the ciphers on the German rings are plainer than ours. So far as the foreign rings are concerned, on birds I have imported in the past, and these are not a few, I have found several execrable, and the figures in some cases were jumbled together as if stamped with some loose worn-out type.

As regards his suggestion that a little larger ring would have many advantages, and his reasons set forth under three headings, I welcome it, and entirely agree with him. I have heard of breeders who, delaying ringing and finding it difficult, have passed an instrument through the ring to enlarge it, and in one instance I have done the same thing. I lost, in 1913, my most valuable brood, six birds in one nest, through too early ringing; the whole lot lay with their claws mangled on the cage floor the afternoon following the day they were rung.

As Mr. Hill points out, a bird should not be rung until the whole brood are casting their excreta over the side of the nest, and for that reason the ring should be just a wee bit larger. I find that if your birds are given crushed hemp early you will have difficulty sometimes even on the fifth day. I have found this year that without hemp you can ring them easily on the sixth and seventh day, but why should feeding methods be subject to ringing exactions?

Whether there be any disadvantages I leave others to point out; I know of none. The play of the ring would be greater, therefore the impact upon the foot as the bird settles after flight would be sharper; the ring must therefore be sufficiently blunt to counteract the effects of the fall on the claw so as not to cut it. Henry W. Gutierrez.

Help Wanted for Bristol Show.

Sir,—Will any Specialist Club, or individual fancier guarantee any classes, and thus help to enable a show to be held as usual at Bristol this year? If we are to hold one, we must make an early decision, and this may depend a good deal upon the response to this invitation. I shall, therefore be very glad to hear by Wednesday next, or earlier if possible, from anyone interested and ready to help.

G. T. H. Maggs, Sec.,
Bristol F.A., 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Sir,—I get somewhat "mixed up" when reading "Sub Rosa's" letters. He starts by warning breeders against inbreeding, then he tells us he has had the inbreeding fever badly, and that it did not work for him, chiefly, as I pointed out, because he did not carry it far enough; he was disappointed because his winners did not produce winners at the first attempt.

Now, to that I said that had he paired the daughters back to the sire, who was a winner, that winner would have stamped his likeness upon his progeny, and if it had been done to the third generation the proportion of good birds would have been greater than he anticipated; but, of course, that was "some" inbreeding, and he could not see his way to such. Of course, I cannot vouch for it that he would have bred winners in that way, but I do think that he would have had a better chance than by mating his birds to others of a different strain.

The letter which "Sub Rosa" quotes this week somewhat knocks the bottom out of his previous articles; the writer is one who has done inbreeding to some extent, and still practices it with his show birds. It is men like these, who have done it in the past, and still do it occasionally, who can help us who are striving to find a more satisfactory way than merely pairing on sight value. I think that "Sub Rosa's" correspondent may be doing it more than he thinks at the present time. I know that after 12 years' breeding I have very few birds in my room that are not now related in a distant manner, and that in spite of the fact that until these last two or three seasons my chief aim has been to keep all my pairs unrelated.

My first venture on inbreeding was in 1914, when I paired the clear yellow cock, 3rd at last Palace Show, to his cousin. They produced me several good birds, including the clear yellow that won the N.Y.C.C. Cup. Now I find, on looking up the pedigrees of most of my pairs, there is the original blood of the uneven buff bred by Mr. F. Armstrong, and brother to his famous uneven buff, so that next season I should have the greatest difficulty imaginable to pair up birds that were not related in some remote degree.

In this way the gentleman who wrote to "Sub Rosa" may have the same difficulty, and may be unconsciously practising inbreeding more than he thinks. I had got Mr. House's book on this subject previous to the letter from "Invicta" in last week's issue, and, though I have not yet digested all the matter that it contains, I feel sure that it supports most of what I have written in the last few weeks, and the information Dr. Gordon Stewart has privately sent me has impressed me greatly as to the value of breeding with birds that are related, if suitable to each other and to the end aimed at, which with most of us is the production of a greater number of exhibition specimens from our present stock.

To say that the best exhibition Norwich has been produced from two unrelated birds does not prove that that is the only way to breed the best. Sight value in pairing is not to be despised, but the combination of the two methods is, in my opinion, the preferable way, and if this discussion makes breeders think more, and helps them to breed better, it will not have been in vain. In future I am going to pair what in my opinion is the best mating, and if related so much the better.

In one part of Mr. House's book the result of one breeder's experience is worth repeating. In breeding unrelated show birds he found the proportion of show to stock birds was as 1 to 6. The first season he inbred it was as 1 to 4, and the next it was as 1 to 2. Now, if we could get one exhibition specimen out of three, and keep all the other requisites such as health and stamina in our stock, it would be a very nice thing and one worth striving for. T. C. Crawhall.

Sir,—As a reader of Cage Birds for all the years it has been in print, I have not yet read anything so interesting as the discussion on inbreeding opened up by "Bee Jay," now known as J. W. Gordon Stewart, who, I see, by-the-bye, is a Scottie, as I am myself. Now, I have studied all the different opinions of your readers, and all are to me very interesting, though there are a few things that we all differ in.

A year ago I had come to the conclusion that inbreeding was the quickest way to success, so I made up my mind to try my hand, or in other words my birds, this last breeding season, and I put up a very good buff Border cock, clear, to a heavily-marked hen, his daughter, that matched him in every way. She also was a buff, and both were in good sound health, out of healthy stock, and related to local winners. My object was to reproduce the same as this pair, and my hopes were realised at the first go off, as we say here. In the first nest were four young, one the exact picture of her mother, both in colour and shape, the only difference being that the young hen had a light patch on the head that the mother had not, one young buff cock the model of the sire and grandsire in every way, another clear buff cock, an improvement on both, one that I had been trying to breed for a long time, years in fact, a "wee gem" sure enough, and still another, this time a buff variegated cock, not just so good as the sire but a useful stock bird all the same. So much for the first round.

Round two: five young, three more or less lightly marked, two cocks and one hen, one ticked hen, and one clear hen, the two variegated cocks and the variegated hen a trio of beauties, the ticked hen a fair stock hen, the clear hen a waster.

I had more pairs of Borders breeding, unrelated, one pair made up of a variegated buff cock to a clear yellow hen, from which I bred seven young, but I am only keeping one. I shall allow your readers to draw their own conclusions here.

But now I come to a point that is not so pleasant, and of course will give those that are opposed to inbreeding something to go on with. I have lost the two clear buff cocks bred from the father and daughter, and the variegated hen, easily the best of the hens, bred from same, has gone soft. I have been treating her for a few weeks, but whenever I take her off bread and milk she goes lumpy. There will be no inbreeding from this hen whether she comes round or not. From the other hens I reared eight birds from unrelated pairs which are all in the pink of health. If the clear cocks had lived I should have kept seven out of the nine for my next breeding season from the pairing of father and daughter, but from the unrelated pairs I am only keeping two out of eight, which speaks for itself.

My conclusions, therefore, are that inbreeding is the right move to produce exhibition specimens; but while you are gaining in that line you are likely to meet with much disappointment, as it seems, as far as my experiment goes, that it tends to produce more weaklings. All the same, I find, even though I have lost my best young ones, that I have gained by the experiment, both in producing better specimens and in having some good sport by so doing.

I have written these lines in the hope that more of your readers will give us their experiences, though it is out of my line writing to the press, being only an ironmoulder by trade. I mention this to encourage others that do not write often to come in with a note, as I know, sir, you will make all right any mistakes that may be made, and I am sure there is much to be gained by an exchange of views.

One thing more, and then I am done. "Sub Rosa" says at the end of his last letter, "nor do I think that any analogy can be drawn between cows and horses; cows are not so frail things as Canaries." I also think we ought to keep that in view. I should like to ask Mr. Gordon Stewart if he can make more clear what he wrote in the part of his letter as to agreeing with "Invicta." Does he mean that Canaries, being more frail and smaller animals, we can closer inbreed? Allow me to thank you again, Sir, for all the good times I have had in reading Cage Birds, and I wish it still further success.

T. R. Wallace.

[In a postscript our correspondent says:—"Kindly put right anything that you think is not quite clear in my letter, as I am not an expert at this game, but I am going to try and make myself one if you do not have to take a rest after the work you will have in putting this one right. Again I thank you for your interest in the Fancy in general." To this we can only say that it is as much a pleasure to hear from a reader without the literary ability to concoct a polished letter as to receive the most faultlessly composed communication, and we hope, as we have said many times before, that readers who may be conscious of their inability to express themselves in beautifully-rounded periods will not allow this consciousness to deter them from letting their fellow bird-keepers have the benefit of their ideas and practical experience. —Ed. Cage Birds.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Three-ply Wood in Cage Making

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Jock Hill, in Cage Birds of August 19, wishes to know how I fix the top and bottom boards and the back together by nailing, the material being three-ply (3/16-inch thick) wood. If he uses care, and the right kind of nails, he will not find this a very difficult job. Most three-ply wood will be found to contain the two outer or face boards of fairly hard stuff, while the centre board is of a softer and more spongy nature; therefore, if the nail is started right, it will be pretty sure to follow the soft centre of the board. Of course, a proper kind of nail is required; I use ¾-inch No. 20 gauge ordinary wire nails, and, contrary to "Jock's" apprehension, these *do* hold, and hold well, in the three-ply wood. If "J.H." should be taking a walk in this neighbourhood, I should be very pleased to show him quite a large number of cages made according to the description given in my article of Aug. 5, and I would challenge him to find a sounder, tighter, or lighter lot of cages of similar size.

Heathfield. H. Neve.

Sir,—In reply to "A Cage-Making Query" I must say Jock Hill is wrong when he states that nails will not hold in three ply. I make all classes of cages, from show cages to six-compartment breeders, and some of my cages are made entirely of three ply; top, bottom, back, and sides, and I do not find the least trouble in joining the ends. If Jock Hill gets suitable nails and drives them straight down into the centre board of three-ply he will find the hardest job is in pulling them apart again, especially in the joint where the nails are driven across the grain of the wood. I think Mr. Henry Neve's article both interesting and instructive.

E. Southwood.

Cork.

"The Limit."

Sir,—"Open confession is good for the soul." In looking over Twitterings of your issue of the 12th inst., I could scarcely believe my eyes. I thought I must be dreaming, but no, there it was in cold print. "I only take Cage Birds when I am expecting to see a reply to my queries." Great Scot! What candour! If this isn't studying economy up to the hilt!

To think at the present time, with such heavy cost of labour and material what it means to keep a fancy journal going now that we have a very limited show season; also limited advertising, the very backbone of any journal, and last, though not least, so many of the readers of Cage Birds joining the colours—all honour to them.

In spite of the above confession, which I am sure is an isolated one, I think the best thanks of all readers of Cage Birds are due to you, sir, for your very generous catering each week to keep the fancy above water, and to the many contributors of such interesting and instructive articles of all sections of our fascinating hobby.

Fanciers of to-day have much to be thankful for. We had no paper devoted entirely to our "small pets" thirty years ago. Vive Cage Birds.

Plymouth. J. H. Halliday.

Importing Canaries from the "Old Country" to the Southern Hemisphere.

What is the Best Time?

Sir,—My object in writing this letter is to get the opinion of fanciers in the Southern Hemisphere as to the best time of the year to import Canaries from England to Australia or New Zealand. I am a resident of Auckland, New Zealand, and have imported birds, always to arrive out here about January, as our moulting season commences in February and the birds go into the moult on arrival and come into line with ours.

Of course, this means that the birds moult twice in the twelve months. From four hens, imported in different years, I have never got one chick, and I think the double moult so disorganises their system that they never are in condition again. These hens all died within eighteen months of landing. The cock birds, however, came into breeding about the following August, and from them I had good results.

Cage Birds, I know, travels far, and if a Sydney or Melbourne fancier could advise me by experience of a better time of the year to import, I should be most grateful. I am pleased to say that, submarines notwithstanding, I have not missed getting Cage Birds weekly, right through the war.

Fred. King.

Auckland, New Zealand.

A "Big Push" at Liverpool.

Liverpool Show to be Held as Usual.

Sir,—At a well-attended meeting, viz., 100 per cent. (twelve members) of the Liverpool open show committee met on Aug. 17 to decide whether to carry on the show. Whether there might be a loss on the same was not taken into consideration, as we can stand this and then run another. The main question was whether it was wise to run a show, seeing that Liverpool is for the time a great military centre for munitions, embarking of troops, and a city of hospitals. The members who were in the army, viz., Messrs. G. Green, Geoff Benson, and J. W. Metcalfe, opposed the idea of running the show, as they might be required elsewhere. The question was well thrashed out, and on putting it to the vote the Army received the "knock-out," and the show will be run whatever comes. Sergt. Green promised plenty of reinforcements if the time-expired men got overpowered. We know we shall get plenty of support from the old fanciers, while the young fancier in France will be looking for his Cage Birds dated Oct. 28, to see the great result.

Green and Metcalfe, Secs.

The Delightful Hobby of Canary Breeding and Some "Don'ts."

Sir,—The man who has no hobby is a miserable being, and does not know half the pleasures of this life. One of the most beautiful and interesting hobbies that any man may have is the study of birds, especially that of Canaries, which has as it were three seasons. First comes the breeding season, next the moulting season, and thirdly the showing season. Each of these provides food for the mind, and keeps expectation up to fever heat throughout the year.

This is not all, for, if the birds are properly attended to, Canary breeding is a hobby which pays well, and is therefore especially adapted for the working man. This is not only because it will in itself produce a profit, but a man may indulge in the hobby of bird keeping, that is to say of Canary keeping, in conditions where it would be impossible to keep other live stock. Although there are many thousands who keep these beautiful pets I am sure there would be thousands more if they knew the pleasure which is to be derived from their keeping.

Many times I have heard the remark made by visitors at our exhibitions that they would like to take up the hobby of cage bird keeping if it were not for the trouble concerned, and the necessity of thoroughly understanding the birds. As an old hand in the hobby of cage bird keeping I am prepared to say that is entirely a mistaken idea. Birds are very little trouble if attended to regularly, and as to understanding the business a novice can quickly learn all that is required by reading and studying the articles appearing from week to week in Cage Birds.

It is much easier to get to the front nowadays than it was 30 years ago. True, competition is very much keener, but experienced fanciers now are more willing to help young beginners than in times gone by, so that now it is within the reach of anyone, no matter how humble his station in life, to take up the breeding and exhibiting of Canaries, and this hobby can be depended upon not only to give a great amount of pleasure and interest, but, under reasonable treatment of the birds, to realise a good profit at the end of each season.

I should like to summarise my remarks by expressing a few "Don'ts":—Don't be persuaded to buy old birds. Don't give up if you fail at first, try again. Don't forget to join a good society, by doing so you will gain more information in a few months than in years of stopping at home and thinking that you know all there is to be learnt. Don't put unhealthy birds up to breed. Don't forget that dandelion, groundsel, and chickweed are amongst the best green foods, and don't forget to gather your green food first thing in the morning. Don't omit to give linseed to the hens while they are feeding their young, to be up early in the morning during the breeding season, and to give clean water twice a day during the summer. Don't forget that if anything goes wrong in nine cases out of ten it is the breeder that is at fault, not the birds. Don't forget you have to find the cause before you discover a remedy, and that success depends upon the attention you give to your birds during the moult, for the quicker they moult the better colour they will come. Don't forget your better half can help you a great deal if you have to be away from home all day, and don't forget she wants some encouragement for doing so. Don't go mad if you happen to win at a bird show, and don't forget yourself if you get beaten. Don't forget to introduce Cage Birds to all your friends, and recommend them to read all the articles they find in it from week to week.

J. Bastock.

How to Catch Linnets.

Sir,—I was much interested in the article by W. C. Coward on "The Linnet and how to keep it." Would he be good enough to give us a few hints on how to catch our own?

Novice.

Moulting British Birds on Wild Seed.

Sir,—Will some fancier be kind enough to let me know through the columns of Cage Birds whether they have moulted British hardbills *entirely* on wild seed, and with what result?

Now that the thistle, hard-heads, and plantain are coming along, the point raised presented itself to me. Thanking you.

"Shamrock."

"The Songster of the Night."

Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I endeavour to give Mr. A. W. Meek and Mr. H. Simmonds the information they ask for in the August 19th issue re Nightingales.

Permit me to say I do not wish to cram my method of feeding or opinions down anyone, nor do I say that anyone who feeds his birds differently or who holds an opinion contrary to mine is in error. I have had so many strange experiences that I believe there is nothing finite in birdy matters, and that there is a vast ocean of avicultural knowledge yet unexplored.

Let me congratulate Mr. Meek on his successful first attempt at rearing 'Gales. It is a very difficult task to rear any nest of Warblers, as they require attention from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. The young 'Gales should be completely through their moult by the middle of August in normal seasons. They start warbling soon after leaving the nest, and both sexes warble. The males warble a little louder and more continuously than the females. The inflation of the throat is also more noticeable. There are generally more males than females, say three males out of five nestlings. The males are slightly the longer.

They require when through the moult to be separately caged, or "the feathers will begin to fly." They act similarly to Robins in cage or aviary, and two males will rival the Kilkenny cats. Hand-reared birds pick up the song notes of other birds within their hearing. If Mr. Meek's birds were ten days old, or a little more, when he possessed them, they are likely to sing the Nightingale song in more perfection than if they were taken younger. In their wild state they only hear their male parent's song for half an hour each morning and evening, and those lessons have to last them their life-time.

They vary considerably in attainments; one bird may turn out a champion songster, whilst another out of the same nest may be a duffer. The song should increase in volume from now to October, if properly fed. About Christmas generally they are in full song. They do best kept in a temperature of 50 degrees or thereabouts.

Colour feeding, in my opinion, is "painting the lily and gilding refined gold." Mother Nature cannot be improved by any of man's futile attempts at betterment. Let the Canary men colour feed their birds if they choose. They are dealing entirely with one of man's artificial creations. Proper natural feeding, bathing, and cleanliness will bring natural sheen on the plumage, whilst your Natal peppers, etc., would only derange his liver and digestion and unfit him for song. Try it if you like with one, but I should not try to improve on natural colours.

The nestlings' tail feathers are easily broken. If any are broken, pull them out carefully, and they will soon be replaced. If you want one for a show specimen, make him take a mealworm from your fingers daily, also stroke his back occasionally and accustom him to be handled. Then they are charming pets.

The Nightingale-Blackcap cross can be attempted, but not performed. You see, sir, the 'Gale is a Thrush and a Blackcap is a Warbler. A 'Gale does not warble like a Blackcap or Garden Warbler, nor is its song an imitation of any other bird song. Its song, like to his bigger cousin, the Song Thrush, is simply original, incomparable, unequalled, deliberate, fiery, passionate passages of soul-stirring music. All the adjectives in the language cannot express for me the admiration I have for this little bird artist.

I don't think our Canary friends have yet succeeded, say, with a cross between Sparrow and Canary, and that would be more likely to succeed than 'Gale and Blackcap. 'Gale and Robin would be a nearer match. With hand-reared birds many more unlikely hybrids may be forthcoming. An aviary would have to be set apart entirely to the selected pair for any good result. Blackcaps build in low bushes and brambles, whilst 'Gales build on the ground or very near it. I have found two nests some six feet up a pollard elm.

The 'Gale has, I believe, been crossed with his nearest relative, the Sprosser or Greater Nightingale, "Greater" because of some ¼ inch in length. The Sprosser, only found along the Danube, has a mottled patch of feathers on the breast, and the resulting cross came like our ordinary 'Gales. This cross was of Continental origin. No other cross has yet been obtained, as far as my knowledge goes, but I am very willing to be corrected.

Cuttlefish bone is the best possible article to mix with soft food of either Hard or Softbills. It helps to form the bony structure, being lime, and takes the place of the beetles' and moths' wings, etc., in their natural menu. Insectivorous birds do not require grit, as they have no real gizzard—or grinding stomach—like a seed-eater, but they naturally swallow with their insect food a small quantity.

The egg question is a very long and ancient controversy, and I cannot now enter it. I should like at some future time to ruffle our Canary brethren with a few facts concerning it, but I shall wait till—

"After the hurly-burly's done,
When the battle's lost and won."

before I start that ink-spilling game. Suffice it to say that hard-boiled egg has lost me more young birds of all kinds than all other causes combined. The less it is used the better. I have proved it by rearing some nests with and some without it, and with its use I have had diarrhœa and partial blindness, etc. With adult birds it is different, and 'Gales can be kept on a diet of bread-crumb and hard-boiled eggs and ants' eggs. They will soon, however, have digestive troubles and go off song.

Mr. Jefferies, of Kidderminster, also used live ants' eggs which he gathered and cured himself; he also had a van load or so of cured wasp cake, so I think the two methods won't mislead. No egg, or very little, if you want song, and a bird to live six to ten years or more in confinement.

Ants' eggs are the sheet anchor at present of our Soft-bill dietary. I have kept in the best condition Softbills on these alone. The new or "live" ant cocoons are apparently relished by all kinds of birds. But the ants' eggs of commerce are sometimes very old and "musty," and their food value is about nil. If we could get reliable ants' eggs all the year round our bird keeping would have better results.

The only birds in nature that I have noticed frequenting ant-hills have been the game birds, Pheasants and Partridges, and the Woodpeckers, but I have seen the Swift, Swallow, House and Sand Martins hawking after the queen ants when they take their annual aerial flights in July and August.

If I have not answered your correspondents sufficiently I hope they will imitate Oliver Twist and ask for more. I did expect a slating from some of the "old hands" on one or two points in my article, and as I have not I suppose in the main they evidently are in agreement with me.

If I have made mistakes' concerning the 'Gale I am in the same boat as Mr. Lloyd George. In his speech at the Eisteddfod at Aberytswith on Aug. 17 the War Minister said: "It has been ordained that the best singer among the birds of Britain should give its song in the night, and according to legend that sweet song is a song of triumph over pain. There are no Nightingales this side of the Severn. Providence rarely wastes its gifts. We do not need this exquisite songster in Wales," etc., etc.

I do not like to differ from the Secretary for War, but for once I believe he is in error. 'Gales have bred in S. Wales. In Glamorgan and Monmouth (and Monmouth is in Wales, as Llewellyn would say) they have very often been observed, or I am much mistaken. Perhaps you, Sir, will kindly decide the matter.

One other matter and I have done. One bird enthusiast met me this last week and said, "I say, old boy, what 'Tommy rot' you have been writing to Cage Birds. You say in your article that you have only heard three Thrushes during the last ten years sing magnificently, and that out of thousands."

"That is a fact," I answered. "Why, all Thrushes and Nightingales sing the same song," said he. "They have it bred in them. One may sing a bit louder than another, that's all." That was my candid friend's belief. What could I answer? I simply said, "We all have a right to our opinions, and to stick to them. The next good Thrush you hear singing, listen carefully, and note his phrasing, his pauses and flourishes, etc. Go and listen to the same bird next day, and you will find he does not repeat his former song. No, Sir, I am quite sure a good Thrush never sings twice exactly alike. Ditto the 'Gale (the Songster of the Night)."

Fred Bent.

[It is certainly not correct to say that there are no Nightingales on the Welsh side of the Severn. Although Nightingales are not found in considerable number north of a line between the Severn and the Wash, yet occasionally they reach several Welsh counties. Nightingales have been recorded from Glamorgan, Denbigh, Flint, Carmarthen, Brecon, and Montgomery, not to mention Monmouth, which as often as not is spoken of as a Welsh county.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

The Evolution of the Yorkshire Canary.

By H. W. BATTYE.

A Chapter from "Yorkshire Canaries; how to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit." published by CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

We are told by writers of a quarter of a century or more ago, and I see no reason to differ from them on this point, that the Yorkshire Canary was the joint product in the main of the Lancashire Plainhead crossed with other varieties.

In some cases the Belgian, in others the Cinnamon, and in some instances the Norwich type of Canary was used with the Lancashire, just as individual fancy dictated, and all these crosses in the first instance produced faulty birds, the Belgian leaving traces of too much prominence of shoulder, thinness in neck, and stiltiness of leg.

While breeders were able by this cross to obtain style, carriage of wings and tail, along with slimness of waist and body, yet until the negative or bad points were bred out, the produce of this cross, though graceful and very smart and stylish, were not sufficiently straight to be considered typical Yorkshires.

Faults from the Lancashires.

The Lancashire Canary, too, had its faults, seeing that, though a much straighter bird, there were, perhaps, on the whole, as many or more faults on its side as the Belgian, viz., coarse head, heavy eyelash, or browing, thick bulky neck, strong thick legs, and bad wing carriage, as well as a superabundance of long and rather coarse feather, which resulted in frilled chests and feathery thighs.

These faults were so pronounced that the crossing with other varieties named failed to counteract them, and the result was that during the decade, say, from 1882 to 1892, far too many big cross-winged, long-feathered birds with broad, coarse heads and thick bulky necks were seen in the prize lists at our shows, and much dissatisfaction among the fanciers of this variety was expressed, especially towards the close of that decade.

Previous to that time, old fanciers had been at the other extreme, and used to talk about Yorkshires that were able to pass through an ordinary wedding ring, though I never saw one that looked like doing so, though many of them were very slim and pleasing to the eye, and perhaps preferable to the strong built, heavy feathered, half-bred Lancashire with its crossed wings and plain, ordinary carriage of body. Type or shape and position being acknowledged as the leading points of merit in an exhibition specimen of the Yorkshire bird, crossing with the Plainhead Norwich of that date could not fail to detract from the bird's merits in these essential points of shape and position, and did not assist in overcoming the heavy build and plain, straight lines of the Lancashire, but rather emphasized these very points by giving additional stoutness of body.

Better, but not Much.

The Norwich-Cum-Yorkshire bred birds though, were, at the same time, a decided improvement in regard to quality and silkiness of feather, and colour was enhanced in the offspring, but, taking both the good and the bad points of this cross and weighing both impartially, I should not consider the Lancashire and Norwich cross a success, at any rate, as regards producing a bird of the required shape and position.

Thirty years ago one occasionally came across a Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire, and I am of opinion that these birds were at that time mostly bred from a self Cinnamon cock and a Clear or Ticked Yorkshire hen.

Here was a much better opportunity to produce birds of the required shape than with the Norwich cross, seeing that at the time named many self Cinnamons of Yorkshire type were bred and exhibited in the same classes as the self Cinnamons of the Norwich type, the Cinnamon at that time having no recognised type. I well remember that when calculating the stage-room at our own show in the early eighties for this particular section, we usually allowed room for half open wire cages and half box cages.

This, the Cinnamon marked variety of the Yorkshire Canary, I as a fancier, greatly admired, and still take a deep interest in, and may say without egotism that I have done some little towards making known its usefulness in the breeding-room, and have assisted in other ways to its gaining its present popularity.

Though the above was most probably the way the bulk of them were bred at that time, many of them were lacking in type and style, and as no classification was provided, and no type was insisted upon, the birds had to be exhibited in the A.O.V. class, and were judged more for markings and quality than for type.

For some years the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires were in very few hands, and competition was limited. Here the usefulness of the Union of Ornithological Societies in Yorkshire was in evidence. The Union took these birds up and decided that classes should be provided at Union shows for Cinnamon Marks, but stipulated that they should be Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires, and be judged by their standard for this variety of the Yorkshire Canary. This was a wise step, for while not creating a new variety, they gave an impetus to a variety that was in danger of being extinguished for lack of support and encouragement.

How the Cinnamon Marks Grew.

From that time the bird has multiplied. Breeders became interested in producing them, and at the present day they are greatly admired by many of the visitors at our shows. They are gradually overhauling their dark-eyed brethren, the Yorkshire proper, in the matter of type, style, and position, and the Clears from this variety are responsible for much of the improved quality of feather shown in late years in the ordinary Yorkshire.

This many practical breeders and exhibitors will readily admit, whilst the artistic loveliness of a well marked, typical specimen of the Cinamon Marked Yorkshire appeals to all who are able to appreciate its beautiful markings and splendid shape along with fine quality of feather.

Classes for Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires were first provided at the Crystal Palace Company's 30th annual exhibition, held February 11 to 15, 1893, through the influence of the Yorkshire Union. Previously one class was provided for Variegated Cinnamons, any variety.

The Green Yorkshire of twenty years ago, was, to my mind, quite as handsome and as pure and rich in colour as the bulk of the present day birds, the Yellow Green's brilliant and lustrous colour not being mixed at that time so frequently with Cinnamon blood as it has been since.

The crossing of the pure Green Canary with self or cinnamon variegated birds, which was practised rather extensively some years ago, is, in my judgment, a decided mistake, and without doubt this injured the Green Canary so far as purity of colour was concerned.

The Danger in Cinnamon Crossing.

It is a fact that the crossing of Green with Cinnamon, or Cinnamon with Green, so far as my own practical experience has gone has, in most cases, resulted in a loss as regards soundness and purity of colour in selfs as well as in the markings of Green or Cinnamon marked birds.

The Greens are dull and smutty in colour, especially in the Buffs, and the Cinnamons from the same cross are "brassy" in Yellows and dirty looking drab in the Buffs. This has been my experience, and I have known others who have experienced the same results.

Take the Green Marked Yorkshire; many of these have a considerable amount of Cinnamon blood in their veins, and the markings in many cases are of a grey cast, some being between a shade of green and cinnamon. The same remarks in some instances will apply to the Cinnamon Marks. Some of these by having been crossed with Green Marked birds (in an endeavour in most cases to improve their type) are nearly what may be termed half green and half cinnamon in their markings.

These points will, in the near future, have to be considered, and if some who may doubt the above statements will observe the difference in the colour of a good many of our self-coloured Cinnamons and Greens and the markings on Green and Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires, it may be the means of convincing them that there are some grounds for the statement that seldom does the crossing of Cinnamon and Green improve the colour of either, but in the majority of instances is the means of injuring that colour. Another thing that may have done something towards spoiling a goodly number of Greens is the class for pied and broken Greens.

Much may be said by the breeders in favour of these classes as being an outlet for birds that are not perfect as self-coloured birds, and this may be, and no doubt is the reason which causes some to stick to the variety when otherwise they might drop it for some other variety or perhaps leave the Fancy altogether.

But these classes may also have a tendency to cause breeders to be more careless in their mating, and instead of their sole aim being to breed sound self-coloured Green birds, which should be the ambition of all Green breeders, they, instead of discarding birds with white feathers in wings and tail and those with light throats and vents, in too many instances keep and breed with them knowing that there is the chance of exhibiting them in these broken and pied classes.

Though I can hardly expect these classes will be dispensed with, it is only right to say that more encouragement might be given to the self-coloured or Green bird proper, and less to what can only be considered as wasters, the same as pied or broken Cinnamons. I never believe in offering any inducement to breed something we do not want, and the man who sets out to breed Green Yorkshires should not want to breed anything but self-coloured birds.

In spite of these drawbacks, which may, perhaps, be only imaginary on my part, the Green Yorkshire has made great progress as a Yorkshire, and is much better understood and far more popular than formerly, and its value as one of the fountains for colour breeding is more appreciated. For this much credit is due to the Green Canary Club.

The evenly-marked Yorkshire is the only variety of the Yorkshire Canary that has lost ground during the last twenty years. This to some may seem strange, as it undoubtedly is the most handsome and captivating of all the varieties of our handsome Yorkshire birds. Very seldom at the present day do we see a schedule where they can be exhibited except in the A.O.V. class, and only occasionally do we see a really good specimen there.

Amongst the reasons for their decadence is no doubt the necessity of their having in very many cases, in fact, nearly all, to be dressed or faked in order to win. The detection of these practices of the fine art of trimming and the severity of punishment, when caught, deter many from exhibiting, but the temptation is great when you have a bird with a pair of grand wings, one eye perfect, and the other nearly so and capable of being made so.

Another reason is the much better chance there is now of exhibiting faulty even-marked birds in the unevenly-marked classes, these classes having advanced as the evenly-marked classes have fallen away, and this has certainly had its influence on the evenly-marked Yorkshires' decreasing numbers.



Winner of 1st Prize for Mr. J. Herring, London, in the Amateur Section at the show of the City and Suburban A.C.B.

DECEPTIVE EGGS.

At the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club many interesting examples of abnormality in eggs were discussed.

Mr. Langton exhibited two nests and eggs for identification. The first was supposed to be that of a Blackcap, the other that of a Redpoll. A discussion took place, and the consensus of opinion was that the supposed Blackcap's eggs were those of a Yellowhammer, and the eggs attributed to the Redpoll really belonged to a Linnet.

Mr. Witherby exhibited a Great Tit's egg which was completely covered with some black substance. The egg had been sent to him by Mr. J. H. Gurney, with the following remarks:—"I am sending you an egg from a Great Tit's nest at Great Malton Rectory, stained black. The Rev. N. W. Paine informs me that there were eight in the nest, all covered over like this one; the nest was in a fork of a tree and open to the sky, which may account for some exudations having got into it."

Mr. R. H. Read exhibited a series of eggs of British Thrushes, mostly Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, and Blackbird—among which were many handsomely marked sets which were much admired. Interesting eggs of the Song Thrush were a pure white egg with rust-red and dark red spots which Mr. Read had obtained this year in Sussex, a set of seven spotless blue eggs, a set of three deserted eggs with Cuckoo's egg, and set of two with three Hedge Sparrow's eggs in the same nest. Among the Missel Thrushes' eggs were some heavily blotched and others spotted with bright red from the apple orchards of Somerset. Among the Blackbirds' eggs were a set of five—four of which were a pure, bright, spotless blue, the fifth being faintly spotted—taken on the ground in Essex, and another set in which the ground-colour was entirely hidden by the red-brown markings. These latter were taken in Scotland close to where Mr. Read found, on the same day, a set of red eggs of the Sedge Warbler. Although, generally speaking, the eggs of these three species were readily distinguishable in clutches, yet from each species individual eggs could be selected, both spotless and spotted or blotched, with rust-red markings of which it would be very difficult, and in some cases impossible, to say to which of the three species they belonged.—"Yorkshire Post."

THE BEARDED TIT.

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When alarmed in their haunts by any sudden sound, they utter this shrill, musical note and creep down and conceal themselves at the bottom of the reeds. Were it not for their note betraying them, as one observer remarks, they would be still more seldom seen.

The nest of the Bearded Tit is open and cup-shaped, and is composed of the leaves of the reed mingled with sedge and grass, and lined with the tops of the reed. It is generally placed near the ground in a bed of broken down reeds, or among nettles, or other herbage.

The eggs are from four to eight in number, they are white and minutely marked with reddish-brown, but they vary greatly in the extent of the markings, although not in general colour.

This little bird is much more abundant on the Continent than with us, and apparently has a wide range extending to Asia Minor. Our caged specimens are supplied chiefly from Holland, where the species is pretty common.

As has already been remarked, it is a fairly hardy bird in confinement, and as to its attractiveness as a cage bird I cannot do better than quote the testimony of the ornithologist, Blyth, who made a special study of this species in captivity, and who remarks that it is unceasingly active, fond of society and of using its shrill voice.

If three or four are kept together, they are most amusing. One will often hang by one leg from the top of the cage, if it is all wire, and scratch the heads of its fellow prisoners with the other. They have a habit of placing one foot upon the food they are eating, and will jump into the seed pan and scrape among the food like a barn-door fowl.

One specimen which the above gentleman kept, although it had no idea of hammering at a hempseed as a Tit does, would wait patiently close by, while one of those birds broke open the seed, and then try to make off with the contents.

On the ground it walks like a Chaffinch, instead of hopping, and in its wild haunts has been seen to run like a Wagtail over the broad leaves of water plants and on the ice in winter.

Although still commonly called a Tit, it has apparently no close affinity to the genus *Parus*. It has been considered as more nearly allied to the Shrikes, and by some authorities, with perhaps more reason, to belong to a family which includes the Waxbills, Whydahs and other foreign birds.



Photographed by Bentley, Barrow-in-Furness.

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OUTDOOR FOREIGN BIRD KEEPING.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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"CAN much be done with one aviary?" is a question frequently asked. Another is: "I have no indoor accommodation in which to winter my birds; what can I do with them?" To the first question I answer, most decidedly, Yes. To the second, my reply is, leave them out-of-doors and treat as indicated herein.

In the first place the bird lover must decide as to the course he intends to pursue. If breeding is to be the paramount aim, then he must content himself with small numbers and variety, say six, or at most seven pairs of birds, in an aviary of say 20 feet long, by 3 to 4 feet wide, and 6 to 8 feet high, open only at the front, which must face south or south-west.

Even then the young must be disposed of as they assume adult plumage, or a second enclosure made merely for flight purposes, otherwise they will upset their parents' breeding arrangements; in fact, almost nullify them.

The Charm of Foreign Bird Keeping.

On the other hand, if the bird lover decides on numbers and variety, then he can have in the same space 50, or even 60 birds. But while he will gather a lot of useful general information, and be continually charmed and interested with their quaint ways, love songs, dances, etc., the breeding experiences will be few and far between.

Under such conditions, however, I have reared numbers of Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Java Sparrows, Cockatiels, and similar so-called common stuff with interest and pleasure—if not profit. The latter is a minor consideration with the true bird lover; he is athirst for knowledge and information concerning his feathered friends, and counts not the cost of anything within his means that he may do so.

As to variety, what may I keep together? What I am about to say I am afraid many fanciers and aviculturists will consider very unorthodox, if not rank heresy. Be that as it may, I am simply stating what I have done, and if others will adopt the same precautions, they will succeed in the same, and possibly greater measure.

Now for the birds I have kept in the same enclosure. Waxbills in variety, including the small and beautiful Zebra or Golden-breasted, a fairly representative series of Mannikins, Grassfinches, Singing Finches, Stray Weavers, and a pair of Cockatiels.

A Necessary Caution.

Do not get some of all the above and loose them into your aviary straightaway; this would simply invite disaster. Get first some Waxbills, and let them have the aviary to themselves for a month, by that time they will know their way about and take care of themselves.

Then gradually introduce the others a pair at a time, watching carefully those of larger size till their demeanour can be ascertained. Most of the Grassfinches are safe, and the Mannikins are generally quite harmless, excepting, perhaps, the Magpie Mannikin, which had better be left out, unless the enclosure be very large, for although he seldom does much harm, in the event of a quarrel a blow from his powerful beak would be fatal, even to a bird fully his own size.

Saffron Finches must be introduced with caution, carefully watched, and at once removed if they become at all combative, and only one pair must be kept. But in spite of the evil reputation they enjoy, I have had an amiable pair for several years, which have never done any mischief.

The same care must be exercised as to Weavers, and as they seldom attempt to breed, though they build numbers of their interesting and cleverly woven nests, it is well to limit the supply to two or three cocks, for instance, Orange, Madagascar, Napoleon, and Red-billed.

The Cockatiels should be introduced the second year; then they seldom do any mischief. Mine never have, and have reared some fine youngsters. Green Singing Finches and Pekin Robins are inveterate egg stealers, and often thus upset their companions' nesting arrangements, otherwise they are charming and interesting birds.

Now I can almost hear some reader exclaim: What about tragedies? Well, I never had any. The only deaths I ever had which I could attribute to violence were when I first introduced the Cockatiels.

No sooner had the larger Finches got over the scare caused by their introduction, than they commenced to mob them, and a Saffron and Greenfinch were mortally wounded in the scrimmage.

Peace After War.

The next day there was a declaration of peace, which has never since been broken, though six years have run their course, and many of the birds are still living.

Favourites? Well, I suppose, as students of bird life, we ought not to have any; however this may be, we are only human, and there are some that by their artless and confiding ways insinuate themselves into a first place in our affections.

At the head of these with me stand beautiful little Zebra or Golden-breasted Waxbills. Their taking ways, funny little love dance, fearless, happy and confiding demeanour under all circumstances, coupled with their hardiness, beauty and longevity, make them favourites almost anywhere.

Silverbills: These very pretty and entertaining birds, of quiet, dainty appearance, have a soft, sweet running sort of song. The quaint, ridiculous (from our standpoint) courting dance of the male, coupled with a trustful and confiding demeanour, make them favourites with all.

I have been surprised to find these birds usually described as exclusively Seed-eaters, and as never or scarcely ever touching green-food. This is not so. Mine certainly eat mealworms, gentles, and ants' cocoons; they also visit the soft-food saucer and daintily pick it over; they also regularly eat a little green-food, eagerly searching same for aphides, etc. This causes me to draw the conclusion that in common with all Finches, they largely rear their young on insect food; they have never bred in my aviary, evidently having too much company.

An Extended Selection.

While, speaking in general, Waxbills and the smaller Finches for obvious reasons most readily win their way with us, I must confess to a strong liking (some will, perhaps, think it depraved) for Mannikins. In a fair-sized aviary I find them active, entertaining, and full of interest with their quaint ways. Of course, in cages these birds are simply eaten up with ennui and dull beyond description; but in the aviary, as aforestated, quite the reverse. The impudent, cheeky, self-assertive little Zebra Finch, so active in blowing his own little trumpet, with his free breeding propensities, is a useful favourite.

There are many birds which, while lacking the seductive traits of those particularised above, yet command a place in our collections by reason of their rarity or little-known habits, striking or handsome plumage, or diversity between winter and summer dress. I will name a few, not going over a long list, but keeping in mind the aforesaid outdoor aviary mixed series.

Indigo and Nonpareil Buntings: I have not kept these together, and though they often disagree yet where space is not too limited they should not materially interfere one with the other.

Orange, Madagascar, and Red-billed Weavers: These are all showy, and also interesting birds for several reasons, such as diversity of summer and winter dress, and the curious and cleverly-woven nests they build all over the aviary.

The Turquoisine may be kept in lieu of the Cockatiels if preferred, or a pair of each if the aviary be not less than 30 feet long.

Mention must be made of the beautiful Chinese Quail; a pair of these should certainly be kept. They not only give variety, being ground birds, but practically live on the seed the other birds scatter on the floor; thus they not only charm, and cost almost nothing to keep, but also help to starve out the mice. These need soft food and a few insects.

Winter is usually looked upon as a trying time for the outdoor aviary—so it is for the bird lover attending to birdy wants—but for the birds I do not find it so. The real trying time is damp, wet weather, whether it occurs during the heat of summer, or cold of winter.

The Hardiness of Zebra Finches.

Dry cold does not hurt or cause suffering to the majority of foreign birds; at least they appear to feel it less than our natural Britishers. The little Zebra Waxbills I have seen during the sharp frosts and bitter winds of our winters take their tub regularly, and apparently as merry and happy as a lark can be.

Take an illustration from my note book. A young Zebra Finch began to moult in March, 1900, the weather being very rough and bitter. I simply should not have noticed this, as I just gave them their food and away again, but one of my sisters told me one of the Zebra Finches was looking queer, so I went and had a look at him. He came at once to the front branches, and though looking out of sorts, for he was in the thick of the moult, immediately blew his little trumpet with all the assurance and cheek in the world. I rewarded him with a mealworm and increased the proportion of egg in soft-food, and he was soon A1 again.

At moulting time I always increase insect food. All Waxbills and Finches are glad of it at this time, and I am convinced the brilliancy and lustre of their plumage are added to by its use. And a liberal supply of living insects is really essential to Weavers, Whydahs, etc., when changing from winter to summer dress. I may say that in my aviary the nest boxes only get an annual clean, yet red mite (the bane of indoor aviaries and cages) is unknown.

When to Introduce the Birds.

I wish to state clearly, in conclusion, that if birds are to remain out-of-doors all the winter, they should already have been there the greater part of the summer. It is simply murder to purchase newly-imported birds and turn them out in cold weather; they ought to be turned out in May, June, or July at latest, and then they will take no harm.

The foregoing details would apply equally to indoor cages and aviaries, with this exception, that while there must be good ventilation without draught, yet I certainly should consider the exclusion of frost necessary for the well-being of Foreign birds. It is an undoubted fact that birds which are indifferent to cold in a spacious outdoor aviary, part of which is open to the weather, are very susceptible to change of temperature when kept indoors.

Under such conditions they could be introduced at any time. I venture to hope this account of some of my experiences in keeping Foreign birds out-of-doors may induce to take up this delightful hobby some who hitherto have hesitated because they have had no indoor bird-room.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.--Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Table show, Aug. 14, Headquarters; 31 birds staged, all Yorks.; Mr. R. Greensmith, Lockwood, judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Sykes; 2, hc, Bray; 3, Cotton; vhc, Cheetham; c, Gledhill. Buff (9): 1, Smithies; 2, Cheetham; 3, Shanks; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Bray; c, Sykes. Mkd. Yell. (7): 1, 3, Buttle and Coupland; 2, Cotton; vhc, Sykes; hc, Radley; c, Bray. Buff (4): 1, Shanks; 2, Radley; 3, Elliot; vhc, Bray. Cinn. Mkd. (5): 1, Sykes; 2, Battye; 3, Hargreaves; vhc, Bray; hc, Buttle and Coupland.—A. Lawford, Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

F.F. show, St. Michael's Hall, West Croydon, Aug. 16. About 60 exhibits were forward. Borders, Yorks, and Norwich classes were well filled, and some good birds were benched considering the late date and early moult. Mr. H. Norman judged. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. (11): 1, res, vhc, c, Halhead; 2, 3, Wilson; hc, Lock. Varieg. (5): 1, 2, two spls, Halhead; 3, Wilson; res, Everitt; vhc, Lock. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. (10): 1, res, Mudd; 2, 3, Chester; vhc, c, Last; hc, Bacon. Varieg. (10): 1, 2, Mudd; 3, hc, Ramsey; res, c, Bacon; vhc, Last. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. (9): 1, spl, c, Bacon; 2, hc, Rev. Soames; 3, vhc, Last; res, Mrs. Pocock. Varieg. (6): 1, 3, Bacon; 2, Last; res, hc, Soames; vhc, Pocock. Mule (1): 1, Ramsey. Brit. (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Iles; 3, Greenwood.—J. A. Halhead

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, July 19, with a record entry of 103, and some very promising youngsters on view, Mr. E. Atkinson, of Stanley, judged, and appeared to give general satisfaction. Nor. Yell.: 1, Wm. Forster; 2, 3, Barron. Buff: 1, 3, Bates; 2, Harwood. Nor. Old Bird: 1, Bates; 2, W. Forster; 3, Creswell. Yorks., Yell.: 1, 2, G. Foster; 3, Bates. Buff: 1, Bates; 2, 3, G. Foster. Old Bird: 1, Stanger; 2, Bates. Crest: 1, Stanger; 2, W. Forster. C.B.: 1, Stanger. Crest or C.B., Old: 1, 3, W. Forster; 2, Stanger. Bord., Yell.: 1, 2, Mitchel; 3, Marsh. Buff: 1, Towers; 2, Lowerson; 3, Mitchel. Green or Cinn.: 1, Dawson. Old Bird: 1, Young; 2, Mitchel; 3, Dawson. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Stanger; 2, Mason and Sanderson. Linnet: 1, Boyd; 3, Young. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Stanger; 2, W. Forster. Greenf.: 1, Boyd; 2, Dawson; 3, J. Robson. Redpoll: 1, Dawson; 2, Barron; 3, Creswell. Siskin or Twite: 1, Towers; 2, Creswell. A.O. Brit: 1, Boyd. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Stanger; 2, Boyd 3, Mason and Sanderson. For.: 1, Bates.—G. F. Bates, Sec.

LLANRWST.

Show, Aug. 16. The birds were staged in a large tent and were well catered for. A good entry was recorded. No doubt the valuable cup was the draw. Considering the time of the year, the birds looked very well; in fact, too well. Some should have been in moult if they are to be at the front in the great advance in October. There were plenty of fanciers present, and the majority of them were in uniform. The stewards, Messrs. Tom Roberts, Nolan, Jones (Holyhead), Roberts Bros. (Bontnewyd) and others, whose names we did not get, gave the exhibits their undivided attention.

The cup winner was staged by Mr. Nolan (Menai Bridge). It is a good Yorkie and in the best of condition. The majority of the exhibits were good birds, but deep in moult. British were a choice lot, especially the winning Goldie, which was claimed for 60s.—a bargain.

There were many exhibits absent through delay on the railway. The Sec., Mr. Chambers, is a master hand in running a show. Those fanciers from a distance had permission to catch the 4.30 train in taking their birds from the show. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. We hear he found another "Pride of Liverpool" in the winning Goldie.

NOR. YELL.: 1, J. Jones, eye mkd., rare head and neck, short and cobby; 2, Owens, varieg., massive bird, just a bit pinched in head. BUFF: 1, Jones, smart, clean-cut shap, neat head and broad back, well put down; 2, Owen, big bouncing bird, but long. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, cup best in show, Nolan, rare type, straight as a gun barrel, cleanly moulded, sharp character, easy win; 2, Roberts, longer, very shapely, but in moult; 3, J. Jones, rare outlines, good back and wings, deep in moult; vhc, Roberts; hc, Owen. BUFF: 1, 3, Owen, beauties, very shooty, wedge shape, full of swank, put down in style; 2, Nolan, bit longer, shade weak at neck, capital pos.; vhc, Kershaw; absent, Roberts, two exhibits. UNFLIG.: 1, Kershaw, buff, topper for qual., A1 pos., sweet head and neck, straight as a rush; 2, J. Jones, Norwich, bonny head and neck, good wing carr., well finished behind; 3, Williams, yell, Yorks, very stylish, well up on leg, straight back, bit open in front. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Nolan, Goldf. Mule, capital size and col., yell., rare blaze and cond., 2nd Greenf. Mule, fails size and col. to winner, a good bird though; 3, no name, Goldie Mule, on the small side, nice cond. GOLDF.: 1, spl, hc, Tom Roberts, a wonder, magnificent square blaze, carried well back, rare tanning and buttons, will want stopping; 2, Williams, nice size and cond., good bars and buttons, excellent shape; 3, vhc, E. Jones, marvel for col. and cond., neat buttons, all there for tanning, only beaten size; c, Roberts. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Nolan, Waxwing, in wonderful order, often described, runner-up for cup; 2, 3, hc, Tom Roberts, Linnet, fair pencilling, nice nutty col., cone shape, not a great one, will improve; vhc, c, Edwards. NOV.: 1, Miss Roberts, neat yell. Yorks., grand style and cond., full of go, well put down; 2, Owens, massive, good type, in moult; 3, Parry, Yorks., well up on leg, fair cond. and style; vhc, Evans; hc, Roberts; 550, absent. SELL.: 1, Nolan; 2, Williams; 3, Evans.

Use Our Notepaper.

SOME BIRDS EXHIBITED AT THE LLANRWST SHOW.

By J. KERSHAW.

First of all it is to be admitted that Mr. Nolan fully deserved winning the challenge cup with his extraordinary good clear yellow Yorkshire, a bird of rare properties and standing like a guardsman. The runner-up was his splendid Waxwing, and we rather liked the statement made by Mr. Metcalfe when awarding the cup to the Canary, that it is easier to catch a good one than breed one. Mr. James Jones's clear 1916 buff Norwich, not over moult, looks like making a name. It has beautiful quality, plenty of size, and good shape. We thought that its legs might be a wee bit shorter; still, it's an excellent bird. The winner of the 1916 class for Canary A.V., a clear buff Yorks, shown by Geo. Kershaw, is another that shows promise of becoming famous, being most typical in shape and position, narrow, but well filled, and has a marble-like quality of feather.

In the Goldfinches Mr. T. Roberts won handsomely with a real good Finch of rare size and large square-cut blaze, with good body, depth, and shape. We heard this bird was sold during the day to a well-known enthusiast, Mr. Ed. Jones, of Carnarvon, for a good figure. The second, Mr. Williams, was a gem for shape and contrast in colour, and beaten only in size and depth of blaze colour. This bird was bought by Mr. Roberts, the winner of 1st in the class.

The Mule section was headed by Mr. Nolan's dark Goldie-Canary, a bird of rare size, deep body, and excellent colour and blaze. We cannot pass without mentioning two other birds. Mr. T. Owen's buff Yorkshire, winner in the buff class, is a bird of rare length, standing straight up, long-sided, and of most extraordinary quality of feather. The other is the 3rd prize clear yellow Yorks (Mr. Williams) in the 1916 class. This bird was not shown to the best advantage owing to the moult. It has a particularly good body, nice wedge shape, excellent side, plenty of length, and looks like moulting into a deep rich-coloured bird. This was a bird we liked much, and congratulate the owner on its possession.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Second annual N.F. show, Trades and Labour Council Room, Arygle Street, July 29, Judge, Mr. W. Mallinson (Liscard). Visitors noticed we had changed our rooms, as this room is quite capable of staging about 200 birds. Everything went off satisfactorily and entries came in splendidly. New members were made and quite held their own in Yorkshires. The Sec. is well blessed with having the assistance of a sterling committee, and everything was ready well in advance of the judging. Prize money paid out. Every bird was a credit to the B.C.F.A. Cl. Yell.: 1, Barr; 2, Greatrix; 3, Hall; vhc, Corbett; hc, Teare. Buff: 1, hc, Corbett; 2, Greatrix; 3, Hall; c, Barr. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Greatrix; 2, 3, Wakem. Buff: 1, Greatrix; 2, Barr; 3, F. Jones; vhc, W. Jones; c, Wakem. Green Self Yell.: 1, 2, W. Jones; 3, F. Jones. Buff: 1, vhc, W. Jones; 2, A. E. Lloyd; 3, F. Jones. Foul: 1, W. Jones; 2, Phillips; 3, Wakem; vhc, F. Jones. Nor. Yell.: 1, vhc, Hall; 2, 3, Barr. Buff: 1, Barr; 2, Hall; 3, Phillips. British Amalg.: 1, 2, 3, Phillips; vhc, Peers. The annual show will take place Nov. 18. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). Meeting nights third Tuesday in the month.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

RAPID LOSS OF FEATHERS (B. G.).—This is nothing to be alarmed at. The bird has simply dropped into a very active moult, and provided proper care is taken to protect it from direct draughts whilst it is very scantily clad, and also from sudden extremes of heat and cold, this rapid loss of feathers is most conducive to a quick and healthy moult. In addition to its usual seed diet give a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake every second day for three or four weeks, and on the alternate days give a morsel of some sweet fruit or green wild seeds, such as plantain stalks or seed heads of shepherd's-purse, and a few blooms of marigolds or nasturtiums now and again will form a whole some change and find the bird something to pick at. Allow it to bathe freely, and if it seems to be very bare you would do well to keep a light cover thrown over the cage, especially at night, until the new plumage is well forward. When you can see the new feathers coming on the head and neck you may add to the drinking water 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for a fortnight or so, to help it to throw off the effects of the moult.

TICKING NOISE (Borderer).—The slight ticking noise which the bird makes when at rest at night since it commenced moulting is probably not of very great importance, though there is just a chance that it is due to incipient bronchial trouble. In either case it usually disappears when the bird has quite got over the moult. In a great many cases it is merely due to the bird indulging a little too freely with the soft food usually supplied at the moulting season. See that it is not exposed to any direct draughts or rapid extremes of heat and cold. Then add to the water for three days six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this if the noise is still in evidence give five drops each oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a week.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviories, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

COLOUR-FEEDING ROLLERS (Novice).—If properly carried out I do not suppose colour-feeding would adversely affect the song of Rollers in any way, though the breed is not, as a rule, colour-fed. Years ago I "fed" ordinary trained singing Rollers in common with practically all other varieties, and did not find any ill effects at all either in the general health or the singing powers of the birds. But I did not try it on highly-trained specimens, such as contest singers, though I see no reason why the effect upon them should be in any way different from the ordinary trained singers. The breed I found did not really "take" colour well, doubtless the result of so little attention being paid to the fundamental necessity of breeding for colour first, and then feeding for it afterwards.

WEAK ON LEGS (Nemo).—First of all, see that the bird has well-fitting perches that do not wobble about as it moves about on them, and that they are of a proper size and shape. The size should be such that the bird just fails to encircle them with its claws when it grips them. Give a staple diet of good, sound canary seed. In addition, give every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days three times a week a similar quantity of egg-food, crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk, ringing the changes on these three to make variety, and in either case mix three drops of cod liver oil emulsion with it each time, and continue giving it for a month. On two days each week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, linseed and broken groats. Give green food three times a week and allow a fair amount of exercise.

DYING IN SHELL, ETC. (Vincent, Oxford).—(1) There are so many probabilities as to the cause of young dying in the shell that it is quite useless to speculate about it in the absence of any scrap of information as to how the birds are kept and treated. The eggs getting temporarily chilled or weakness of the germ are among the most frequent causes, but much depends upon the stage of incubation at which the embryos died, and of this, too, you give no clue. It is useless carrying on breeding operations further this season, so you had best get one of our handbooks and study its contents before next season commences, and see if you can discover anything in the treatment of your birds which is likely to be the cause of these abnormalities. (2) Here again it would have been much better if you had given details of your treatment. There is either some weak point in the management, or the bird is feeling the onset of the moult rather badly. Try the following treatment. Keep it in a bright and airy place, but not fully exposed to direct draughts, and do not hang it up high near the ceiling, in a window, nor where it is subject to sudden extremes of heat and cold. Give a staple diet of canary seed, on top of which give a pinch of summer rape each morning. In addition give separately a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake well sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give instead a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that it is sound and sweet in the kernel), niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Give a few seed heads of shepherd's-purse, grasses, or plantain stalks daily. A few blooms of marigolds or nasturtiums may also be given for them to nibble at. In the drinking water for three consecutive days add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand, and the food and water vessels scrupulously clean.

LOSS OF SIGHT (W. P.).—Sorry, but if the eyes show a milky-white disc in the centre of the pupils when you look into them the bird is suffering from cataract, and nothing whatever that you can do will be of the least avail in restoring the sight. The bird will soon learn to find its way about very cleverly and will live happily in its way, and probably sing fairly, but you should not in any circumstances attempt to breed with it again. It would have been much better to have kept it out of the breeding cage this year if you had the least idea that the eyes were becoming affected. There is undoubtedly a strong hereditary taint in this complaint, and the young bred from an affected bird are in a very large proportion of cases strongly predisposed to it, and not infrequently contract it at a very early age.

BIRD-HOUSE FROM DOVECOTE (Novice, Plymouth).—Judging from your written description I see no reason at all why your pigeon house should not make a very serviceable bird-house for breeding Norwich Canaries, especially if you see that it is first thoroughly overhauled, cleaned and disinfected. The northern aspect, whilst not ideal, is certainly in no way a disqualification, and the wall back, especially if plastered over smoothly, will be quite as good, or even better, than a wood one. It would have been an advantage if you had enclosed a rough sketch of the place, but I see no structural alteration that is really necessary to turn the place into a suitable bird-house.

A SUDDEN SEIZURE (D. M. A.).—The probability is that the bird had a sudden fright or some great excitement, which might have been of a temporary nature, which brought on an attack of effusion of blood or serous matter on to the brain or within the cranial bones causing pressure on the brain, and thereby, in either case, giving rise to the paralytic symptoms. You can do nothing in such a case, beyond keeping the bird as quiet as possible, giving a plain nourishing diet, and trust to Nature to repair the mischief in her own way. If the symptoms are still very bad, you may add to the water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium daily for a week, but drugs are not of very much use in these cases. See that the

bowels are kept rather free, but not too loose, by the addition of a sufficient quantity of succulent green salads to the dietary.

PECKING AT FEATHERS (A. R.).—This irritability is not uncommon with some birds just before the moult commences. In addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days add a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed or chopped sunflower, and broken groats. Give one or two plantain stalks or other wild green seeds daily. In the water on the days when you give the mixed seeds add ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, continuing this for as long a time as you do the sulphur. A morsel of cuttlefish in the wires for it to peck at would help to divert its attention from its plumage. Allow it to bathe as often as it likes. You may slightly anoint the bare spot where it pulls the feathers from with boracic ointment once or twice with an interval of two or three days between.

YOUNG DYING (J. C.).—The cause of the deaths as you describe is almost certainly to be found in the dietary, but you do not give sufficient details for me to say definitely just where the weak point is. I can, therefore, only reply in a general way. You must first of all see that the cages and all food and water vessels, especially the latter, are kept thoroughly clean, and strew the cage regularly with clean, gritty sand. Next examine your hemp, to see if it is sound and sweet in the kernel. If the kernel is brown or discoloured when it is broken open do not use it, as this alone would be sufficient to account for loss of young. Then give a staple diet of good sound canary, on top of which place a little summer rape each morning. In addition to this give a small teaspoonful of egg-food, or any biscuit food you may use as a substitute, sprinkled with maw each morning. In the afternoon remove any that remains, clean the vessel, and give in its place a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp (only good sound seed), niger, teazle, linseed or chopped sunflower seeds and broken groats or crushed plain biscuit. Occasionally the morning supply of soft food may be varied by an equal quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or an equal quantity of soaked rape, but if the latter is given care must be taken to see that it does not remain until sour, which takes but a short time in warm weather. Give a few seed heads of shepherd's-purse, plantain stalks, or marigold or nasturtium blooms for them to pick at daily. If the losses do not cease at once under this treatment, get the body of the next that dies examined by our post-mortem examiner to see if it is infectious.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

USING AVIARY FOR MULE BREEDING (G. Wood).—My experience has been that cage breeding has produced more young than aviary breeding, but of course anyone who possesses a nice building generally likes to make use of it for breeding purposes. You can use yours in either of the following ways:—Two hen Canaries with a Goldfinch and a Linnet as mates, or three hen Canaries with one Goldfinch. In the former case I would advise you to keep the pairs for a time in separate cages, they would not only get used to each other, but probably form an attachment, so that they would keep together when turned out. I would myself prefer the three hens with the Goldfinch; they would probably all go to nest, and the majority of eggs would be fertile if the Goldfinch was a healthy specimen, and properly fed.

STOCKING AN AVIARY (Anxious).—An aviary the size of 10ft. x 6ft. x 6ft. could be made exceedingly useful for the breeding of both Mules and Hybrids. Do not overcrowd, have a few birds in and treat them well, and then with luck you should have some success. I would advise the following:—Hen Bullfinch, two hen Greenfinches, six hen Canaries, three cock Goldfinches, one cock Linnet, one cock Siskin and one cock Redpoll or Twite. Have two seed hoppers filled with four parts Canary, two parts teazle, and one part summer rape. Give a few sunflower seeds daily and on alternate days a spoonful to each bird of the following mixed seeds: Hemp, niger, maw, dandelion, sesame, gold of pleasure, and thistle. Buy them separately and mix yourself. If you have any trouble in procuring them I would advise you to get wild seed put up in packet form, by some well-known firm.

TREATMENT OF BLACKBIRDS (S. G. Nelms).—You are wise in starting the bird hobby again, there is none to beat it, and I am pleased to hear of your success the first season. Now about your young Blackbirds. It is quite right for them to moult now, and the more ragged they are, and the more rapidly they do it, the better. They will moult all their feathers excepting their wings and tails and will probably commence to warble when nearly through. You appear to be feeding them well, the only alteration I would suggest is to discontinue the barley meal, it is fattening and heating; add an extra quantity of fine chicken meal to take its place. When they are nearly through, let them bathe frequently on suitable occasions, and see that the cage is dry before roosting

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nut-shell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

time. Of course you will cage them off separately. I would advise you to send to this office for our Nutshell booklet No. 4, on the Thrush and Blackbird, post free 2½d. There is a lot of information in it that will be useful to you.

LINNET OR REDPOLL? (C. Parr).—Your bird might be either a Linnet or Redpoll as they both show red on breast and cap, but generally more pronounced in the Redpoll the first year of captivity. The latter is a smaller bird than the Linnet, shorter in build, more active, frequently clinging to the wires of the cage. Yours would be a cock bird and you could breed with it next season. The hen falling into the moult prevented your having any success this year. I have no doubt your cock bird will soon do the same, and commence to warble when he is through. He will be all right for muling next season.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (B. Malkinson).—(1). There is scarcely any difference between the breeding of Linnet or Goldfinch Mules. Some fanciers are successful with one and fail with the other, although I fancy more succeed with the Goldfinch than the Linnet. (2). You can use the hen either way, there is no difference worth mentioning in the young. (3). Yes, autumn is the best time to procure British birds, directly they are through the moult. (4). About four pairs would be sufficient for breeding purposes. (5). You can please yourself, but I prefer to let them fly together at least a part of the winter. (6). You can turn in the British Birds with the Canaries, they will not fight, excepting an occasional "spar" over the food vessel.

KEEPING NIGHTINGALES IN IRELAND (Aurora).—There should not be any more difficulty in keeping the Nightingale in captivity in Ireland than in England. This bird is not nearly so robust as the Thrush, requires different treatment as regards food, and is of course more difficult to rear by hand. I think you would do well to send for our booklet No. 25 on the smaller insectivorous bird. It treats fully of the feeding and keeping of the different warblers, including the Nightingale. There is practically no difference between the cock and hen, or none that I could give you to be of any use in selecting one. To secure one you had better watch our advertisement columns. With luck one should reach you safely. It would have to be dispatched at a given time to catch boat connections, etc. (2). Hen Goldfinches are certainly valuable for Hybrid breeding, particularly when hand reared.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN (C.B.).—The birds you mention are not always safe with British Finches, but you could try one or two of the commoner ones.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT WITH SWOLLEN EYE (Jock, Alton).—The most probable cause is that the bird has been in a draught and has contracted a bad cold in the eye. Part of the remedy, of course, will be to avoid this in future. Bad eyes are no more uncommon in birds than in humans, and similar cases to yours are not infrequent, particularly in the summer time, when window and door are often open and the current of air passes through the bird's cage. Bathe the eye first with warm water to cleanse it, then with a dilute rose water and zinc eye solution, treat so daily till the trouble ceases, and keep the bird strictly out of draught. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days put chemical food in the water. Treat as above for three or four weeks, then report progress.

ZEBRA FINCHES (A. B. C.).—These charming little Australian Finches are most easily kept, and of all Foreign finches may be accounted the most hardy and prolific, though in every aviary some hens are lost annually from egg binding. Their menu is a most simple one, canary, white millet seed, millet sprays, and greenfood. When feeding young a little soft food may be supplied, but it is seldom eaten. Hay, fresh grass, and a little moss will supply them with all they require for nesting material. They like a large and deep box or husk for a nest receptacle, or they may construct a domed nest in the branches. In an aviary, whether naturally planted or otherwise, they go to nest almost at once, and usually have three broods each season. Of course, all birds require grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing.

KEEPING AN ORIOLE (Oriolus).—These birds need a fairly roomy cage, and if it is at all wild it may be necessary to protect the wire front of cage with string netting, but usually it is only with adult caught birds that such precautions are necessary, as their confined quarters during transport to this country subdue their wildness to some extent, and till they are somewhat settled in their new home their quarters should not be unduly roomy; partially clipping one wing will check undue exuberance if they are put in an aviary. In one of my aviaries at the moment are a Maroon Oriole, Bank and Large Hill Mynahs, Thrushes, a Babbler, and young Pheasants, and they are all very steady. Their menu is not a difficult one, but ripe fruit and berries must loom largely in it; beside this, they need soft food and insects. I find tepid milk-sop excellent for newly arrived birds, but do not supply this as a regular item. Not difficult to keep fit once they are over importation troubles, but a generous live-food diet should be supplied during the period of the moult.

BREEDING RING-NECK PARRAKEETS (Ring-neck).—The main thing with this and similar species is to keep them in a place where they have room for wing exercise, as in my opinion not only inclination to breed, but the fertility of eggs, depends very largely thereupon. I have found them to breed just as freely in a covered aviary as in an open one, neither have I found them to resent being watched so long as the nest log or barrel was not examined too frequently. Their usual seed and greenfood menu satisfies them at this period, but fresh greenfood should be supplied twice daily, and a saucer of dry broken biscuits may also be supplied; some pairs partake of these freely when feeding young. A pair will often remain in an aviary two or more years before showing any

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

interest in the nest receptacle, and some pairs never do so, but if you have the luck to secure a breeding pair they usually bring up two broods annually without fuss or trouble.

BENGALESE NOT REARING YOUNG (Bengali).—The main trouble with these Mannikins is to get them to sit steadily; as a rule any young hatched out are usually reared on seed and greenfood alone, but if the parents show any inclination or craving for these it will be best to supply a few, though if they are in an open aviary which contains a few plants and bushes the flies, etc., they catch will usually be all the live food they need, and nothing more need be supplied. Many of the Mannikins are fond of picking over kibbled groats, and a tin of these may well be kept in the aviary during the breeding season. Fresh greenfood twice daily is important.

GREY PARROT MOULTING (W. C.).—I am pleased to note such good results. There is no need to alter its diet materially; see that it gets a constant supply, also that it is kept out of draught and runs no risk of getting a chill; at the same time it must get fresh air. The main thing to watch against at this time is constipation, but usually if the bird takes liberally of fruit this does not occur, nevertheless, at the least sign of the excreta becoming stiff or hard give it a mild laxative (one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia) in the drinking water. During the period of the moult well colour the drinking water with chemical food or byno-phosphates. Also during this period let it have biscuits and fruit freely, and if the moult should drag, or the bird show signs of weakness, lightly spread the biscuit with cod-liver oil emulsion.

TREATMENT FOR MYNAH (Mynah).—These birds are almost omnivorous, and it is easy to keep up a changeful dietary. The staple dietary will be insectile mixture (these birds like it moistened to a stiff paste), ripe fruit, and a few insects, but the following may all be given, are wholesome, and usually eaten with gusto: Rice pudding, milk sop, cake crumbs, cooked vegetable, and almost every insect pest the garden produces. Some individuals arrive in rather a debilitated condition, and need nursing up a little, but once over this period they are not difficult to keep fit, but their cage must be kept clean. As soon as they are tame enough not to be scared at your standing close, talk to them playfully and quietly, repeating words over and over again, and a young bird will soon begin to pick up words, etc.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

AMUSEMENT TAX (J. L. Smith).—Unless your society can get exemption, on the grounds mentioned on page 460 of our issue of Aug. 12, you will have to pay a tax of one penny on each ticket sold, or on each admission paid for at the doors.

LAUREL BERRIES FOR BIRDS (J. Sargent).—Wild birds eat many things that would be fatal to birds in cages, and laurel berries are one of these things. Further, it is possible that they eat poisonous berries when pressed by hunger, or in mistake for wholesome fruit, and pay the penalty unknown to us. Laurel berries would certainly be injurious to a captive Thrush or Blackbird. We should be glad if you could kindly let us know the issue of CAGE BIRDS in which, as you say, it was stated that berries did not grow on laurels. We might say, however, that we have never before seen laurel berries so fine as those you kindly send, nor have we before seen so many on a spray.

BIRD CATCHING (H. Shackleford).—No licence is needed for catching birds. All that you need do is to be careful to catch only those birds which are not protected in your district, and to commit no act either with call birds or fresh caught birds which would render you liable to a prosecution for cruelty to animals. Birds caught now, and properly treated, would certainly be fit for breeding from next year.

IDENTIFICATION OF WILD SEED (Holyhead).—We have submitted your samples to our botanical expert, and the report is as follows:—(1) Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus Crista-galli*); (2) Wild Parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*); (3) Bladder Campion (*Silene inflata*); (4) Wild Carrot (*Daucus Carota*); (5) Devil's Bit Scabious (*Scabiosa succisa*); (6) Self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*); (7) unable to identify; (8) Common Mithridate Pepperwort (*Sepidium campestre*), (akin to garden cress); (9) Sea Purslane (*Atriplex portulacoides*); (10) Yellow Goatsbeard (*Tragopogan pratensis*).

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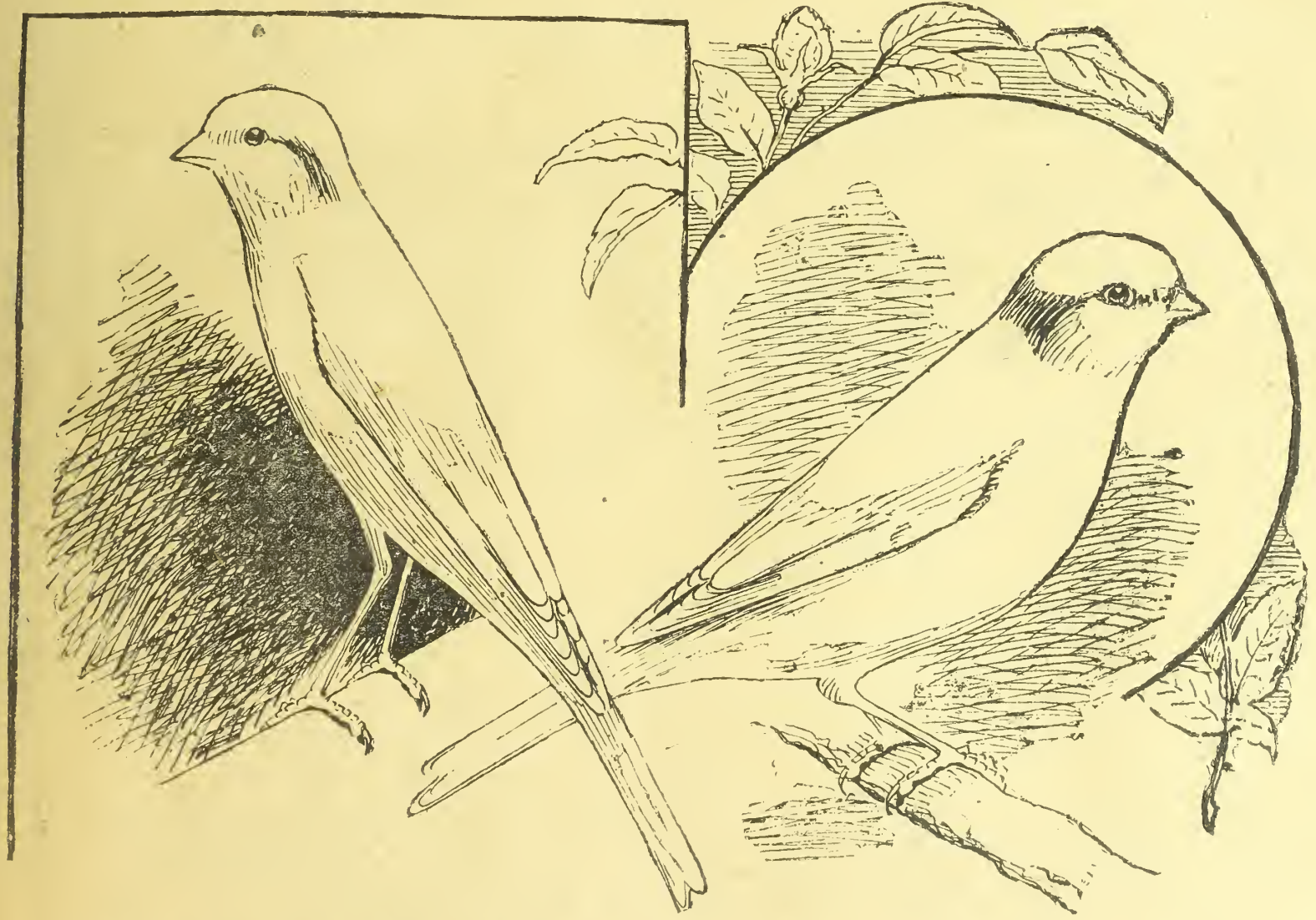
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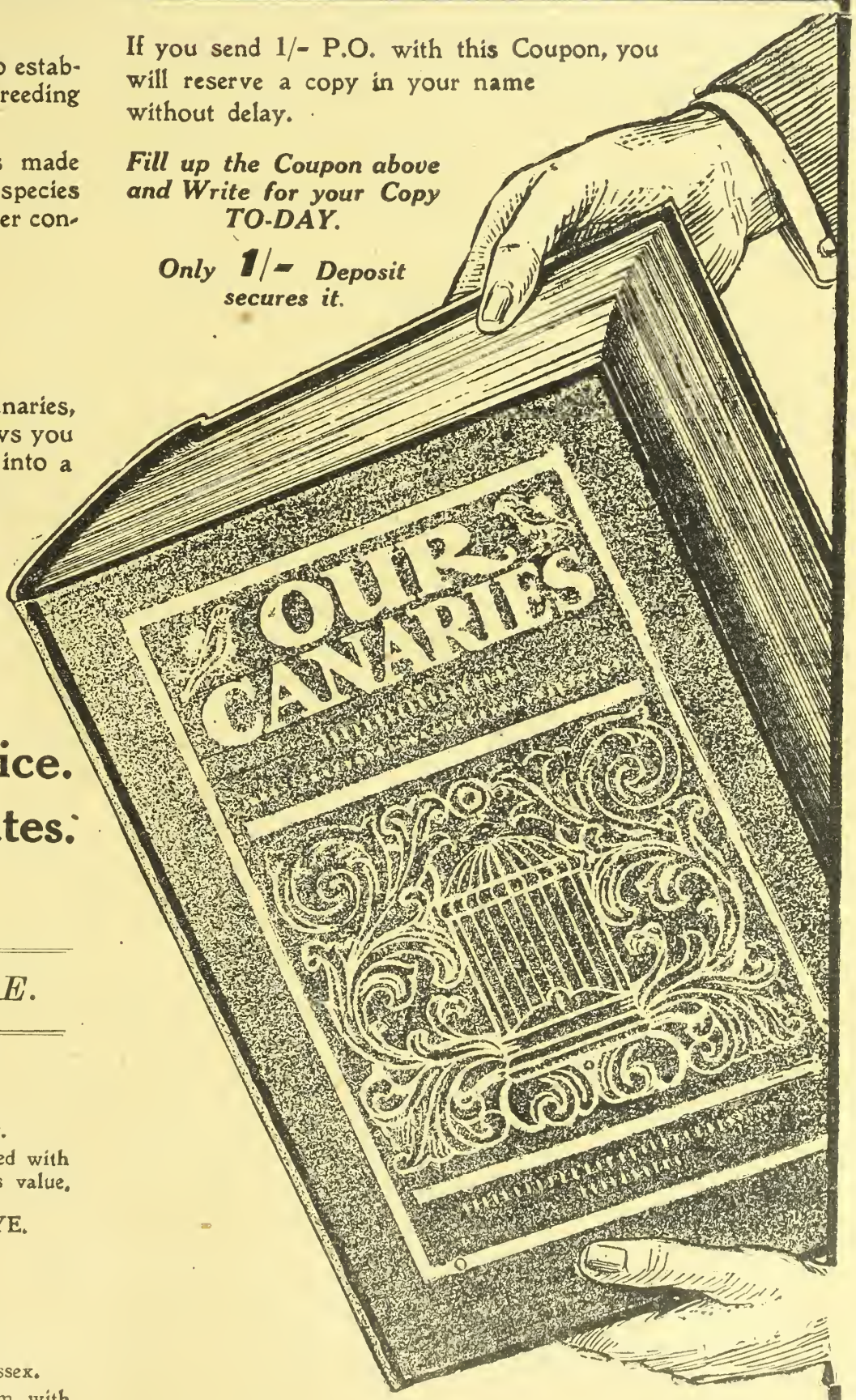
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Club Reports.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General Meeting, Aug. 15, St. Thomas Schools, Ardwick, Rev. J. W. Wragg presided over a good muster. Letter read from the Lancs. and Lizard F.A. asking for classes at our open show, Sec. was instructed to write saying we will provide classes to encourage entries of these at our show. Nest Feather Table Show held, Mr. H. Boothman judged, and his awards met with satisfaction. Amat. Yorks., A.V., Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher. Buff: 1, 2, Fletcher. Nor., Yell.: 1, 2, Lane. Buff: 1, 2, Lane. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 3, vhc, Lane; 2, 4, Fletcher. Nov., Yorks., Yell.: 1, 2, Reddett. Buff: 1, Reddett. Nor., Yell.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Moss. Buff: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Moss. Specials most entries and most points. F. Moss.—J. Spencer.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEYS

General Meeting, Headquarters, Aug. 24. Open Show business was gone into; the show is to be held at the Llwyncelyn Hotel, Dec. 14. Sec. was instructed to write to several judges and to send in the guarantee form re advertising in CAGE BIRDS, the Association has submitted a schedule for consideration, and it will be finally settled at the next meeting. Members kindly note we are holding meetings every Thursday at 7 until further notice. Messrs. Hollingshead and Edwards were elected members, and will exhibit jointly in Yorkshires. Mr. James, Chairman, offered a singing Canary for the member who puts in the greatest attendance from now to our Open Young Bird Show next year. We were pleased to hear that Mrs. James is taking up British Bird keeping and has a few good ones moulting ready for the show season. Sec. received a very kind letter from Mrs. Lilian Dalton, Swansea, saying that her birds were packed and returned to Swansea in first-class condition, and promising better support at our next Open Show, Dec. 14.—A. H. C. Legg, Assist. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Aug. 24, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Mr. J. H. Willows presiding over a good attendance. Through pressure of business Mr. H. G. Hill was unable to give his paper on "Training of the Roller Canary" as advertised, but thanks to Mr. W. G. Bird, members present were not disappointed, for he ably deputised on such a short notice. A very interesting time was spent, for his paper gave to our new members a clear insight how to train the Roller Canary for the show bench. A good discussion followed, and a vote of thanks given to Mr. Bird for his efforts. Members carefully note in the "Society Notices" column any alteration that may be made of monthly meetings. Since the meeting I have received notification from the Custom House, London, which will be of interest to other societies who intend having a show this season. "With reference to your letter of the 14th inst., I am directed by the Board of Customs and Exise to inform you that they have given the matter their careful consideration, but cannot agree that your Bird Show on 9, 10 Nov. next will fall within the exemption to which you refer. Stamped tickets of admission must therefore be used in order to comply with the law. These must be cancelled by being torn across the stamp at the moment of admission."—J. W. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB.

Second annual meeting of the Patronage Committee, held at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, Aug. 26, Mr. M. Jamieson, President, in the chair. Letter read from Mr. G. Bennet, Kelso, expressing regret at being unable to attend. Mr. Wm. Dods has been called up for military duties. Present: Messrs. J. Patterson, Sen., D. Hamilton, and J. Lumsden. The following open shows were granted patronage: Irvine, Barrow-in-Furness, Gateshead, Haddington, Muirkirk, Glasgow Red Cross, Cockermouth, and Brechin, Confined Shows; Leith, Cummoch, Kilmarnock, Camberslang, Wallsend, Loanhead, Coaltown of Wemyss, Pathhead (Kirkcaldy), Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society. This being all the applications to hand, the Committee decided to leave it open for a short time to enable other societies who have not yet decided, and it is hoped that all societies holding shows, either open or confined, and having the required classification, will make application for patronage at their earliest. The annual show in connection with the club will again be held in Edinburgh at New Year, and it is hoped that all members will make this show the success it deserves. Sec. was instructed to call a meeting of local fanciers. We have 50 new members this year, which is very good under present conditions, but there are still a number of old members from whom I should like to hear as soon as possible, as I am preparing the lists for the printer. Our President, the late sec., has been in very indifferent health for a long time, but I am sure the members will all join with me in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.—B. Smart, sec.

PENY-GRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting Aug. 24, Butcher's Arms Hotel. Mr. Morris presided over a rather small attendance. Decided to have books handed over to new sec., Mr. T. Baker, 36, Ricketts Street, Cymmer, Porth, at next meeting, Sept. 19, and all correspondence should be addressed to him after the above date. We received the resignation of Mr. L. Hughes and Woods 13th July. So now, fanciers young and old, come forward and see if we can't make a success in Mid-Rhondda. New members are heartily invited to our next meeting to confirm Mr. Parry's proposition of holding a show on Jan. 4. Subs. are now due.—G. Padfield, asst. sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, a fair number present, Mr. Broadhurst chair. New members elected, Messrs. Greenwood, Kettle, Hawkesford; proposed, Messrs. Lewis and Greenhouse. Decided to hold members' show last Saturday in Oct, Roller section to join us. Sec., owing to circumstances over which he has no control, is forced to resign for the time being, and Mr. J. Bastock has kindly consented to fill the vacancy. We hope all members will give him the best support they possibly can, so as to keep the Society going ahead. Balance sheet to be presented next meeting, when we hope all members will do their utmost to be present. Several members did not come for their prize money won at the Nest Feather show. Will they please attend next meeting to receive same? Members joining now pay half year's sub. only.—A. C. Shirley.

HIGHGATE HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, Aug. 21, Mr. P. Johnston chair, and a fair attendance. A feature of the evening was the election of five new members and the nomination of still another one. These welcome additions to our membership are very gratifying to the Committee, who, in spite of difficulties, have arranged a splendid programme for the year, and we hope on every possible occasion to have the pleasure of seeing all new (and old) members. We specially recommend our next event, a very topical one, and instructive too, Sept. 18, bird washing competition. Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare. At the conclusion of business Mr. J. Hyde, our esteemed and energetic sec., gave an interesting lecture on "Berried Trees and Shrubs for Cage Birds," in which he enumerated all the berries and fruits upon which birds subsist in their wild state. Throughout his lecture Mr. Hyde gave evidence of a very practical knowledge of horticulture, in addition to his prowess at breeding Norwich Plainheads. A general discussion and inspection of some fine specimens of shrubs and trees followed, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer. —F. C. Knight.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting Aug. 26, Mr. Farrer presided over a good attendance. A deputation was received from the Sunderland Fanciers' (Tippler) Association, to arrange a joint show. The financial position was discussed, and an agreement come to. The Sunderland Homing Society's application was also discussed, and an offer of terms made to them for acceptance. Decided to hold the Members' Show, Dec. 26, in the Miners' Hall, Monkwearmouth. A letter has been received from Miners Sec. since the meeting, stating that the hall had been booked definitely to us. Sec. reported that the Northern Crest Club will hold their Annual Club Show on Dec. 26, at Miners' Hall, Monkwearmouth. Mr. Clark, who is judging the Crest Club Show will also judge Crests and C.B. in our Members' Classes. Decided to ask Mr. W. Reid to judge remaining classes. The Sec. having been called up for Military service, the duties will be taken over by Mr. Fred Riseborough, at present Assist. Sec. Classification for Members' Show was completed as follows:—Three young bird and two old bird classes in Norwich, Borders, Yorks., and Crests; three young and one old in Lizards and Cinnamons, and class each for Linnet (H.M.), Goldf., or Bullf. (H.M.); A.O. Finch or Bunting (H.M.), Linnet (F.M.), A.O. Finch or Bunting (F.M.), Mule (1916), Foreign, single or pairs. J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

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ACCRINGTON C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Sub-committees report progress re open show.—Jas. Stuttard.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER C.B.A.—Sept. 5, St. Thomas' School, Ardwick, 8. Business most important; classification for open show.—A. E. Thorpe.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Open show business.—Wm. Newell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.—Sept. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Special meeting to consider future of society.—E. Phillips.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE C.B.S. — Sept. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, Ashton, 8. Ordinary business.—J. Whitehead.

BOWLING B.F.A.—Sept. 4, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Usual business and arrange a selling class for the next show.—J. Nicholl.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Arranging schedule for open show, and other important business. New members invited.—G. Broome.

BRISTOL C.B.S.—Sept. 6, City Arms Hotel, Narrow Wine Street, 8. Table show; judge, Mr. J. A. Davis. Final arrangements for annual show.—J. A. Withers.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.—Sept. 5, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. General business.—J. Spencer.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 5, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Show business, also other very important and urgent matter.—H. Wantling.

BARRY F. AND F.S.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Arrangements for annual show.—H. P. Thomas.

BURNLEY C.B.S.—Sept. 1, 75, Lindsay Street, 7.30. Mr. Braybrook, open discussion from last week's "Disclosure of the Hat." Prize essay, subject: "The Value of Inbreeding.—W. Broxup.

BARRINGTON AND CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Social Club, 7. Ordinary business.—T. Sanderson.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.—Sept. 5, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8. Annual show business. Very important.—T. J. Hose.

COVENTRY O.S.—Sept. 6, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8. Business important.—J. Kent.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Howard's Dining Rooms, 7.30.—J. Southworth.

CHORLEY C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Shepherds' Hall, 7.30. Important show business.—R. Hatch.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Balance-sheet and final arrangements for members' show.—A. C. Shirley.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Headquarters, 8.30. Important show business.—A. Wright.

DONCASTER C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Druids' Arms, 7.30. Judges for members' show and inter-club report.—H. Lumby.

EDINBURGH NORTH EASTERN O.S.—Sept. 4, Abbeymount Hall, 8. Important business.—R. S. Spence.

EAST HAM F.S.—Sept. 7, at 8. General meeting. Arrangements for Young Stock show. Will members having specials for same let me know on or before Tuesday, Sept. 5?—W. A. Harwood.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND MULE BREEDERS' SOCIETY.—Sept. 7, 142, High Street, 8. General business.—A. Bell.

EDINBURGH WESTERN.—Sept. 7, Riego Street Hall, 8. Business arrangements for show.—J. Andrew.

EAST HAM C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Town Hall, 8. Prize distribution and lecture.—F. Onslow.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Fountain Inn, 6.30. Arranging winter shows, etc.—S. Wilcock.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—W. Rose.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Lockhart's, High Street, 7.30. Selection, Yorkshire and Border judges; other important show business. Fanciers invited. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.—Sept. 6, St. George's Hall, 7.30. Federation show business.—Watson and Wright.

HALIFAX O.S.—Sept. 2, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Classification for annual open show.—J. J. Dunn.

HALIFAX C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Trafalgar Inn, 8. General meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

ILKESTON C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Derby Arms, 7. Settling up F. and F. show, and arranging for open show.—T. Smith.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 2, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Arangements for annual show.—H. Best.

LEIGH C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. R. Spiby, Farnworth. Friends invited.—R. Charleson.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.—Sept. 5, White Swan, 8. Lecture by Mr. Allen on "The Norwich and Yorkshire Canary."—Day and Roberts.

LEEDS C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, next to Hope Bros., 7.30. "Preparing for Exhibition," by Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury). Fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.—Sept. 2, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture by Mr. H. Bell on the Norwich Canary. Fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Gilbert.

LEYTON C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Parish Hall, Church Road, 8. Ten minutes' paper by six novices. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. W. Farmer.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.—Sept. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Open show, and other important business.—L. Hodgson, jun.

MANCHESTER AND N. COUNTIES O.S.—Sept. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 8.30. Classification for October show and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.—Sept. 5, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. November show business; subs. due. Important.—A. Colley.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Room back of stage Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business; subs. due half-year; important.—A. W. Newton.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Baker's Restaurant, 6.30. Completion of classification for open show; allocation of charity, and other important business.—W. D. Lewis.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 2, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. General club business.—J. T. Smith.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Colliery Inn, 6.30. Special meeting. Business very important.—J. Stanger.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "General Management of Canaries." Questions invited. Welcome to fanciers and friends; free.—Geo. H. Maclellan.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Granby Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—W. Jagger.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Temperance Club, 7, Toad Lane, 8. Business important, re back-end show.—J. W. Jackson.

READING C.B.S.—Sept. 6. Palmer Hall, 8. Very important; show business.—O. C. Smith.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Election of judge for annual show.—Geo. Lord.

SHEFFIELD O.S.—Sept. 5, Rotherham House, 8.15. Important; open show business.—E. C. Job.

ST. JAMES-THE-LESS (BETHNAL GREEN).—Sept. 4, Ridley House, 8.30. Election of judges, etc., annual show, Nov. 25.—T. G. Bransford.

SOUTH SHIELDS "ALWAYS READY."—Sept. 6, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Schedule for Nov. show; question of specials collected to be discussed.—J. W. Watson.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. P. Walsh.—A. Hobson.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Red Lion Hotel, 8. General business.—J. Glover.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Sept. 2, Cyprus, 7.—W. L. Smith.

SHIPLEY O.S.—Sept. 6, Victoria Hotel, 7. Business important.—Long and Craven.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON F. AND F.A.—Sept. 4, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting; all members please attend, as I am called to the Colours.—R. Jackson.

SWANSEA C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Elysium, 8. Business in connection with Open show, printing, etc., and receiving of specials.—J. H. Ford.

WINDHILL C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Balance-sheet for members' show; correspondence; assist.-sec. required.—J. Taylor.

WOLVERHAMPTON N.P.S.—Sept. 7, Duke of York, 8. Important, re annual show.—Wm. Harrison.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.—"Sat., Sept." (date not stated.—Ed.), Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting; new members still being enrolled.—Wm. Hutchison.

WIGAN C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Fixing up schedule, and other show business.—J. McAndrew.

WEST LONDON F.A.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, Windsor Castle Hotel, 8. Annual show business and specials.—J. Dewhurst.

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NOT the least of the charms of bird keeping is that it appeals to all sorts and conditions of men. In this Fancy high and low, rich and poor, meet together in good fellowship on common ground, and this fact alone should, in the eyes of all reasonable men, be sufficient proof of the righteousness of domesticating at least such species of birds as conform readily and happily to cage life.

The true bird lover will undoubtedly prefer a large outdoor aviary, tenanted by rare and gorgeous birds, to a cage with its solitary Linnet or Lark, just as one would wish to own a fine garden with shady trees and green lawns and brilliant flower beds rather than a window box with its stunted and dusty geraniums and nasturtiums.

But how few, even of the privileged rich, can afford to indulge their taste to this extent. On the other hand, how many poor mortals condemned to pass their lives in narrow, dismal streets, derive infinite delight from a few cherished plants painfully grown in pots—or from a favourite cage bird, more dear and interesting to its careful owner because of the little daily sacrifices of time and trouble that are necessarily made by himself for its comfort.

Pets; Cheap and Charming.

In an essay, then, whose first requisite is practical utility, it would be senseless to write about palatial aviaries and rare and expensive birds. Rather let me endeavour to show how best to keep some few of those beautiful and charming little creatures which can be readily and cheaply bought, and easily kept in good health and perfect happiness on simple fare at a minimum cost of money.

First and foremost of these I would place the Bengalese. They are always on the market at a very moderate price, averaging about five shillings a pair. Having been bred for generations in captivity by the Japanese, they need no accustoming to cage life—they are absolutely tame and confiding from the first.

Nor is there any difficulty in choosing a true pair of these birds, though the plumage does not differ in the sexes. Only watch them for a few moments, and you will soon distinguish the cock bird by his funny antics. Stretching up to his utmost height, fanning out his tail, and quacking like a tiny duck, he dances round and round his little mate, who replies only by a gentle chirp.

The pair are bent on setting up house together, and they will quickly make a snug nest of dried grass or fine hay in the cocoanut shell or wicker travelling cage provided for the purpose. Four or five white eggs, much smaller than those of a Canary, but still large for the size of the bird, are laid, and the little hen sits steadily until they are hatched.

This readiness to nest, coupled with the infrequency of egg-binding, is one of their great attractions. They will also willingly mate and rear young with birds of allied species—with Silverbills, Nutmeg Finches, Bronze Mannikins, and even Java Sparrows. For this cause they should likewise find favour with the breeder of Hybrids.

One of the Very Best.

Superior in grace and beauty, but rather more delicate and difficult to keep, is the *Cordon Bleu*, or Crimson-eared Waxbill—a cheap bird, like the last, costing usually from three shillings and sixpence to six and sixpence the pair. These exquisite sprites come to us from Africa through France, and they are usually readily obtainable in spring and summer, which is the best time for buying them, as they are certainly sensitive to cold on their first arrival in this country.

The soft fawn colour of the upper part of these birds makes a lovely contrast with the forget-me-not blue of the throat and breast, which is further set off in the cock by the crimson beak and ear patches. They are among the most gracefully shaped and delicately coloured of all little birds, and whoever has seen them must love them.

They are devoted to each other—the little cock will, in defence of his mate or nest, attack birds quite ten times his size. His exceeding fierceness and loud, shrill voice generally leave him victorious in all such gallant combats. His love dance consists in jumping up and down rapidly and vigorously on his perch, singing loudly, while holding a long grass stem in his beak.

These Waxbills, if comfortably situated, will nest almost as readily as the Bengalese, but the hens are far more prone to egg-binding, and the young are far less often reared. Cordon Bleus are said to be apt to eat each other's feathers, and to die of decline, but I have never known this happen when they have been supplied, as they always should be, with small flies and insects, such as ants and greenfly.

If the fancier does not care for the trouble of rearing young birds, but prefers to keep one feathered pet for the beauty of his plumage or song alone—he has a plentiful choice among the Foreigners. One, combining both these qualities in a high degree, is the American *Nonpareil Bunting*.

A Living Rainbow.

There is nothing in bird-land more brilliant than his plumage, nor sweeter than his voice. Bright blue head, moss green back, and crimson breast, with a song approaching that of our own Blackcap. What more can heart of bird lover desire? This living rainbow can always be bought in the summer months for the modest sum of seven shillings and sixpence!

Other gorgeous and most interesting bachelor birds are the *Weavers*, or Bishops, in vestments of orange, crimson, or black and gold velvet. Who that looks upon them is not compelled to admiration?

For songsters there are the Alario Finch—the Green and the Grey Singing Finches, the Silverbill, the Avadavat—and many more—all obtainable for a few shillings each. But space is limited, and I must not wait to describe these, as housing and food claim attention.

Whatever the bird chosen, let his home be the largest the space available will allow. No bird can be well or happy in a cage where he is unable to use his wings to some slight extent at least. Three feet long by two feet high, by one and a half feet wide, is a good sized cage for any of the little birds mentioned above.

The perches should be of different thickness, and kept scrupulously clean, to avoid sore feet. For many reasons I prefer for perches natural branches with the bark on. These can be frequently changed and replaced by fresh ones, of which any number can be picked up in the parks after a windy night.

Food and water vessels should be inside the cage, but so situated that the birds' droppings shall not fall into them—that is, they should never be placed under a perch. The bath (an essential to the comfort of all birds) should be in a special bath cage, hung over the open door for an hour or so every fine day.

The Foreigners' Simple Dietary.

For food, all these small Foreign birds should have spray millet, canary seed and white millet, and all through the summer a plentiful supply of fresh flowering grass and small insects. The grass is quite easily obtained, even in London, either as Lark turfs, or gathered (it must not be uprooted) in the parks.

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And this brings me again to my starting point, which was that bird keeping should by all means be encouraged, because not only is it a delightful pastime in itself, but, above all, because it engenders sympathy and helpfulness between man and man, and is altogether humanising and warming to the heart

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Twitterings.

Please let it be known that we have engaged the well-known judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, to judge our open show on Nov. 11, writes Mr. Geo. Sawer, sec. Alfreton C.B.S.

I have kept birds of various kinds in a haphazard kind of way for several years, writes a new reader from Wigan, but it was not until a few days ago that I had the pleasure and good luck of meeting with your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I regard as a real "find," for it is a mine of information and advice.

The North Yorkshire and South Durham Federation of C.B.S. are holding an open show at West Hartlepool on Nov. 4, write Messrs. Watson and Wright, show secs. Judges: Messrs. T. Wright and G. Simeson, York Canaries; C. Waters, Sunderland, the remainder. 22 champion Canary classes, 22 novice, 14 champion British, 1 novice, 2 Mules, 2 Foreign. Second show New Year's Day, at Darlington.

Butcher Birds as Policemen.

Mr. M. Sherrie, in the Sydney "Morning Herald," says:—"In raiding a Magpie's nest to secure young birds, a couple of bush boys waited until the adults were off at a considerable distance, as these birds in protecting their young will give intruders a very lively time. In this case the boys, thinking the coast clear, set about the task of capturing the young Magpies, when they were surprised and disconcerted by a violent attack from a pair of Butcher birds. The attack was so vicious and so persistent that the raid was temporarily held up, and presently the adult Magpies returned to give battle also to the intruders. In the course of the busy few minutes which ensued, one of the boys received a stunning blow which penetrated his soft hat, and inflicted an ugly wound on his scalp. The ultimate outcome of the encounter was that those boys unanimously agreed that the young Magpies were not worth having.

OUR WEEKLY PRIZE
FOR A LETTER.

ONCE again we have to express satisfaction at the manner in which our readers have met the offer of a prize of ten shillings each week for the best letter published in our correspondence columns. We were certain that many of our readers had things to write about which would be of interest, and that even in the strenuous time through which we are now passing they would find time to communicate their ideas for the benefit of other readers of the only paper devoted to the hobby of bird-keeping.

Now that the ball has once been started rolling let us keep it going. At a time of the year when there are no open shows to make imperative demands on our space we can afford two pages to be devoted to correspondence, and it is for our readers to take advantage of the opportunity while it lasts.

Among the letters published this week are two from our esteemed contributor Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, and in a postscript to one of these he says, "Our Editor's idea of a weekly prize for the Correspondence Columns is excellent, but I am not a competitor." Here again we note with pleasure that we were right in supposing that among our readers were some who could contribute interesting letters, but who would not wish to enter in a competition for a money prize. Mr. Teschemaker is the first among these readers to let others have of his experiences, and it is to be hoped that many others who are similarly placed will follow the example. Any letter may be marked "not for competition," and it will be so endorsed when it is published.

The Nightingale in Wales.

Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's speech, the "South Wales Daily News" says:—"With regard to Mr. Lloyd George's poetic reference to the Nightingale in Wales, 'Naturalist' writes:—The Nightingale regularly visits and breeds in four or five out of the six counties of South Wales. During the past 30 years the Nightingale has been steadily coming westward through Wales. Some years ago its western limit was Glamorgan. Then it spread to Carmarthenshire, and in June, 1910, it was heard by two members of the Cardiff Naturalist Society, Messrs. W. Evans and M. A. Wright, in central Cardiganshire, three miles south of Tregaron, a record that was accepted by Dr. Ticehurst and other eminent naturalists as the bird's western limit in Great Britain. A year or so later it was heard by a reliable observer near Aberystwyth.

Another naturalist now submits that what we call Nightingales (the birds which sing in the spring) are Blackcaps. The Nightingale, he confidently avers, is never heard in Wales or near there. We are tempted after this to ask who and what are naturalists?"

Two Ways of Putting It.

In making the erroneous statement that there are no Nightingales on the Welsh side of the Severn, Mr. Lloyd George said: "Providence rarely wastes its gifts. We do not need this exquisite songster in Wales."

A correspondent to the London "Daily News and Leader" points out that so long ago as 1188 Archbishop Baldwin, who had made a toilsome journey through Wales in an endeavour to secure recruits for the Third Crusade, relieved his feelings by saying: "Wise bird, the Nightingale. We have been unwise enough to enter and go through this country."

Those who have enjoyed the delightful scenery of the Principality will differ from the Archbishop, while they may appreciate the mood which prompted the remark. Mr. Lloyd George's reference to Providence reminds us of the Sunday school teacher who informed her class that Providence was so beneficent that all the great cities of the world had great rivers running through them.

I thank you for the splendid picture of my clear cap hen Gold Lizard published May 27, writes Mrs. Burgess, and am sorry that long illness prevented me from writing sooner, for I value the bird very much, and the picture is a perfect one. This hen won at every show at which she was exhibited last year, winning in all 12 prizes and specials, including 1st at the Glasgow Red Cross Show and the Open Championship diploma in the A.O.V. section. She was bred by Mr. Rukin of Rawtenstall, and I have bred several good young from her this year. One of her sons looks ready for a place of honour like its father and mother. The father is a broken cap Silver cock, winner of the Novice Championship at the Lancashire and Lizard Show, 1915 and 1916. I am still an invalid, but my birds are, as they have always been, a great hope and pleasure to me. I look out for CAGE BIRDS regularly every week, and find it a very great help.

A Fawn Linnet Caught.

I have caught a rare Linnet hen, a nice fawn colour, the first I have caught, writes W. Gardner, Wisham. I have been an amateur bird catcher for 20 years, and a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS since it began, and have always found a ready sale for my birds. I wish your paper every success.

A Gentle Hint.

I was glad to read in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Litchfield, that you have decided to offer prizes for letters on interesting subjects, and I hope it will be the means of your obtaining information for novices like myself, but (I do not know if you have noticed it) I think experienced Mule and Hybrid breeders are very reluctant to give away their secrets.

Perhaps, and Perhaps Not.

Bullfinches are said to be becoming much more numerous in the county of Cheshire. Commenting on this, "W. C.," in the "Manchester Dispatch," says, "The reason is not difficult to seek, for the war has taken away the bulk of the bird-catchers who harassed and killed off the birds by thousands during the winter months, and, in the absence of this danger, bird-life has had a peaceful time."

An Amicable Arrangement to Avoid Clashing.

Kindly intimate, writes Mr. W. Grewar, hon. sec. Lochgelly C.B.S., that we are holding our club show on Nov. 11, when Messrs. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, and A. Storrar, Coaltown of Wemyss, will judge. Owing to our having clashed with Pathhead, Mr. J. Thomson, the secretary, and I have arranged that Pathhead will run their show on their old date, Nov. 25, and ours is to be on Nov. 11.

Help Wanted for Clapham Show.

Owing to so many of our patrons and members being away on war service, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec. Clapham C.B.A., 5, Wells Street, Camberwell, S.E., we wish to appeal to the fancy generally, through CAGE BIRDS, for specials, either in kind or cash, for our annual open show (see dates fixed column), to be allotted at donor's wish, and published in our schedule. At the same time I should be glad if the secretaries of specialist clubs would be kind enough to forward me a list of members.

Bird Shows and the Amusement Tax.

Show secretaries should note the paragraph at the end of the report of the meeting of the Midland Roller C.C. published this week. As further information, it may be as well to explain that "stamped tickets of admission" means that each ticket should bear an adhesive stamp, which is purchasable at any post office. The stamp should be so affixed that the ticket can be torn through the stamp in order that the visitor to the show may retain a portion in case of enquiry from an inspector.

A Tall Homing Story.

"W. W. M." sends the following to the "Scotsman":—"A Cheviot farmer, with whom I was recently discussing the breeding places of the Raven in Hen's Hole, related a remarkable instance of the homing instinct of one of these birds when shorn of its power of flight. Going round his hill hirsel one morning, he observed a Raven alight beside a dead wedder. Suspecting from the appearance of its plumage and its reluctance to rise until closely approached that it was a tame bird, he made a 'girn' with a piece of string, and placing a bit of fat out from the dead sheep inside the noose, easily lured and captured it. The Raven's 'language'—it had been taught to talk—when it found itself held fast by the legs, was strongly flavoured with words unprintable, and it snapped and bit viciously. The farmer carried his captive home, and, after trimming its wings so that it could not fly, gave it the freedom of the place. After a few days, however, the Raven disappeared, and it was subsequently ascertained that it had turned up at its owner's home, having walked a distance of five miles over hill and valley."

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

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An Instructive Evening for London Canary Breeders.

Our September meeting is postponed until Tuesday night, Sept. 12, writes Mr. W. Hodgson, Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., when Mr. Frank Cole has promised to give us a lecture on the "Production of Colour." I need hardly say that anything Mr. Cole has to say on this subject will be particularly interesting and instructive, and members and fanciers will do well to bear this in mind, and turn up at the meeting in full force.

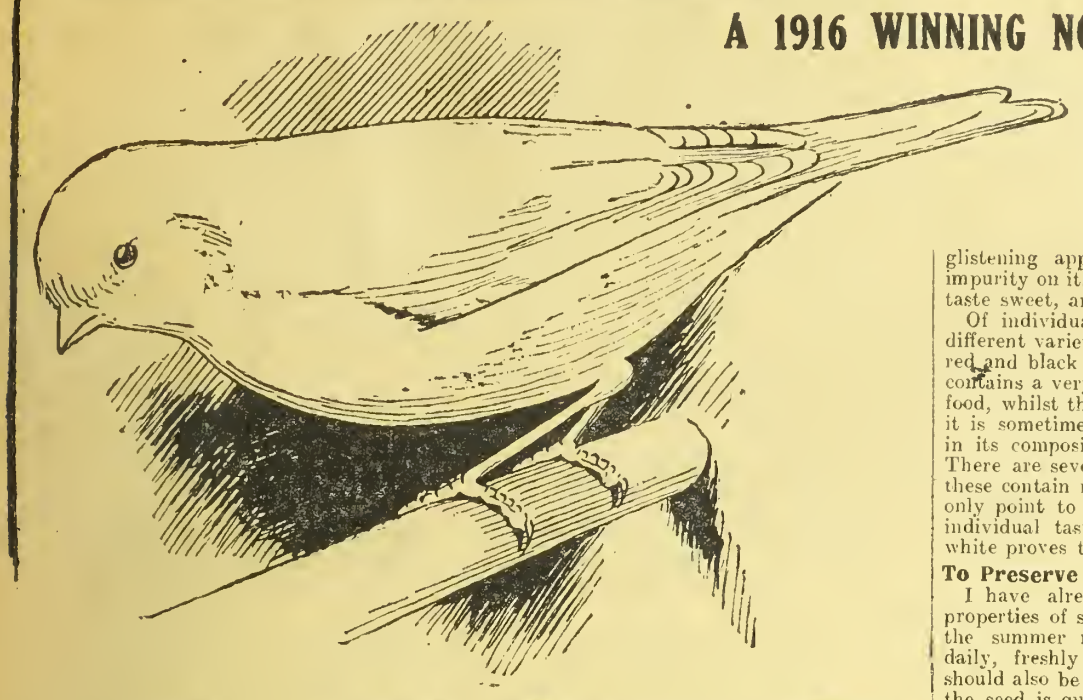
AUTUMN SONG.

Bird life deserves a good deal of attention at this time of the year, and much might be said about the songs and notes of various species. The Robin, which almost entirely lost his voice during July, has now recovered, and to-day we hear that tender autumn melody which catches the ear of most people. Every day it is more freely uttered, and is peculiarly sweet and winsome. The Willow Wren is also singing his autumn song, and it has been a good deal heard this month. The songs of both birds tell that summer is passing and autumn is ahead, but while the Robin remains our constant friend throughout the winter season the Willow Wren will soon leave us, flitting away south to some warmer winter clime.

A sign of the times is the awakening of the Starling, and now we see it, perched high on some tree or chimney-top, whistling and singing jubilantly. The Thrush became silent at the end of July, but the month of August never passes without our hearing a stray bird trying his song again—the song that we will hear henceforward during autumn and the milder days of winter. The writer heard a Thrush singing gently in the early morning of the 16th.

The autumn piping note of the Dunnock is heard this month, and the "ticking" note of the Robin. Titmice are more wakeful now, and the Coal Tit's song is not infrequent. Ringdoves continue their cooing notes in the woods. Among the pleasantest sounds of the countryside is the twittering of Swallows, and with an ever-increasing number of young birds on the wing we will hear the sound daily more and more.—"Manchester Evening News."

A 1916 WINNING NORWICH CANARY.



This fine clear buff Norwich Cock won 1st prize at the show of the Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S. for its owner, Mr. J. Griffin, Wood Green.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 477.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, which will embrace the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity. The housing, feeding, general management, diseases, breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally, the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

THE feeding of birds divides with their housing the question of greatest importance in aviculture. Too often the bird owner has only a very haphazard knowledge of what are the real wants of his birds, and is content to find out some stock mixture which has been stated to be suitable for the bird or birds in his possession. This he doles out to them year in, year out, with perhaps an occasional change due to a talk with some equally uninformed friend.

Of course, there are many who make a thorough study of the individual needs of their birds, but these are generally breeders or exhibitors; even these rely too often on so-called "tips" jealously guarded and handed on with the greatest secrecy.

As it is the object of this chapter to point out how birds can successfully be fed, I have decided to devote a little space to showing how a properly balanced diet is necessary to maintain health; this is in the hope that it may create an interest in the main principles, the carrying out of which will be not a drudgery, but a pleasure, the result of a better understanding of our feathered pets.

The Principles of Food.

Food serves many purposes. First of all it replaces the waste of tissue that is continually taking place, and builds up new. Then, by the combustion in the tissues of the products of digestion, heat is given out to the animal, and this enables it to withstand altered conditions of temperature. Energy also is imparted at the same time as the heat formation, so that we see food is responsible for the condition and health of the bird.

Food is made up of bodies known as proteins, carbohydrates, fats, salts and water, and it is the giving of these in proper proportions that is the basis of an adequate diet. Proteins are responsible for the repair and building up of tissue; carbohydrates are the chief source of energy, although a certain amount of them can be converted into fat in times of need; and fats, by their oxidation, impart heat to the organism. Fat is a substance the excess of which is easily stored in various parts of the body to be used in case of emergency and it is a most important part of the diet.

The salts are necessary to keep the blood in its normal condition, as a certain amount is always being withdrawn from it, principally for the formation of the juices which convert the insoluble food that is swallowed into a soluble form, which is capable of being assimilated. Water is a necessary medium for holding these salts in solution, and, as it is a very large constituent of every cell in the body, its importance cannot be overestimated.

To ensure health, these bodies, or proximate principles as they are termed, must be combined in proper proportions, sufficient of each being present to ensure the adequate nourishment of the bird. It is in dealing with seeds that the greatest mistakes are likely to happen, so at this point I shall take the principal seeds in use and give roughly their composition.

Canary seed is very rich in carbohydrates, has a fair amount of protein, but is very deficient in oil or fat. Rape seed, on the other hand, has a high percentage of oil, but has little carbohydrate, and rather more protein than canary seed. It will be seen therefore why the usual stock mixture of two or three parts canary to one of rape is so popular for Canaries. Its mixture contains ample protein, carbohydrates, and fat, to maintain a healthy equilibrium of the body.

Niger seed is another seed which has a large amount of oil in its composition, with about the same amount of protein and carbohydrate as rape.

Hemp has rather more protein than canary seed, with a high percentage of oil and a little carbohydrate.

Linseed has about 60 per cent. of oil present, the remainder being nearly equally divided into proteins and carbohydrates.

Maw has almost as much oil as rape, and the quantities of carbohydrates and protein is also very similar.

Millet is even richer than canary seed in carbohydrates, and is equally deficient in oil and protein.

The Value of Wild Seeds.

The wild seeds, as dandelion, groundsel, thistle, plantain, shepherd's purse, teazle, etc., all contain a great deal of oil, and, what is nearly equally important, salts. This is the reason that these seeds prove so useful in getting a bird into condition. By their action on the internal organs they eliminate impurities, and by restoring the blood to its normal condition tend quickly to promote health.

From the foregoing rough analysis a proper and adequate diet can easily be constructed, taking two factors into account; first, the individual likes and dislikes of the bird, and then the presence of the three main food elements in proper proportion. A point also not to be lost sight of is that variety must be imparted to it. It is much better to give one or two kinds at one time, and make a frequent change, than to constantly give a mixture composed of half-a-dozen or more different sorts of seed.

The likes and dislikes of individual birds will be discussed in another chapter, and only stock mixtures described here. These form the basis of the diets of groups of birds, and so lessen the work of feeding where numbers have to be dealt with. In making up a stock mixture of seeds, those composing it should, it is hardly necessary to say, be of good quality. A poor seed is rejected by the birds, and is consequently wasted, and proves more expensive in the long run than a good brand.

Seed need not be of what is known as "the giant" variety. This is often more or less of a delusion, for on inspection the centre is found quite hollow, and the husk tough. Nevertheless, it should be plump, with a glistening appearance, and have no sign of impurity on it. Moreover, it should smell and taste sweet, and have very little dust with it.

Of individual seeds there are sometimes different varieties. There is, for example, the red and black rape. The red or summer rape contains a very bland oil which is an excellent food, whilst the black variety, or cole seed, as it is sometimes called, has a strong rank oil in its composition which is only an irritant. There are several varieties of millet also, but these contain no harmful ingredients, and the only point to be consulted with these is the individual taste of the birds. Usually the white proves the favourite.

To Preserve Wild Seeds for the Winter.

I have already mentioned the medicinal properties of some of the wild seeds. During the summer months these should be given daily, freshly gathered, but a large supply should also be prepared for winter use. When the seed is quite ripe, gather it and place it in paper bags, which should be hung in a position where they get the maximum of sun. It is important that seed should be thoroughly dry, otherwise it becomes mildewed and useless for feeding purposes. Where convenient, it is best to leave the bags hanging, and only use them one at a time as necessary.

Some of these seeds we have mentioned share with these wild seeds the property of acting medicinally. Maw is the seed of the opium poppy, and is especially useful in diarrhœa. Niger, being of such an oily nature, is an excellent preventative of egg-binding, and where a stimulant is required hemp is very useful.

It must be remembered, however, that in crushing hemp for the smaller species of birds, that the husk contains a narcotic, well-known in many tropical countries, and if this is amalgamated with the corn, it may have a decided effect. It is much better therefore to simply crack the seeds and the birds themselves will discard the husks.

The first stock mixture to be discussed is the one for Canaries. For the summer months, canary seed three parts and rape seed one part, is the most useful; while in the winter the proportion of rape seed can be increased until the mixture is composed of canary seed two parts and rape seed one part.

For British Finches the following, I think, is the best mixture: Canary seed three parts, teazle seed two parts, rape seed one part, linseed one part.

As a tit-bit and to bring them into condition, use equal parts of some or all of the following: Dandelion seed, thistle, maw, lettuce, sesame, gold of pleasure, hemp, and sunflower.

A Simple Menu for Foreigners.

Foreign birds as a rule are easily catered for in the matter of seeds. A Foreign Finch mixture would be: Canary two parts, millet two parts. Crushed oats one part, and paddy rice one part, can be added if desired.

Parrakeets require quite a different variety. The following is useful, but, of course, individual wants must be looked for and satisfied: Canary two parts, white millet two parts; oats one part, sunflower one part, hemp one part, wheat one part, shelled peanuts one part.

Dari is very often advocated for both Parrots and Parrakeets, but only a few birds seem to show any relish for it, so I have omitted it. It can, however, be added if a bird shows a liking for it.

The above mixture is useful for all Parrakeets above the size of Budgerigars. These latter are quite content if they have canary seed and white millet in equal parts.

The proper food for Parrots has long been a thorny subject, the only result of the controversy being a universal condemnation of the mixtures usually sold in packets and tins for the purpose. The more individualised the Parrot, the more variety does it seem to require. A mixture that can easily be added to or modified is here indicated: Canary seed one part, white millet seed one part, hemp two parts, maize one part, oats one part, sunflower one part, peanuts one part.

Many authorities consider that hemp and sunflower combined make too rich a food, so, if preferred, the mixture can be made without either. They can then be added as wanted—sunflower one day, hemp the next, being a good working basis.

Doves, British and Foreign, will thrive on the following, which is equally good for Quails: Canary two parts, white millet two parts, wheat one part, paddy rice one part, maize one part, hemp half part.

These, then, are a few stock mixtures. I must repeat that alone they are only capable of supporting life, and that to ensure health the items which I have included under "extras" in the chapter on "The Birds Themselves," must be used freely along with any others that the bird may show preference for.

Seed-eating birds are amongst the easiest to cater for, but when we come to the "Soft-bills," as they are popularly termed, we shall find that the food requires more preparation, and errors in diet are more likely to reflect themselves in the poor condition of the bird.

As soft food is the diet of nearly all young birds, the first description is one that is suitable for the parent birds while feeding their young, and also for the young birds themselves in the few weeks subsequent to their departure from the nest. Amongst Canary breeders the use of eggs for this purpose periodically becomes the subject of controversy, which at times assumes a very bitter nature.

The yolk of egg is an ideal food for young birds, and when mixed with a body rich in carbohydrates, such as bread or biscuit, is all that is required where insects do not form part of the diet of the adult. When this is so, some form of animal protein can easily be added, ants' eggs being most commonly employed.

No Spontaneous Generation.

Unfortunately, egg is an ideal medium for the culture of the bacillus of septic fever, and on this account is cut out of the diet by many breeders, who think the risk too great. In my opinion, this is a point that has never been properly investigated, and in all the controversies on the use of egg yolk I have never seen mention made of co-existing conditions.

The most usual statement has been that while using egg food the aviculturist had the misfortune to lose many birds, and that when some other form of soft food was substituted these losses ceased. To make the food employed the scapegoat, without eliminating the other conditions, which might be the cause, is a very unscientific way of dealing with the problem.

However good a medium egg may be for the growth of the bacillus this bacillus must be introduced into the birdroom in the first place before the egg yolk can form a culture for its growth. Where due care is taken to prevent contamination, and where a high degree of cleanliness is kept up, it is so unlikely for septic fever to occur that it seems inadvisable to neglect such a valuable food as egg on account of this risk.

How to Make and Use the Egg Food.

To make the egg food, the egg should be boiled quite hard, say, from 15 to 20 minutes, and left to cool, not putting it in cold water for this purpose. It is, therefore, advisable to boil all eggs the night previous to using, so that they can be quite cold by morning.

It is customary to use only the yolk, but after the first week the white can also be added, provided it be properly macerated. The difficulty in doing this is really the only disadvantage it possesses, and, of course, any lumps present would be very detrimental to the sensitive stomach of a young bird.

Stale bread, powdered very finely, is preferable to biscuit, but the latter can also be used if wished. A sieve with a very fine mesh is sold for the purpose of making this food, and is a splendid investment, ensuring a thorough admixture and preventing the presence of any large pieces of either egg or bread.

A small portion of egg, with a few breadcrumbs, is placed on it and rubbed through with a fork. When the whole of the egg has been thus employed, the rest of the breadcrumbs can be passed through until a resulting mixture of egg one part, breadcrumbs two parts, is obtained. This should be mixed in the plate with a fork, and the whole returned to the sieve for a second "pressing,"

No moisture will be found necessary except where the food is to be used for hand-rearing young birds, who require it fairly liquid for a few days; in such cases a few drops of sweet milk will be needed.

(To be continued.)

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The Prize this week is awarded to Mrs. E. M. Sargeant, 290, Astwood Road, Rainbow Hill, Worcester.

Ringed Gull Identified.

SIR,—I regret the delay in replying to your letter of Aug. 23 regarding the ringed Gull shot at Pilling, but I have only just obtained details of this ring from my correspondent. The bird was a Lesser Black-backed Gull, and was ringed at Foulshaw, Westmorland, on July 14, 1916.

H. F. WITHERBY.

How to Use a Three-compartment Breeding Cage.

SIR,—In Mr. Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-Rooms, and Cages," and sometimes in CAGE BIRDS, it is stated that a three-compartment breeding cage may be used "for running a cock bird with two hens." For the benefit of novices I think it would be kind of some expert if he would occupy half a column in explaining just how that particular process should be carried out.

A NOVICE.

An Appreciation of a Good Thing.

SIR,—Kindly permit me through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to thank the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe for his most valuable address on How Societies can help their members. I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for a number of years, but I do not think that ever I read such a helpful lecture. I wish we had more such men in the Fancy. I hope that many societies will act upon the advice given; then we shall see societies flourish. Thanks are due also to you, sir, for your admirable suggestions.

WM. COOPER.

Abertillery.

Nesting of the Redstart.

Parents and Young Going to the Zoo.

SIR,—Owing to absence from home I was not able to catch the three Redstarts, recently mentioned, until the 24th inst., and I then found them dreadfully wild, after their summer in a large aviary. I had great difficulty in inducing them to eat anything in a cage. I hope, however, to send them to-morrow (30th August) to the Zoo, and have asked Mr. Seth Smith to keep them for ten days and then release them. Should any of your readers see them, they will notice that the young bird, bred in captivity, and which may be identified by the ring on its leg, is a larger and finer bird than either of its parents. I am hoping that the general public will take a more favourable view of aviculture if we can show that aviculture can do as well as nature, and, moreover, afford the student an opportunity of observing the nesting operations of a very shy species at close quarters and at his leisure.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

SIR,—The secretary of the Newcastle C.B.S. says that I just write as I talk; I think he must do the opposite. In some of his writings he seems very strange; for instance, he tells us to adhere to the Rules, and then says that if I had any sense I could see the Rules could not be carried out. I never said they could. Mr. Reid says that I am not telling the truth in saying that he let someone take the secretarial position for the two-days' show. Perhaps it has been an error on my part; I really meant that he wanted someone else to take his duties for the two-days' show on account of his holidays, while he himself was to retain the position as secretary.

Mr. Reid seems to be fishing, but he must go further afield before he gets a good catch. I see he is claiming me as one of the ten present at the meeting, and also suggesting that I have not paid my subscription; he appears to be seeking for some fresh information. I do not pose as a champion for any member, nor as a judge, and as regards being long in the proud position of champion, this has only extended just into the teens of years; still this is a fair innings. The next time I sell will be the first, and I hope that while I am selling them, if ever I do, none of them will die in the process. Still, seeing that there has been a meeting recently, and another one is to be held later, I hope things are into working order once more, and I wish success to Newcastle C.B.S.

ANXIOUS.

[This correspondence must now close.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

The Other End of the String.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of Aug. 26 Mr. J. R. Williams, of Llandudno, gave some information how to sex birds. I understand what he means about the silk thread, and where to put one end, but he does not say what is to be done with the other end. Is it to lie between the bird and the hand, or where? Perhaps he will be kind enough to say through your columns, and oblige.

H. W.

"The Songster of the Night."

SIR,—My most grateful thanks are due to Mr. F. Bent for the trouble he has taken to answer the questions I asked about the Nightingale, and also to yourself for publishing at such length, when paper and printing are so high in price, but I am quite sure that both the article and the reply will benefit more than myself. I should like to inform Mr. Bent that my birds were taken at 12 days old, and were fed from daylight until 11 o'clock at night at intervals of two hours, and after the first few days no egg was used, for they did not seem to thrive very well on it.

They have heard no singing bird since they were taken, so no doubt the song will be pure Nightingale. Three of them, I am certain, are cocks, the fourth I am not so sure about. It sings, but not so lond as the others. Two of the birds are now through the moult, the others not quite. I had to cage them all separately at six weeks, as they fought so much. As regards colour feeding, none of them have been colour fed this year, and after what Mr. Bent says I shall not attempt it.

As to steadiness, nothing could be more so than they are. I can handle them anyhow. In fact, it was because they were so steady that the one I lost was killed. They were then allowed to come out and bath and to be fed, and one of them, after a bath, got on the floor, and was stepped on. As to the Nightingale-Blackcap cross, this I shall discard for the next season, anyhow, and try for the Nightingale-Robin cross instead. They will be given an aviary 10ft. long, 6½ft. high, 6ft. wide, and should anything come from it I will, of course, let you know full details and particulars. I have on more than one occasion seen the Robin, Wagtail, and Nightingale feeding on ant cocoons at the ant hills, especially if the ant hills have been turned over, so that they could get the cocoons easily. April 22 is the earliest date on which I have heard "The Songster of the Night."

A. W. MEEK.

An Indictment of Fresh Ants' Cocoons.

SIR,—I must apologise for making a somewhat belated reply to Mr. Bent, but I have been constantly away from home this summer, and have had so much business to attend to that I have not been able to spare much time for aviculture.

I must congratulate Mr. Bent on his excellent and original article. If only we could persuade others to write about their actual experiences, aviculture would make progress, but I am sorry to say that the majority of articles are anything but original. I notice that our Editor makes some scathing remarks about a correspondent who copied a letter verbatim from a back number of CAGE BIRDS, but what does he think of people who copy their articles from books and send them in as original contributions in order to make a little money?

I agree most fully with most of the points that Mr. Bent makes. I pointed out long ago in a contemporary, now defunct, that fresh "ants' eggs," which are drenched with formic acid, should not be given in large quantities to young birds, or the result is frequently diarrhœa. I was particularly impressed this season with the different measure of success that attended three broods of Lapland Buntings in my aviary. The first brood were fed solely by their mother, the father refusing to feed. After a few days the hen tired of hunting for insects, and stuffed the young only with fresh "ants' eggs." They all died. The second brood belonged to another cock and hen, both of which foraged, and they succeeded in rearing two young. The third brood, fed as the first, and by the hen alone, all died.

I fully agree also with Mr. Bent's remarks with regard to Nightingales not using "ants' eggs" for feeding their young. In an article in "British Birds" a few years since, which was supposed to bring our knowledge of this species right up to date, this was mentioned as a recognised habit of the Nightingale; but, apart from the fact that ants always nest in dry places and Nightingales generally in damp localities, who has seen a Nightingale breaking into an ants' nest, and how would the bird perform such a feat?

No doubt Mr. Bent is right in stating that birds vary greatly in their individual song, and that a really first class singer is rare, but, for all that, we cannot get away from the fact (which is surely very remarkable) that every species has a song which we can always recognise as distinctive of that species and of no other. A couple of years since the only song one heard in the streets was "Tipperary." As in the case of individual birds, some individuals sang it well and some badly; some could not recollect all the words and some forgot parts of the tune, but we could always recognise the song as "Tipperary."

In a few months, however, everyone became "fed up" with "Tipperary," and now we never hear it. But the Nightingale has been singing its own song for more than two thousand years, as we know from the fact that an early Greek writer recorded his impression of the song in words, and we can recognise it as the same song that we hear to-day.

This is the more remarkable because most species of birds can sing other songs if they wish. A young Roller of mine, which was brought up with some young Pekin Robins, could exactly reproduce the song of this species, and used to add to it most quaintly the distinctive call-notes, just as "Amen" is sung after a hymn in church.

The Giant Whydah sings a regular Weaver's song—a mixture of spluttering, hissing, and spitting noises, but a young cock Giant Whydah, hatched here, could give a really good imitation of a Blackcap. The usual song of the Virginian Cardinal consists of only three tours—"cheeo, cheeo; whit, whit, whit; churr churr," but a hand-reared Cardinal, most kindly given me by Mr. C. Harrison, of Tiverton, sang the song of our English Nightingale really well.

Mr. Bent is right on the mark when he suggests that the reason that so many aviculturists say that they prefer the song of a Canary to any other is that they have never heard anything better. No doubt this is also the reason why the worst class of German Rollers, unsaleable in Germany, used to find a ready market here.

Mr. Bent's discovery of five hen Nightingales mated with one cock is very interesting. In my own aviary a cock Blackcap mated with two hens and assisted in incubating both clutches, and Col. Coussmaker proved that the Swallow was sometimes a bigamist, but I do not think that any ornithologist has come across such a harem as the above among Passerine birds.

There are just two points which are open to criticism. I see that Mr. Bent says that the Sprosser is only found along the Danube. This species, however, has a very extensive range right across Russia to the distant Ural and Altai mountains, and is found in large areas of Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland.

Secondly, I am doubtful whether the Nightingale can be sexed by colour, size, shape, style, eye, or any external characteristics. All Nightingale fanciers whom I have asked tell me that they have frequently made mistakes, and I may include in this category a Continental dealer with a European reputation for his knowledge of Softbills.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

Outdoor Cages for British Birds.

SIR,—I am often asked by people who see my birds hung outside all the year round, "What birds do you keep?" I invite them to come and see, and they are astonished to see how healthy and full of song my birds are, so I thought my experience might be useful to many of your readers who cannot afford an aviary, and don't care to keep birds inside.

I make all my own cages, principally from boxes obtained from tradesmen, and also my own wire fronts. First, as to cages. These must be of good size, waterproof, and warm in winter, cool in summer. Sizes:—For Bullfinches: 18in. long by 14in. high by 11in. deep. For Goldfinches or Linnets: 18in. long by 12in. high by 9in. deep. For Siskins and Redpolls: 12in. long by 12in. high by 8in. deep. Mine are all box cages, of course, made of deal wood, 3-8ths in. thick, with removable wire fronts and loose sand trays. They are painted outside with two coats of chocolate paint, and varnished; coloured inside with distemper, green or blue; glass feeders and drinkers.

The cages are made waterproof as follows:—After giving the last coat of paint, and while still wet, take unbleached calico, tack down at bottom of back, leaving a margin an inch or so wide on either side, stretch tightly up to the top, tack again, then over to the front, tack again, and leave about five inches over to act as blind to shade from very hot sun, and to keep rain from drifting into front of cage. I then tack down the margin on the sides and top.

To make the blind, turn down a hem about ½in. wide, and stitch, afterwards pass a piece of stick through this, cut level at either end. Take two pieces of punched bar about 5 in. long, tack each piece at one end with a shoe rivet to the side of cage, about 4 inches from the top, and at the other end to the piece of wood running through the blind. The blind can then be raised or lowered at will. Give the whole of the calico two coats of white paint, and when quite dry varnish.

The cage is now waterproof, cool in summer, well protected in winter. Feed the birds as often advised in the British columns of CAGE BIRDS, not omitting plenty of green food and wild seeds when obtainable. Hang the cages against a south wall, except when the wind blows direct into cages, then remove to a sheltered position. Carry the cages indoors at night. Birds treated thus will remain healthy and in full song nearly the whole year round.

—T. J. G.

"Jack Corvus," a Wounded Rook, and a Successful Operation.

SIR,—It is now thirteen years since my first pet bird flew in at my bedroom window. It was a hen Thrush; it died in the winter, and because I mourned for it, next year some boys around brought me Thrushes, Blackbirds, Skylarks, Yellowhammers, Hedge Sparrows, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, and a Cuckoo (which lived five years). Some of them have only just died; a Blackbird at Christmas, the hen Skylark on her second clutch of eggs this summer, the Greenfinch last autumn, and a few days ago my most lovely singing Thrush. He sang night and morning, and often all day long, right up till the day before he died. I have now only the hen Yellowhammer left out of that first year's birds. He is in beautiful plumage yet. I suppose twelve years was a fair span of life for these birds, was it not?

This winter I had another strange pet brought me by my neighbour's boys, a wounded Rook, its right wing trailing on the ground, and very weak from want of food. The wound was at least a week old, perhaps much older.

Coming to the reasoning powers of birds, this one certainly seemed to possess a keen instinct or reason, refusing the most delicate morsels of raw beef, or cooked food, and taking only bread and milk, and continuing to do so until all the inflammation in the wing had abated. I bound the injured wing up to the body with a broad elastic band, at first over both wings, then under one and over the crippled one. The poor bird was very grateful, grew very tame, and would come to my hand for food. I believe the Thrush thought it was his old companion, the Blackbird, returned, and was as pleased as possible to see it strutting about the kitchen floor, calling to it, and capering about the cage. I still believe they have a way, by "telepathy" or otherwise, of communicating one with another, for this Rook never showed the least fright, neither did the Canary (that was feeding a very early nest of children) mind the presence of the stranger in the least.

After a time (some six weeks), when the bandage was taken off for good, I found the middle portion of the wing was stiffened to the top and the bone of the first joint displaced, so that the tip of the wing still hung down, and was much in the way, getting knocked, and swelling considerably, and hampering the bird in all ways, so I reluctantly decided it must come off. Unbelievable as it seems, "Jack Corvus" stood on my knee quite patiently while I drew the quills (I talked to him, and his bright eyes kept looking up and twinkling as saucy as you like), and then I quickly took the first joint of the wing off, bending it back, and snipping the sinews with a clean, sharp pair of scissors. I then bound the wing tightly with a wadding pad saturated in petroleum jelly, and stitched firmly to the feathers to keep it in place.

And a bird *can* look grateful, if it can't speak, as Jack did when he jumped down and found the heavy burden gone. It is quite healed now, and the new feathers are growing nicely. He is out of doors, and has the fowls' house all to himself, whilst they have to sleep in the open. He makes himself heard when he wants his breakfast, and bathes in a large dish till his glossy black coat shines again. He eats bread and butter, scraps of meat, and fish and raw potatoes, which he scoops out with his great beak, leaving only a thin shell.

It is funny that so many people mix up Crows and Rooks. Everyone said "Jack" was a Crow, hence his name, but I thought he was a Rook, and when I said so they would say, "Oh! they are all alike," so I just went to our museum to satisfy myself that it wasn't a Crow fallen out of a Rook's nest.

(Mrs.) E. M. SARGEANT.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 510.)

From a Prize Winner.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of cheque 10s. 6d. for my answer to the prize question. I am sure readers of Cage Birds are well catered for in every way by the endeavours of yourself and staff in these very trying times, and, as I wrote when the price was increased, I would not be without the paper if it cost 6d., let alone the modest 2d. per week. I shall, when I can spare time, compete in your letter competition, and shall also again take pleasure (with your permission) in writing articles for insertion. I have had published during the last six or seven years over 20 different contributions, which, by the way, I always cut out and keep, and I hope to write many more. Kindest regards to you and your excellent staff, and continued success to Cage Birds.

W. Lidgett.

A Fifteen Years Old Redpoll.

Sir,—As I am very much interested in your weekly paper Cage Birds, and have been a constant reader for some few years, I thought I would write you about my Redpoll cock, which died this morning at the age of 15 years. He has spent all his time in an ordinary Lark cage in a small cottage window, not more than one yard square, and up to the last year, when he went blind in one eye only, he has kept all his faculties. Every summer for about six years he was a marvellous little songster, twittering all the day long. Perhaps this may interest some of your readers, and I should like to know if this is a record length of time for a Redpoll to live in captivity, or if it is common. I wish Cage Birds the success it so well deserves, and the best of progress for the capturing of the German trade. I am doing my own little bit in the Roller Fancy.

T. Hilton.

Three-ply Wood in Cage-making

A Novice Gets Four Nice Mulds from a Threepenny Greenfinch.

Sir,—I must thank both Mr. Neve and Mr. Southwood for replying to my query re nails holding in three-ply wood. I was undoubtedly under a misapprehension, and ought to have said the nails "might" not hold, as in point of fact I had not tried them. However, I trust they will forgive me for the error, and I will also bear in mind what they say about nails and get the right sort. I might add I am a raw novice, this being my first attempt at breeding. I have always been fond of animals, and have kept anything from a "cock Ferret" upwards, so I thought I would have a go at breeding. I bought a cock Greenfinch for threepence, and procured a Norwich hen; the result is four nice Mules out of two nests. I also had a Linnet and Canary paired, and got one youngster, which only lived a couple of days. I read Mr. Neve's article with great interest, and at once decided to scrap all my old cages of different sizes and have something worth looking at. If I can make the cages to look neat I shall be pleased, and no doubt it will afford Mr. Neve pleasure to know that he started a novice on the right track. If I go to Eastbourne next year for a holiday, as I did this, I shall certainly pop over and see his birds. In the meantime I will study my Cage Birds for more tips. I thank the two above-mentioned birdy chums once again.

Jock Hill.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

Sir,—As a lover of cage birds, more especially the Norwich Plainhead, I feel I must enter the lists against the fallacy of inbreeding, which has been advocated so ably in recent issues of Cage Birds. I am doing this not only in the interests of the Norwich Plainhead itself, but also in the interest of the many young fanciers with shallow pockets who, to save expense, may be induced to pair a decent young bird up with its parent, with very indifferent results eight times out of every ten.

That the whole position is wrong is proved by the difference of opinion among the experts themselves, and I have not seen one deny that just as good results are to be obtained by breeding from unrelated pedigree stock.

I am convinced that stamina and vitality are only to be obtained that way, and they are most essential points in the make-up of the Norwich Plainhead, where the tendency is for larger and ever larger birds. Big bone, big skull, and big frame are the order of the day, and I refuse to believe that they are obtained by inbreeding, persistent or otherwise.

Mr. Gordon Stewart, a gentleman whom I know personally, and to whose love for the Norwich Plainhead I wish to testify, has gone far for comparisons (always odious) when he invites "Sub Rosa" to examine the stud books of the Great Danes, Wolfhounds, and Deerhounds, not to mention Highland cattle, and then compare results with the coddled Canary, coddled now for centuries.

He could hardly have selected two stronger, hardy, or more virile animals in the whole animal kingdom. He says "Like produces like." Why not read "sometimes" and complete the sentence? Why stop at Angus cattle? Why not go a little higher in the scale of vertebrates and examine the results of inbreeding among the blue bloods of his own species, of whom he should also know something? I suggest to advocates of inbreeding that when they have finished with the canine stud books they might also find something to astonish them among the stud books of their own species, moreover, with the whole resourcefulness of their species to help.

I make no apology for fetching the human biped into this discussion, but claim justification from the fact that any discussion as to the future welfare of the Norwich Plainhead, especially so far as stamina and vitality are concerned, demands the fullest and the widest possible scope. I know little about dogs or Angus cattle, but I do know something of the Norwich Plainhead, and I believe that the fallacy of inbreeding, if persisted in, can have nothing but harmful results to the Fancy. That there are more roads than one to the championship classes I am prepared to admit, but that inbreeding is one of them I hae ma doots.

Wm. Robinson.

80 Per Cent. Yellows—A Question of Colour.

Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the articles appearing in Cage Birds under the heading "The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding," and I remember years ago reading some very interesting articles on the subject by Mr. C. A. House in, I think it was, "The Homing World." The arguments convinced me in favour of inbreeding, but before I put it to the test I migrated to another part of the Kingdom, and gave up keeping live stock.

Mr. Crawhall deserves our best thanks for the open way he gives the Fancy the benefit of his experience; most fanciers of Mr. Crawhall's prominence as an exhibitor are silent on these subjects. Having given us much, I suppose it is only natural that we should want a little more, and I venture to suggest that the publication of a few pedigrees in detail of noted winners would be of great interest to many. It would be interesting from the colour point of view to me at present, for I am really curious to know if it takes what Mr. Allsopp calls "circus horses" to produce a decent colour, and even Yorkshires, I suppose, require a little colour to win in good company. It would also show us where the Lancashire comes in for size, and the Belgian for style, etc. By the way, what do the breeders of Lancashires do to keep up the size?

However, what I principally want to know is, is it necessary to breed with green or variegated birds to produce rich-coloured clears? My experience is very limited, but it all goes to show that it is a mistake to do so.

I bought in November, 1913, a pair of unflighted birds, a clear buff cock and a green-marked hen, marked eyes and wings. The following season I paired them together; I did not succeed in rearing any of the youngsters owing to the hen not feeding them after the first week or ten days, but they lived long enough to establish the fact that they were all marked or variegated.

Last season, that is, last year, I paired them again; this time she fed splendidly and reared the three, a green variegated cock, a cap-marked yellow hen, and a cinnamon ticked buff cock. In the second round I changed the cock, using another clear buff, with the result another variegated cock and a clear buff hen; one clear out of five, and the colour not a bit better than other clears I had bred from clears.

From another pair, a clear buff cock and clear yellow hen, I only got one nest last year; this had three in it, all hens, one clear buff and two yellows, both marked alike, a cinnamon splash round one eye. One of these this year, paired to a clear buff cock, has four youngsters, one eye-ticked, two clears, and one marked on head and one wing, showing the tendency of the colour to increase rather than to diminish.

I have a ticked buff hen bred from a pair of clears in 1914; her mother was also bred from a pair of clears. The tick on her neck is almost invisible, and yet, paired to a clear yellow cock, two out of her four youngsters were ticked, and, what's more remarkable, one was a cinnamon ticked cock and the other a dark-eyed thigh ticked hen, the other two being dark-eyed cocks. Thus two nests last year seemed to upset what I have often read, that pink-eyed cocks cannot be bred in this way.

This 1914 hen has two first-round youngsters this year, a green variegated cock and a cinnamon ticked hen. Second round, a (green) cap marked, both wings and one side of tail, looks like a hen, and the third round another variegated, a cock, I believe, all that hatched out. This hen was one out of a nest of four, as I said before, bred from clears; nevertheless, only one of the young was a clear one.

I could multiply the above instances, but I think these will suffice to show why I think that it is not necessary to introduce green or cinnamon blood to brighten the colour, but rather the reverse; it has a great tendency to introduce itself.

Perhaps the author of the following paragraph, or someone else, will enlighten us a little. Here it is; I take it from Cage Birds Annual for 1916:—"Many fanciers, like myself, have made it a life study to breed a high and pure-coloured yellow, and when properly crossed 80 per cent. of the progeny can be bred yellows, and, what is more, high-coloured yellows at that. Those yellows, or, I should say, this yellow blood when sold to others will give the same tone of colour, and not a few from selected strain have had to take a place on the top shelf."

How is it done? Is it inbreeding, or double yellowing, or both? I am inclined to think that Mr. Allsopp hit the nail on the head a little while ago in his article on "Colour in the Norwich Plainhead." Unfortunately, this gentleman's name seems to be something like the red rag to the bull whenever it appears in your columns.

I intended to try double yellowing for stock birds this season, but unfortunately the loss of three hens early in the season completely upset my plans for this season. With better luck in the future I hope to

Live and Learn.

Sir,—Will Mr. Crawhall read my letters again and tell me by what process of reasoning he assumes that the letter last published knocks the bottom out of my argument? My attitude from the first has been that inbreeding is too risky for the novice, that only the best should be used, and those of the healthiest; and the letter mentioned bore out my contention to the letter.

In addition to being a Canary fancier, I keep Pigeons, poultry and Bantams, and I am also the secretary of a large Poultry and Pigeon Society; so my experience is not confined to Canaries, although I must confess to little knowledge of dogs and cows, and I have just read the experiences of a poultry fancier on inbreeding. This fancier never introduced fresh blood for seven years, and then he confessed that his stock appeared to be losing stamina. In the eighth year he purchased two fresh stock cocks, and from these two he bred two big winners which won at Haywards Heath and Birmingham. Isn't that a testimony to outcrossing?

Mr. Crawhall quotes from Mr. House's book that a certain breeder produced one show bird in six from unrelated stock, and one in four from related stock. We are not out to produce just show birds, but winners; and when I say winners, I mean those birds which are unbeatable, like the marked Yorkshire bred by Mr. Crisp, the buff Nor. hen of Mr. Sam Cook (since dead) and several exhibited by Mr. Crawshaw and others. It would be interesting to know whether any of the above birds were produced by inbreeding. It is a well known fact that Mr. Crisp was not one of its devotees, anyway. I understand that Dr. Gordon Stewart and "Invicta" are Pigeon fanciers, and at least Dr. Stewart is a self-confessed new recruit to the ranks of Canarydom. It will be interesting to read the true experiences of these two gentlemen in about seven years from now. I know Pigeons, but I know Canaries better, and I know that to compare the two from the standpoint of stamina is like comparing an army mule with a lady's Pekingese Spaniel.

Sub Rosa.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to make some remarks on this question, although an outsider of no experience in this direction worth recording.

I take Nature as my guide, the safest, and Nature is a great in-breeder. The human race, with its subdivisions into tribes, clans, communities, on continent, on islands especially, in dark, isolated portions of the earth has been mainly built up in this manner; blood relationship is there, and is demonstrated by oneness of type, character, speech, etc. The relationship is more distant according as numbers increase, but the intermingling of closely related individuals has produced that type from the beginning. In patriarchal days it was a rule of life to choose from your own blood. It is so with flowers, with the wild denizens of the forest, and it is so with birds. Nature in her wild state is an in-breeder. Birds move in flocks and many nest in communities. Look at our 100 year old Rookeries, are they not a common and clear illustration of how Nature builds up and maintains her families?

In Mr. T. R. Wallace's very interesting letter in this week's Cage Birds the paragraph commencing with the words "My conclusions" seems to go to the truth of the matter. By in-breeding you will, with skill, fix your type, and not only produce exhibition specimens but build up a strain of them. But you must do as Nature does; she throws out the weak and unfit, they die. We make the error by not doing so. Many, shall I not say most, of our finest specimens are unfit, but we cannot afford to do away with them; that is our reasoning, and so we keep them, doctor them, coddle them, and breed with them if we can by hook or by crook, and hence failure. Nature succeeds in perpetuating because she is ruthless; she is, moreover, patient and slow, and does not coddle.

In the case of the Roller Canary we breed in to fix the song; if we possess a good song, good style, etc., why not go on with the family on Nature's lines, cousin to cousin, and so on, perpetuating the style, throwing out the weak ones be they ever so fine songsters. The particular style and quality of song will, I assume, be there, and those characteristics will be stamped in the breed. To compensate for disappointments let us breed more, we shall thus not be obliged to pair up so closely, and incidentally, shall be assisting the trader to meet the coming big demand. The great master breeders of Rollers dreaded crossing; the new tours were evolved from their own inbred songsters; they noticed the variation in the young birds, set them aside to help one another in song, and then startled the world. I read of one the other day who in eight years only added one strange bird to his breeding stock and that was a hen; he was an inbreeder by conviction and in practice, and it could only have been under very special conditions that he broke his rule. Others, successful breeders, have persevered for many years longer and still go on. What is true for Rollers must be equally so for other varieties, and I venture to say that if faults are perpetuated it must be equally true that excellent points can be perpetuated. Nature takes no note as to points, unless they be diseases and deformities which she throws out, and I would here remark that some of the eccentricities and curiosities which have been highly standardised by experts for fanciers, be it in bird or animal, to breed up to in this enlightened age are nothing but glorified ugliness and distortion. What we need is a scheme of inbreeding for study, drawn up in a plain and simple way by a breeder who has practiced it and going back to the sixth generation, giving us his results, not only in quality from a show bench point of view, but information as to stamina, breeding capabilities, etc. It would be of great service to Canary breeders, I am sure. I would here remark that theories of heredity are of little use, unfortunately, to the Roller breeder; he has to work in the dark compared with his other Canary brethren because of the hidden song qualities of the hen. The breeder for excellency of form can see pretty well what he possesses in his hen, the Roller breeder can see nothing; he has to work on other lines and these lines are uncertain ones. For this we need a few contributors to give us more guidance, especially as it has become generally recognised that there is great potentiality for breeding good songsters latent in the hen.

Hy. W. Gutiérrez.

Sir,—I must congratulate Mr. T. R. Wallace on his very able, clearly expressed letter, and I can assure him that so long as he can put his opinions and experiences on paper only half as well as he has done on this occasion he never need feel any diffidence about writing them.

"Invicta" said, amongst other things which were equally true, "The fact is you want to get to understand your stock; even with inbred stock the pairings do not always hit as you wish," etc. I said that I preferred the father to daughter or mother to son mating, and had not tried brother to sister (although I should not hesitate to do so), and that as birds stand lower in the vertebrate scale than four-footed animals there is no reason why they should not be somewhat closer inbred.

In my opinion the higher the development you reach in the individual the more careful you would have to be in inbreeding from too close a relationship. Man is the most highly developed type in the animal kingdom, therefore it is necessary to exercise greater care in selecting his mate among his relations than it would be in, say, the horse, which is not so highly evolved. As birds come very much lower down in the scale, it can readily be seen that less care is necessary in selecting mates with a close relationship.

I hope I have made my meaning clearer, and I extend the fraternal hand of welcome to Mr. Wallace or any other fancier "frae the land o' cakes an brither Scots" who wishes for further information on a subject in which I am intensely interested. It is men of Mr. Wallace's type that we are all out to help, and I am sure he can rely on every word the Editor of Cage Birds has written, for he has shown me every courtesy and has corrected my English when and where it has been necessary, for which I tender him my sincere thanks.

J. W. Gordon-Stewart.

Roller Canary Breeding in California.

By DAVID O'BRIEN, San Francisco.

A breeder of ten years' experience describes the successful methods adopted in rearing Roller Canaries on the Colony System.

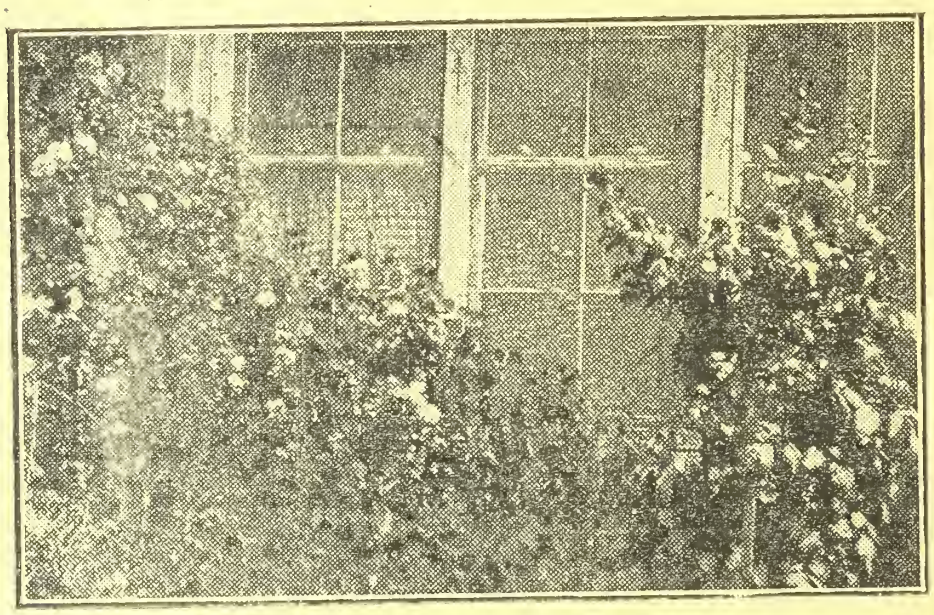
I CONSIDER the colony or out-door aviary system is without a doubt the best, cheapest, and least troublesome way to raise birds on a large scale, and capture the German trade.

To make money I would advise the beginner to start with some of the best Rollers he can get; they cost no more to feed, are as prolific as the common Canary, and command twice the price when put on the market. I have been breeding Rollers for the past ten years, in an outdoor aviary, a photo of which I enclose.

For the benefit of the beginner I take pleasure in describing my simple and successful way of breeding. In the garden I had built a wooden building, thirty-two feet long and fourteen wide; it stands on a foundation two feet from the ground to keep it dry and give the cats a chance to get under it after mice that happen along.

An Ideal Bird Room.

This building faces the south-east, so the birds get the morning sun, for they enjoy their morning sun bath. The thirty-two feet is divided into three rooms, one of eight feet, the others twelve each. The eight feet I use for a supply room, the next for the nesting room, and the third for the fly and feed room.



PORTION OF MR. O'BRIEN'S OUTDOOR AVIARY.

The walls are seven feet high, of one inch boards, surfaced on the inside and tar papered, and rustic on the outside, with a shingle roof which makes it as warm as an ordinary dwelling. It is painted on the outside and whitewashed on the inside.

There is running water in the outside room for the birds to drink and bathe in; the water faucet drips into a drinking cup, that over flows into the bath, and the bath overflows into the sand, as this third room has no flooring, just a sandy bottom which is easily kept clean.

Around under the floor of this room I have half inch galvanised wire-netting, eighteen inches deep, to prevent mice or gophers from coming through to the birds. I have it arranged with perches in front of the windows where the birds sit in the morning and enjoy their sun bath.

The floor of room two is covered with sand and crushed sea shells, one inch deep, and there is a box kept filled with old mortar. In room three there is a feed table about three feet by four, and on this stands two feed hoppers three feet long, one for canary seed, the other for summer rape. Other seeds I place in small dishes; hemp seed I never use at any time of the year, for I think it is too fattening for the Roller.

Some Mistakes and Their Lessons.

I will make the date of introducing the birds into their new home, Jan. 1, 1916, as I want to state my mistakes and misfortunes of the past season's breeding for the benefit of the beginner, and to indicate the changes I intend to make next season. On January 1 I let fly six cocks and eighteen hens. They got along nicely for a month, and by February 1 they commenced to fight and get very lively, chasing each other from room to room. At the middle of February I put up the nest boxes, twenty-four all around room two, seven feet high, so that the hens should not fight for the high nest box.

The year before this I collected a lot of dry chickweed stems, which I had found the birds were very fond of beginning their nests with. This I put in one net, deer-hair in another, charpie in another, and the birds' feathers from the moult of the previous year in another.

The Birds get a "Push" on.

The birds all got to work at once to see which would have their nest built first. They all took the coarse stuff first, some finished up with the hair, some with the charpie, and some with the feathers, I will say here that the charpie makes the best nest, for it keeps the hen cooler than the hair. As I have been breeding only for the sport of the game, I did not remove the eggs, as laid, which should have been done daily, and the eggs put in drawers, numbered to correspond with the nest boxes.

The nest box I use hangs on the wall, and is made thus: The bottom is of half-inch board, sugar pine if you have it, six inches square. A hole is cut in centre, three and a half inches, to let the nest fit in firmly, with the rim of the nest standing one inch above the board. Back eight inches high and six inches wide; one side the same height and width as the back, and the top is seven inches square. Two side pieces, two and a half inches high complete the wood for the box.

In nailing in the bottom it is placed one and a half inches from the lower edge of the back and side, to prevent the nest from touching the table when the box is taken down to change the eggs, or to have a daily look at the young ones to see that none have been trampled on by the hen. If such a misfortune should happen, it must be removed, or the smell will keep the hen from sitting on the nest.

When the 2½ inch strips are nailed on they make a nice perch for the hen to stand on while feeding the young birds in the nest, This will leave one inch space all around the nest inside the box, so that when the young birds reach their vent over the edge of the nest the droppings will fall clear overboard and leave the nest free from dirt and prevent the soiling of the hen's tail when sitting on the young birds after they are eight or ten days' old.

Can it be Bettered?

Experience led me to adopt this method after losing many a fine nest of young birds, through the hen refusing to sit on them at night on account of a dirty nest. This inch of space also saves the life of many a young bird that is thrown out of the nest when the hen is leaving, it may be under her wing, or she may catch it in her claw, young hens are not as cautious as older ones. If any fancier has a better nest box I would like to hear of it through CAGE BIRDS.

I use two parts cracker to one part egg, and I feed egg twice a day and lots of dry green stuff in the middle of the day; chickweed in seed they like best of any, the hens just load the little ones up on the seeded chickweed. I gather the food at noon so that it has time to get dry from the evening dew, for I find that wet greenstuff is dangerous for young birds under four or five days old. I continue the egg food until the birds are all through their moult, and I find it pays, as I do not know what it is to have a young bird go light from change of diet. The young birds have their bath when they feel like it from the time they are six weeks old.

I commenced the season in the aviary with six cocks and eighteen hens; they all built at the same time, and the result was that I had three or four nests of clear eggs. The six cocks were not able to get around so many hens building and laying at the same time. Some of the cocks showed their good sense in giving their undivided attention to one hen and her young, and such pairs always raised a nest of fine young ones. When the hen was sitting on her second round the cock was cramming the young ones until the second nest came out. This is what I think all good helpmates should do, and for raising good birds it is what I like to have them do. About forty young resulted from the first round. In the second round I did not have any clear eggs, and things looked very promising for about sixty young ones, when the weather turned cold at nights, from the beginning of May until June 15 I lost over thirty young birds, the first night after they left the nest. In nests that had one or two green birds these would pull through, showing that the green bird is much stronger than the light or buff one. Some of the hens did not lay the third time, some laid three, and some four eggs. Some had one, some two addled eggs. All the young ones of this round got along nicely, as the weather was warm and favourable for them, and they are now five and six weeks old. The old ones are moulting and feeding the young ones.

My "old reliable," which I bred in my own room, is sitting on her fifth nest of four eggs, having laid twenty-one eggs. The first nest of four young ones were dead in the shell, from the shock of unloading lumber next door; the second nest of five eggs and the third nest of four were both clear, the fault of the cock that moulted early in February, and did not fill the eggs. I then let her fly in the aviary and she raised a nest of four fine birds from the cock she was mated with first, showing that when you mate a pair of birds in the spring they will stay with each other all through the breeding season.

A Question of Productiveness.

As I am only experimenting I am going to see if she will mate with the same cock in the first round in the aviary next year; she gets off her eggs and helps the cock to feed the young ones, and is what I call a model Canary. I would like to ask, through CAGE BIRDS, how many eggs any breeder has known a hen to lay, as this one has laid over one hundred now. This is the hen that I spoke of before that laid 18 eggs and raised eighteen young ones in one season three years ago.

I am sure Mr. Tomlinson will be pleased to write an article on training the young Roller for the benefit of the beginner. A couple of years ago he wrote several good articles on the Roller and its training, and if the Editor will kindly reprint one of them on training the Roller it will be of great benefit to the beginner. I would like to see every breeder of the Roller write an article on his experience in breeding and training the Roller, for we cannot get too much information along these lines if we are to capture the world's trade for the Roller. I am glad to see the improvement in CAGE BIRDS since it has changed to a sixteen page publication, and I hope in time to see it a thirty-two page paper with a hundred thousand subscribers.

SOME ADVICE TO BEGINNERS.

By "BIRD LOVER."

AS so many new recruits are joining the large army of bird-lovers at the present moment, and as I am constantly being asked what is the best method of starting, I feel a few words of friendly advice may be welcome. I do not wish to pose as an authority, but simply would like to give a rough scheme which I have found from experience gives the maximum of enjoyment and profit, in the hope that it will help some initiate in one of the most fascinating of hobbies. It must of necessity be set out very briefly, but if any reader would like a more dtailed description of any part of it I should be very glad to be of service to him.

First of all, as every hobby entails an outlay to start with, decide definitely what this is to be. Do not procure your birds until all the accessories, such as cages, etc., are ready for use. It is false economy to use soap boxes and other substitutes for the proper housing of our feathered pets, and will lead only to disappointment later on. If suitable wood is procured from a dealer cages can be made cheaply and easily, and it will prove an added interest to the hobby. Full particulars are given in some of the CAGE BIRDS publications, and very little skill is needed in making a serviceable and efficient article.

Make Plans Beforehand.

Here let me advise the beginner to read as much of the literature on the subject as he can procure before making a start. There are many months before the breeding season begins again, and a few weeks given to planning out a definite scheme will save months later on, and probably pounds of the initial capital.

An outdoor bird room is always preferable to one indoors, but make sure it is properly constructed. Give the greatest care and thought to its fittings, so that it will eventually be a pleasure to work in and a place where no jarring elements disturb body or mind.

In procuring the birds I should suggest that the novice joins a society where he will meet experienced breeders who will not take advantage of his ignorance. Apart from the help he will obtain by this course, he will find it a valuable investment when he wishes to get rid of his surplus stock.

Do not on any account get more birds than it is possible to look after properly, and if at any time the duty of tending them becomes at all irksome make drastic reductions. The prospective bird-keeper should remember that by his second season the number of his birds will probably have doubled at least, so he should keep plenty of space for future operations.

In regard to the important question of whether or not he can make the hobby pay its own expenses, I have no hesitation in answering in the affirmative, and although few can make it a source of income, yet with average luck there ought to be a balance on the right side.

Where expense has to be considered the beginner should make a start with Canaries. Apart from being a patriotic duty at the present moment, the breeding of those birds is a most excellent speculation. His seed bill and all expenses for the year need cost him nothing if he also keeps a few pairs of Budgerigars. These are cheap to buy, their diet is very simple and inexpensive, they are prolific breeders, require no special attention during the breeding season, and there is a ready sale for the young. They are also most fascinating birds to look after and impart variety to the birdroom. I find that three pairs of Budgerigers will pay the yearly seed bill of six pairs of Canaries.

Birdy Literature for the Wounded.

In my work in hospital I have been greatly impressed by the eagerness with which all bird literature is received and read, to say nothing of the interesting discussions which often follow, but I am sorry to say there is a great dearth of such books and periodicals. A hospital ward is one of the most fertile fields for extending the number of bird lovers, and, as the question of capturing the German Canary trade is one of the problems of the day, I feel that much could be accomplished by the systematic distribution of such literature. Apart from the great pleasure it would give to numbers of our wounded "Tommies" I am sure it would prove a valuable means of accomplishing this difficult task.

I should venture to suggest that CAGE BIRDS opens a subscription list, and that it should be a point of honour for each prize-winner and everyone who benefits by advertisement to spare at least 6d. or 1s. as a contribution.

With the money such books as Mr. Claude St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which is one of the most wonderful six-penny books on the market, should be bought and distributed amongst the numerous hospitals. At a modest estimate each book would be read by 400 wounded soldiers in the course of a year, and would help to kindle the flame of enthusiasm in many. Each of those who decide to take up the hobby will naturally become subscribers to CAGE BIRDS, and in increasing our numbers we will be able to help an indispensable journal over a path which at the present time must be full of pitfalls.

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THE LINNET.

Few British songsters are more popular than the Linnet, and the class for this species at our bird shows is always filled with beautiful examples, which show the care which has been expended by their owners in their keeping. The specimen here illustrated won 1st prize at the show of the Metropolitan C.B.A. for its owner, Mr. W. Larking.

Some Favourite British Birds and How to Keep Them.

By PHILORNIS.

THE STARLING.

(Sturnus Vulgaris).

FAMILIAR alike to the dweller in the country and to the inhabitant of the grimiest of our towns and cities, the Starling is one of the commonest, and at the same time one of the most attractive of our native birds.

Its preference for the neighbourhood of human habitations, and, up to a certain point, its fearlessness of mankind render it an easy matter for the bird lover to study its wild habits, while its glossy iridescent plumage well described as "a mantle of shot-silk garnished with pearls," and the quaint, strenuous display of its vocal powers at almost all times of the year, together with its remarkable aerial evolutions in autumn, and its general sprightliness and business-like appearance when working lawn or meadow in search of food, seldom fail to make it an object of interest to even the most casual observer.

He Loves Me; He Loves Me Not.

To the farmer and grazier its insecticidal powers are of the utmost value, destroying as it does, in all three stages of their existence, countless insects which are detrimental to field crops of all kinds.

The Starling, of course, has its detractors, like most good people and bad. In those districts where reeds form a valuable harvest in autumn, it has been accused of ruining the reed-beds by roosting in them at night and breaking them down with the weight of great numbers.

We also hear at times, complaints of the insupportable nuisance caused by thousands of Starlings roosting in shrubberies adjacent to dwelling-houses, and of their driving away the other small birds from the vicinity. A remedy for such evils as these, however, would seem to be not very far away.

A more serious charge, perhaps (if it be altogether true) is the one brought against the Starling in common with many other birds, of pilfering from cherry orchards and fruit-gardens in summer and autumn. But from my own observation, as well as from the testimony of other observers, I am inclined to think that there is a good deal of exaggeration in some of the reports current regarding the Starling's misdeeds in this respect, and that its share of "stolen fruit" is really a much smaller one than is often suspected. The belief held in some quarters that the Starling destroys the eggs and young of the Skylark is unworthy of acceptance.

In Australia, where our Starling seems to thrive well—doubtless to the detriment of the native Avifauna—complaints have been made against the bird on the score of its plucking the wool from the backs of sheep known to be free from ticks, and thereby wantonly spoiling the fleece.

Good on the Whole.

I, for one, however, am inclined to demur to this statement, at least, until more convincing evidence is forthcoming. We may say, then, that the merits (from a purely utilitarian point of view) of the Starling as a feathered denizen of the Empire immensely outweigh the damage it does of whatever kind.

As early as the beginning of January, if there be an absence of frost, the Starlings are seen to visit their last year's breeding places for a little time every morning. Great numbers which have spent the winter with us, headed by the older individuals, pass across to the Continent in an easterly or north-easterly direction early in February, and continue to do so until the end of March.

The Starling is the earliest of our spring migrants. In February pairing commences, but a considerable time has still usually to elapse before any progress can be detected at the nesting sites, much depending on the weather. In April, however, breeding operations are in full swing, and towards the end of that month or the beginning of May the work of feeding the young commences. This is a noisy operation, during which the parents and nestlings seem to vie with each other in disturbing the quiet of the neighbourhood.

As the month of May advances young Starlings of the year begin to make their appearance in the meadows, and in June they become numerous, especially during the latter half of the month, when they are joined by flocks of young birds which have been reared on the Continent, and which still appear in ever-increasing numbers until the end of July.

Prior to the moulting season, the plumage of these birds has nothing of the lustrous bronze, purple, and violet that distinguish their parents at this time of the year; instead, the upper parts are of a uniform pale brown and the breast and abdomen greyish white streaked with dusky.

As the summer wears on, the Starlings continue to occupy themselves at the nesting places. Second broods are hatched and reared, and it is no uncommon thing to discover preparations for a third. I myself have handled the fresh eggs in August.

During September the flocks of Starlings become perceptibly larger, and towards the end of the month they are greatly increased by adult birds in spangled winter plumage from countries further north and east, the autumn migration of which begins about this time.

The Flocking of the Starlings.

The wonderful autumn flights of the Starlings now begin to be seen to perfection; when they are not industriously searching for worms and grubs in the stubble fields along with Rooks, Plovers, Gulls, and other birds, the flocks exercise themselves in a sort of aerial drill.

Like a living cloud they wheel through the air, rising and falling with the utmost regularity and as if moved by a single impulse. While thus engaged in the evening, before going to roost, they sometimes present a most impressive appearance, their glossy plumage and swiftly moving wings gleaming resplendent in the rays of the setting sun.

The Starling makes one of the most engaging of pets. If judiciously fed, it soon accustoms itself to cage life, and is quite easily preserved in full health and spirits. Its power of learning to articulate words and sentences is notorious. I know a Starling which carries on an intermittent conversation from daybreak to dusk with a Green Parrot which lives in the same room.

Its Keeping in Captivity.

A newly-caught Starling usually thrives well on a daily allowance of about one piled-up teaspoonful of hard-boiled yolk of egg and crushed biscuit in equal parts, one teaspoonful of ants' eggs, and one teaspoonful of peameal, the whole being made crumbly with grated raw carrot, apple, or water.

Half a dozen mealworms or other live insect food should be given every day or two at first, say, two or three at a time, and chopped greenfood should be added two or three times a week to the soft mixture.

Later on, the egg may be omitted, and crushed biscuit and boiled potato may be used along with the ants' eggs and peameal to form a staple food.

A cage about the size of an ordinary Canary breeding cage, but with the front only wired and fitted with a sliding zinc tray is quite suitable, especially if the bird is allowed his liberty occasionally, as he should be. The tray is a great advantage and not at all expensive; it should be thickly strewn with pine sawdust.

A supply of grit is insisted on by some birdkeepers as necessary to keep a Starling, Thrush, or Blackbird in health, but the notion seems to be a mistaken one, for in my own experience these birds live long and keep in excellent plumage without having access to sand of any kind.

THE MISSEL THRUSH.

(Turdus Viscivorous).

THE Missel Thrush, or, as it is sometimes called, Mistletoe Thrush, is the largest of British songsters. In length it is eleven inches, fully two inches more than the Song Thrush. A good specimen should be as follows:—

Beak brown, one inch long, lower mandible pale yellow at base. Top of head, neck, and the whole of back nearly uniform greyish brown, with a faint tinge of red towards the tail. Wings and tail brown, the latter three and a half inches in length. Under parts white, tinged with yellow, and covered with black spots; these are triangular in shape on the neck, and rounder on the breast and belly. The legs are pale brownish yellow. The sexes are alike in size and plumage.

The young, just before leaving the nest, have each feather of the upper part of the head, neck, and back marked with a buff stripe down the centre and a black spot at the tip. Very pale or white specimens of the Missel Thrush are sometimes met with.

In its wild state the Missel Thrush is rather a shy bird; it inhabits small woods and tall hedge-row elms, and other large trees in a similar position. The cock bird begins to sing very early in the year, often in January, and occasionally, if the weather is fine and open, it may even be heard in December.

The song is something like that of the Blackbird, but the tone is not so good in quality. I have often listened to this bird singing on one of the topmost branches of a tall tree, in the midst of rain and wind; and from this habit of singing boldly in all sorts of bad weather it derives another of its common names, viz., Stormcock.

From what has been said regarding its song, it will be readily surmised that the Missel Thrush is an early breeder. It begins to build in March, and usually fixes its nest on the forked branch of an oak, beech, or elm, where it is overgrown with grey lichen.

The nest is composed of moss and coarse dry grass, covered on the outside with grey lichen from the branches of the trees, and strengthened inside with a layer of mud like that of the Song Thrush. But whereas latter bird lays her eggs on the hard bed of mud, the Missel Thrush places over this a lining of fine grasses, or even bits of paper, rag, or shavings, carefully fixed and woven together.

The eggs are four in number, of a greenish white tint, blotched and spotted with red-brown and lilac. There are ordinarily two broods in the year.

A Protector of the Weak.

Both the male and female Missel Thrush are extremely bold and fierce when defending their nest, and even the marauding Magpie or Crow has to beat a hasty retreat before their furious attacks. Smaller birds are said to take advantage of this boldness on the part of the Missel Thrush, and to occasionally build their nests in the same tree for the sake of the protection thus afforded.

The natural food of this species consists of worms, slugs, and snails; the shells of the latter it breaks by beating them against a stone, after the fashion of the Song Thrush. It also eats fruit, and is fond of berries of all kinds, including those of the Mistletoe, from which its name is derived, and those of the Hawthorn, Ivy, and Juniper; but before all these it prefers the berries of the Mountain Ash and the Yew. Of these various kinds of food, without doubt, worms and slugs predominate in the diet of the Missel Thrush in its wild state.

When feeding a bird in captivity, and especially a soft-billed species, it is necessary to pay some attention to its natural food, if you wish your specimen to remain long in health. This is particularly the case if you intend your bird to do well on the show-bench; and in the case of a newly-caught adult bird, this is the only reliable way to reconcile the captive quickly to its altered condition.

Rearing young birds from the nest is, at best, a tedious process to anyone who has any other business in life, and unless he cares to give a big figure for a steady, caged specimen, I would recommend the novice to go about the procuring and maintenance of a cock Missel Thrush, in the following manner:

Get your new-caught bird about the end of summer or in autumn, the season when almost all birds take most kindly to confinement; three or four shillings should purchase a good specimen. As I have already said, the sexes are alike; but when choosing out of two or three, select the most darkly marked bird, and you will probably (but not certainly) hit on a cock.

How to keep a Missel Thrush.

Offer your new bird as much of the natural food above mentioned as it will eat, or you can get (but not too many worms), and half a dozen mealworms now and then, which will be the first change of diet you give.

Next, make up a good soft food, such as described below, but do not force the bird to eat this by depriving it of the other food altogether, but after a week or so gradually decrease the quantity of the natural diet, until you are only giving, say, a few mealworms and berries. When the bird is taking the soft food well, give a little more of the natural diet, and if possible continue this treatment permanently.

Of course, if you live in a City, without opportunity or leisure to procure the natural food that a Missel Thrush likes, the soft food alone must suffice from the start as a staple diet, and should be supplemented by a few mealworms daily, and fruit—banana, ripe pear, etc.—occasionally.

Meat may be given in small quantities, raw and well shredded, if the bird appears to be costive. At other times the Missel Thrush is best without it, as it is apt to scour the bird. The mealworms, however, will usually keep the bird in order that way, and meat will be seldom required, or medicine either.

The cage for this species should not be less than 18 inches in length, 15 inches in height, and 12 inches in depth, or it will be sure to damage its plumage.

The following is a suitable soft food:—½ lb. pea flour, ¾ lb. crushed small water biscuits, ¼ lb. ants' eggs, 1 tablespoonful fine sugar. Mix together, and keep dry in a tin canister or biscuit box. Damp slightly when used, so as to make crumbly rather than pasty, and give in a deep (1½ inches) glazed earthenware dish. Give the green-food chopped fine with this.

Of the natural food above mentioned, those who live in or near the country can easily obtain ivy berries in winter and spring, mountain ash or rowan berries in late summer, and hawthorn and yew berries in autumn.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

BOWBURN.

The Crowtrees W.M.C. Young Bird Show was held in the Bowburn Institute, Aug. 12, with a moderate entry owing to members having such a poor breeding season, but though the entries were not numerous there were some very nice exhibits amongst them. Mr. Jas. Miller had the secretarial duties well in hand and was well supported by a hard working committee who did everything they could for the benefit of exhibits and exhibitors. Mr. A. J. Notley, Hetton-le-Hole, judged, and everyone seemed satisfied. Canary F.F.: 1, Freeman; 2, Lister; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Longstaff; 5, Halliday; 6, Ramshaw; 7, Roddam; 8, Miller. Nor., 1916, Yell.: 1, 3, Roddam; 2, Lister. Buff: 1, Longstaff; 2, 3, Freeman. A.O.V. Can., 1916: 1, Lister; 2, Longstaff. Mule or Hyb., 1916: 1, 2, Roddam; 3, Longstaff. Nor.: 1, Miller. Yorks.: 1, Miller; 2, Halliday; 3, Freeman. A.O.V.: 1, Miller. Linnet: 1, Freeman; 2, Halliday; 3, Roddam. A.O. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 2, Halliday, Bullf. and Goldf.; 3, Lister. Bramble finch; 4, Miller; 5, Freeman; 6, Longstaff.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Open contest for Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Aug. 27; 20 birds sang and some good singing was heard: 1, 2, shared, Wigfield and Binns; 3, Binns. Judges: S. Butterfield and J. Hutchinson.—J. L. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 27; 15 birds sang: 1, T. Ward; 2, T. Dobson; 3, Tape; 4, Chippindale. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Sissons.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, grand Linnet contest, Aug. 27; 11 birds sang. 1, Marshall; 2, Butler; 3, Moss. Judges, C. Biss, W. Lacy.—W. Lacy, sec.

BARNSLEY.

Aug. 27, Linnet contest club sing, very poor entry, Waireing timer, Dooley chalker, for 4 min. time sing. 1, Fishwick, 2 min. 13 sec.; 2, Jones, 1.52; 3, F. Norman, 1.38. Second sing straight on nail again. F. Norman, 43 sec., wins special, same time and same chalker and timer.—J. Hardman, sec.

Queries Answered

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and conclude with either the correct name or a pseudonym.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must be written on separate sheets of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*Queries received during any week, up to the* **first post on Saturday morning,** *will be answered in the issue bearing date of Saturday in the* **following** *week.*

(7)—*If an answer by post is desired from our specialists, a postal order for sixpence must accompany any query relating to sickness of birds, or a shilling in ordinary enquiries, with a stamped and addressed envelope in either case. Dead birds must not be sent to the office (see Post-mortems).*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Postcards are not admissible.*

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA (J. W. H.).—Keep the cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and it will assist towards this end if you keep the floor well strewn with clean, dry sawdust for the time being. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and in addition give separately every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a large hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a similar quantity of well boiled summer rape. A half ripe plantain stalk may be given daily, but do not give any succulent greenstuff until the looseness is stopped. In the water add six drops of syrup or rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one day only, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium and dilute sulphuric acid two days in every three until the droppings become of a normal consistency, and every second day for another week afterwards. If the looseness is not stopped in a week or so, instead of sprinkling the bread and milk with maw seed dust it well each time with carbonate of bismuth.

EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS (Manchester Novice).—You must first of all see that your foods and vessels are kept scrupulously clean, and that the water especially is always pure and fresh and the drinker thoroughly cleaned regularly. Also take particular care to see that the hemp is sound and sweet in the kernel. Give a staple diet of good sound canary seed only, and in addition give separately every second day a small tea spoonful of well boiled summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, maw and crushed arrowroot biscuit. For the present give only water that has been well boiled and allowed to stand until cold, and add to it every second day a small teaspoonful of lime water, and on the alternate days give instead a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea dissolved in the drinker and then add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Continue this for two or three weeks if necessary. Do not give any succulent green food at present, but a plantain stalk or a morsel of banana will do no harm. You may also slightly anoint the vent with one drop of lukewarm castor oil twice in a week.

ABNORMAL EGGS (Reader).—Such eggs as you describe may generally be taken to indicate that the ovaries are either in an exhausted or diseased condition. In the case of exhaustion the eggs are usually produced at the end of the season, and may merely indicate that the bird is played out for that season, but, on the other hand, they may show, especially in the case of a bird that is not quite young, that its period of productive usefulness is at an end. The blue colour is very uncommon, but certainly not unknown, as I have had similar coloured eggs from Canaries myself. If the legs and feet have coarse large scales, indicative of age, you would be well advised not to attempt breeding with the bird any more, either in the present or any future season.

AILING NORWICH COCK (M.A.).—Judging from the coarse scaly legs and feet and the wheeziness and susceptibility to changes of weather I should say that the bird is well beyond its youth, and not likely to be of any further use at all as a stock bird. Therefore, I should advise you to replace it for next season's breeding. The following treatment may pull it round and enable it to be of some service as a songster, but it is doubtful if anything will really make it sound and fit again. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable place, and quite free from cold direct draughts or damp. Keep a light cover over the cage until the bird has quite ceased dropping feathers at the end of a complete moult, which the treatment should help to bring about. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts good sound canary seed to one part summer rape. In addition to this give a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture you are using twice a week, and on three other days for a month give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, dusted with flour of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and the next day after giving this add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. A small spray of seedy green food, half ripe plantain stalks, heads of shepherd's purse, or blooms of nasturtiums or marigolds, may be given every day or two. If an active moult sets in and the majority of the plumage seems to have been shed at the end of three or four weeks stop all drugs and allow the moult to go on naturally, and when you see new feathers coming through on the head and neck begin to give 20 drops of chemical food in the water two days in every three for a month to help it over the effects of the moult. Bathe the feet in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water—for a few minutes daily for a week or so, then dry, and gently anoint with a little zinc ointment. If the wheeziness continues after the moult is finished, write again, repeating full particulars, and I will advise you for it.

DISAPPOINTING HENS (Smethwick).—You ought to have said how you feed and treat the birds generally, then I might have discovered some tangible cause for your disappointment with these hens, which doubtless lies in their treatment. Upon the whole, if this is the second season of breeding with all the hens mentioned, or of course any number above two, the best advice I can give you is to clear them out and start with a fresh lot next year, and see that you get strong, lusty, young hens. Do not put too many in a cage, and do not interfere with them after they are put together for breeding more than is absolutely unavoidable. One cock and two hens is quite the limit to stock the cage you name for breeding, and even this you cannot quite rely upon succeeding without there being a partition in the middle to keep the hens separate and prevent them interfering with each other's arrangements, and in this case, of course, the cock would have to be run alternately with the hens. It is quite too late to do anything further in the breeding line now, so you had better remove the cock, leaving the hens in the large cage for the extra exercise. Take away all the nesting material and accommodation, and direct your attention to getting the birds through a complete moult, by treating them the same as advised to "M.A." in this issue. This, of course, you may do in order to get them into the best possible condition whether you intend to act on the advice to clear them out or not, though if you are wise you will certainly adopt this course. Meantime, get our Manager to send you a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, and master its contents between now and next spring, and you should be able to steer clear of thee disappointments.

HAS SNEEZING BOUTS (J. W. H.).—In all probability the cause of the treatment being ineffectual lies in the fact that you have not taken the first essential step in all treatment—that of removing the exciting cause of the unhealthy condition. See to this, and do not allow the bird to hang in or very near a window or burning light in the evenings, high up near the ceiling, nor where it is exposed to rapid or extreme fluctuations of temperature, or a dusty atmosphere. Then give in addition to the usual seed diet a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every third day for two or three weeks, and add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squills, tincture of lobelia, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. At this season the bird may not regain full song until it has been through the moult.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

PERSISTENT RED MITES (C. L. W.).—Your constant efforts should certainly have made the pest very scarce, and the fact that it is so persistent points to the fact that they have a harbour close at hand, but not in the cage itself. This is probably around the nail on which the cage hangs, under the edge of some torn scrap of paper on the wall, any faulty bit of the wall plaster, or even the moulding of the window frame. Look well into these points and treat thoroughly every likely spot each time you treat the cage itself. The nail on which it hangs should never in any case be overlooked. Get an ounce of camphor and dissolve it in half a pint of methylated spirit, change the cage once a week as now, at the same time treating the wall, etc., as suggested, and whilst the cage is vacant paint it all over, inside and out, with the camphor solution, using a small paint brush to work it well into all the joints and corners. Repeat this treatment every second day. Do this with each cage as it is vacated, treating the position where it hangs once a week, and all the appurtenances belonging to each cage as often as the cage itself, and in a few weeks' time you should be entirely rid of the pest. When this happens the cages may be re-stained and varnished, as the solution will doubtless have spoilt the polish, if any, that was on. Allowing the bird to bathe freely in plain water will be far preferable to spraying it. By the way, the position of the bird—hanging in a window facing south—is a most risky one for its continued good health.

ROLLERS MOULTING (P. Carter).—(1) It depends upon the time when this bird cast the bulk of its plumage whether it will moult again this year. If it shed them mostly when it began in April it is quite likely to drop them again about October. Treat as follows for a time, which may bring on a normal moult and set matters right for the future. In addition to the staple diet give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with flour of sulphur and then sprinkled with maw seed every third day, on the following day add to the water 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and on the remaining day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, linseed, teazle and broken groats. Continue this treatment for a month, then stop all drugs until you see new plumage coming through on the head and neck, when you may begin to add a small crystal of sulphate of iron to the water three times a week until the plumage is quite fine again. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable place, with a light cover thrown over the cage, until it has quite ceased dropping feathers. (2) Treat this bird the same as above, but give the saffron mixture for a fortnight only, and give it every second day, and give the seed mixture on the same day. It cannot be expected to sing much now until the moult is finished, but it will probably open out soon afterwards.

WOULD NOT SIT (N. C. M.).—Sorry, but there is nothing you could do to encourage a hen not naturally broody to incubate a clutch of eggs. The only possible way out of these difficulties is to transfer the eggs to one or more hens who are about to sit, or have eggs in about the same stage of incubation as those you wish to transfer, and as this was out of the question in your case there was nothing else to be done but lose the chance of a brood of young. You do not say anything about the management of the cock, and it is just possible if you took the cock away from the hen when she was commencing to sit she objected to this course. Some hens will show their disapproval by refusing to sit on the eggs when the cock is taken away, and in nearly all such cases if the cock is returned at once when it becomes evident that the hen has left the nest and does not intend to return to it she will resume her duties immediately, and all will go well. With such hens it is absolutely essential to allow the cock to remain with the hen all through the season as the only means of inducing her to hatch out her eggs.

MOULTING AND MOPISH (F. W. W.).—It is not unusual for some birds to appear more or less mopy whilst they are moulting. The process affects some birds much more than others, but, given ordinary care, this mopiness is not serious. See that they are kept in a fairly warm and equable place, quite free from cold direct draughts or rapid extremes of heat and cold, and do not allow them to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings nor in or near a window. In addition to the staple seed diet, give about every third day a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake per bird, or a similar quantity of egg food, in either case well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the intervening days give one day a pinch of mixed seed and the next a little sweet fruit or wild half ripe seed, such as plantain stalks, etc. If there is any difficulty in shedding the plumage, add to the drinking water five drops each of sweet spirit of nitre and syrup of saffron every second day for a week or so. For the bird that shows signs of bronchial trouble, in addition to the above add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion each time to the soft food, and in the water instead of the above give five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. It will probably come all right after the moult is finished.

AVIARY MATTERS (W. Wooldridge).—(1) I'm afraid your desires to see the shrubs always fresh and green will need to be somewhat modified. The chances are that the birds will be a great bar to these artistic designs by nibbling off the greenery and leaf buds almost or quite as fast as they are formed. It is the exception rather than the rule for Canaries and foliage to flourish together in confined quarters. If you could wash the shrubs with a hose now and again this would have much the same effect in keeping them fresh, as far as could be in the circumstances, and enable them to flourish under a covered roof, which would certainly be far preferable to an open wire roof from many points of view. But as you are desirous to have an open roof so that the shrubs can flourish under natural conditions I would suggest as the best way out of the difficulty that you make a span-framed roof over the flight, and fix a roller along the ridge to carry a tarpaulin or oil-cloth sheet down each side of the roof, so that you can convert the flight into either an open or covered one at will in a few minutes, and thereby make a compromise and compass in a way all your desires in this respect. (2) As regards the site for the aviary, only a personal inspection would enable one to say whether the shady part of the garden would be subject to damp or extreme cold during the winter and early spring. The general contour of the position and the nature of the soil would naturally play an important part in this matter. Your own experience should tell you which is best all the year round. If built beneath the trees you would certainly get shade, but it must be at the expense of much sunlight, and the drippings from the trees would then make a covered roof more than ever necessary. The most I can venture to say in the absence of knowledge of the district is that the best position would probably

be found on the outskirts of the fruit trees, a little to the north, so that the trees would shade the aviary during the middle of the day in the summer, which is all that need be desired. If the birds have free access to the open flight you need not fear that they will suffer anything from too much heat; the covered aviary and the bushes will be a sufficient protection against that.

A CHRONIC COLD (Novice, Wigan).—You must first of all see that the bird is protected from the exciting causes of bronchial trouble, which is doubtless what affects him. Do not allow him to hang in or near a window, near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling, where the air is always more or less vitiated. Keep it in a fairly equable place, and do not expose it to direct cold draughts. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed, and in addition give a pinch of mixed seeds twice a week, a little egg food, or bread and milk as a substitute, sprinkled with maw seed once a week, and a little green food of some kind daily. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. This should set matters quite right, but you must not expect much song from the bird now until it has moulted.

MARKED FEATHERS (E. W. H.).—The feathers with dark streaks across them are defective ones, the cause of which is not quite clear, but I believe they are to some extent due to the ravages of red mites, as you will usually find that a close search will reveal some exceptionally fine specimens of this parasite in the cages of birds which have come through the moult with a number of these feathers. Weakness, and a check in growth owing to a chill, are also probably contributing factors. After a time the marks will disappear, and if the bird were required for show purposes the washing it would undergo would obliterate them at once, but, nevertheless, the feathers are certainly deficient in structure, as will be seen by holding one up to the light, even after the mark has disappeared. The best way to combat them is to keep the bird fairly warm during the moult, give it a nourishing diet, keep the moult going freely, avoid sudden chills, and keep down the red mites as much as possible. 20 drop doses of chemical food three times a week during the latter half of the moult is also very useful.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULE BREEDING IN FLIGHT (Anxious).—You could breed mules in your flight, but the number of hens you suggest turning in would be too many to hope for much success. When an aviary is overcrowded the birds interfere with each other; fight over nesting sites, and feed the wrong young ones. You should limit the number to two hens, or at most 3; with a limited number like this you would do better, and most probably finish the season with more young ones than with the half dozen hens. If you decide to use two hens only, you will find one cock bird sufficient.

THRUSH WITH FITS (D. W. S.).—Your Thrush was either frightened by something, possibly a stray cat, or you are feeding it on unsuitable food. Unfortunately you say nothing about the food you are using, and this prevents me pointing out your error. If you value the bird you should procure a pound of good insectile food, as used for some of the more delicate birds, and give him this, mixing with it a portion of scraped raw carrot or boiled potato. After a time you can, if you like, change his food to a less expensive one, and I would suggest that you make up some as advised in our little booklet on the Thrush, but I would point out that the better the feeding, the better health and the more song you will get out of him, so it is wise to treat him well. You can continue to give him his bath, this had nothing to do with his illness. For one day give him an aperient of salts in his drinking water.

GREENFINCH BALD (J. Laurie).—I presume you have some reason for thinking your cage is infested with red mite, beside the fact of your Greenfinch becoming bald, because the insects may have nothing to do with it. The pests that cause baldness, (particularly round the neck) are grey lice, which live entirely on the bird. Anyway I would advse you to thoroughly scrub the cage with soap and water, adding a dash of Jeyes' disinfectant to it. If you do this properly, it will kill all the mites, and a brush dipped in "turps" will make a good finish to it. Then examine the bird carefully and see if he has any lice, if so thoroughly dust him with insect powder or hand wash him with soap and water. You do not say how you are feeding him, but just now he should have a liberal supply of greenfood and wild seeds, which are easily collected on any waste ground, or along country lanes. The bare places will be re-covered when the bird moults.

GIVING A ROBIN ITS LIBERTY ("Alpha").—The best way to give a Robin its liberty at this time of the year, is to hang the cage for a few days on a sheltered wall of the house out of the reach of cats. Then one fine morning leave the cage door open, but do not drive the bird out, let him please himself what he does. He may refuse to come out for a day or two, and if so, shut the door at night and feed him as usual. When he does come out, leave the cage with the door open, and food inside, he will probably return to it to roost, and may continue to do so for a long time. I once had one that roosted in his cage all through the winter and would sometimes return during the day time for a feed and a quiet rest.

HENS FOR MULE BREEDING (H. W. Brown).—The choicest hens for mule breeding are undoubtedly Norwich, but if you only require Mules for singing purposes, then Rollers or Borders would do nicely, but choose

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manuel" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

the largest birds you have, as any surplus stock of good size is generally easy to dispose of. (2) You could add Glauber salts and syrup of buckthorn to your medicine chest, they are both very useful.

FEEDING A HAWFINCH (Ilex).—I do not consider the Hawfinch a difficult bird to manage, because there are so many seeds and wild foods that he will partake of. His principal food should be sound, plump sunflower seed or mixed sunflower and safflower. Give this and a mealworm or two, and he will do very well. The mealworms should be given direct from the fingers, as this helps to keep him steady. He will also eat hemp, linseed, canary, oats, rape, and sometimes a little buckwheat, corn, and small maize. You can collect and supply him with beechmasts, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, and other berries. They are not particularly fond of greenfood; but will sometimes take a little after they have been caged for some time. They are particularly fond of garden peas. The bath should be given frequently. The seeds sent for identification are the winged seed of the sycamore.

LEARNING TO SING (S. W. B.).—You need not cage your birds off separately; if they are left in with the others, they will commence to sing when they are in condition. They will sing their own song, and scraps of others that they get from their companions, for most birds are great mimics. As a rule birds sing rather more freely, when caged off separately.

BREEDING GOLDFINCH MULES (F. E. M.).—I am glad you were successful with your Linnet and Canary; possibly your hens were not in proper condition to breed with the cock Goldfinches. As a rule you will find first-year hens do best with Finches, so if you are anxious to breed another year, you had better secure two or three as soon as the moult is over. (2) Greypates are certainly useful, but not absolutely necessary for mule breeding, in fact many fanciers prefer a steady adult bird. Unfortunately you send me no particulars of your attempts at breeding, so I am unable to say if the failure was due to the hens or to the Finches; anyway you cannot do wrong in securing two or three Greypates, for it is always as well to have an extra Finch or so, when one contemplates breeding operations. (3) Hen Canaries generally last three or four years for breeding.

FEEDING A GOLDFINCH MULE (F. W. Ware).—The following is a very good seed diet for a Goldfinch mule:—Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape and linseed ½ part each. During the summer months the hemp must be reduced, or omitted altogether. Twice a week give a little sunflower seed and various green foods, and wild seeds, as they come into season. At present you can gather seeding grass heads, shepherd's purse, chickweed, sowthistle, thistle and others. All of these should be given liberally, especially during the moult. Keep in a good, roomy cage, away from draughts, and let him bathe on fine days. (2) The term "rank" is used to denote that a bird is in high condition.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BIRDS IN OUTDOOR AVIARY (Enquirer).—There is no need to drive your birds in at night between June 1 and October 31, but if you are in the North, and your shelter shed is well lighted and roomy, they should be driven in at dusk daily for the other part of the year, and also kept there in the daytime as well during very inclement periods. You must ventilate the shelter without causing a draught, sufficiently to eliminate damp. If you are in the South the above precautions are not necessary except during very exceptional periods, but it is wise to feed only in the shelter during the winter, then the birds are more likely to spend a lot of time therein. A good plan to induce them to roost therein is to fix pea sticks round the walls, as thick as a hedge, then very many of your birds will roost in the shelter, without being driven in. In most aviaries the birds kept are very mixed series, and even when of about equal size they vary considerably in demeanour; some are amiable, others very much the reverse, and what you have to provide is not merely perching accommodation, but to have your twiggy branches, "as thick as a hedge," then the birds will have roosting accommodation, shelter, and a sense of security from quarrelsome neighbours; if you do not supply this the birds will seek it in the open flight, however cold the night may be.

LONG-TAIL GRASSFINCHES (Admirer).—These are very beautiful Australian finches, and though new arrivals need careful nursing for a time, once they are acclimatised they are not difficult to keep fit. They can hardly be called free breeders, being very erratic in this respect; in some aviaries and some seasons they are almost prolific, and in others, where the general conditions are equal or even better, they are a failure in this respect, so you have to chance your luck as to securing a breeding pair. Young have been reared in a cage. Still, with all their faults, these lovely birds should have a place in every collection. Their chaste, yet contrasty, plumage, their vivacity, and many quaint and interesting mannerisms compel us to class them among the most charming of aviary birds. The nest is rather loosely woven together of hay and grass, lined with fine grass, and sometimes feathers; it is of a spherical shape, with a hole at the front. The young are mostly fed on seed and greenfood, though in a large garden aviary many succulent insects are captured and taken to the young. I class these birds, speaking of acclimatised specimens, among our hardy aviary birds, but they cannot endure long-continued excessive damp, and you must see that the quarters you provide them are weather proof, and if the ground is of a wet, retentive nature, it should be drained so as to do away with all avoidable dampness.

MANAGEMENT OF BUDGERIGARS (Esperance).—It is not a question of Yellows and Greens, but merely a matter as to whether your pair of Yellows are a disagreeable and quarrelsome pair; if so, then they are best removed from a small aviary. Of course, in larger quarters there would probably be no trouble, but I think you might perhaps surmount the trouble by having, say, three food vessels, each one as distant from the other as size of aviary permits, for even a quarrelsome pair of birds cannot be at all three food hoppers at once. There is no reason why you should not exhibit your birds, but in case you do, the birds should be left in the aviary, as they would soon get frayed tails and flights living in a smallish cage. When speaking of a butterfly net for catching, one implies the use of a net not less than 12 ins. diameter, and in a small place the wooden handle is not required, simply hold the net in the hand by the portion which is attached to the stick. Do not attempt to catch them from the top of husks, but compel them to leave the husks; they are sure to fly against the front netting sooner or later, and then it is easy to place the net quickly over them. There is hardly room in your small aviary for food traps, but you could fix an ordinary box against the back; a box 9 ins. square by 6 ins. deep would be sufficient, and a drop door must be fixed to cover the front. Of course, the door must not always be set, but when you want to catch a bird you would take out the other food vessels, leaving only those in the box. Prop up the drop door with a piece of stick, to which a string is attached, which passes through netting of aviary front, then all you have to do is to wait till the birds you want to catch are in the box, when you simply pull the string, releasing the drop door, and they are trapped.

GROWTH UNDER EYE (A. F.).—Better than subjecting the bird to a rail journey will be to take it to your nearest vet., who should be able to operate and remove the growth, the exact character of which can only be ascertained by examination. Such growths rather point to some disorder in the bird's system, though they often arise from an injury. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water for two days running. If you will send me full details of how the bird has been kept, fed, and generally treated I will try and give you a more comprehensive reply.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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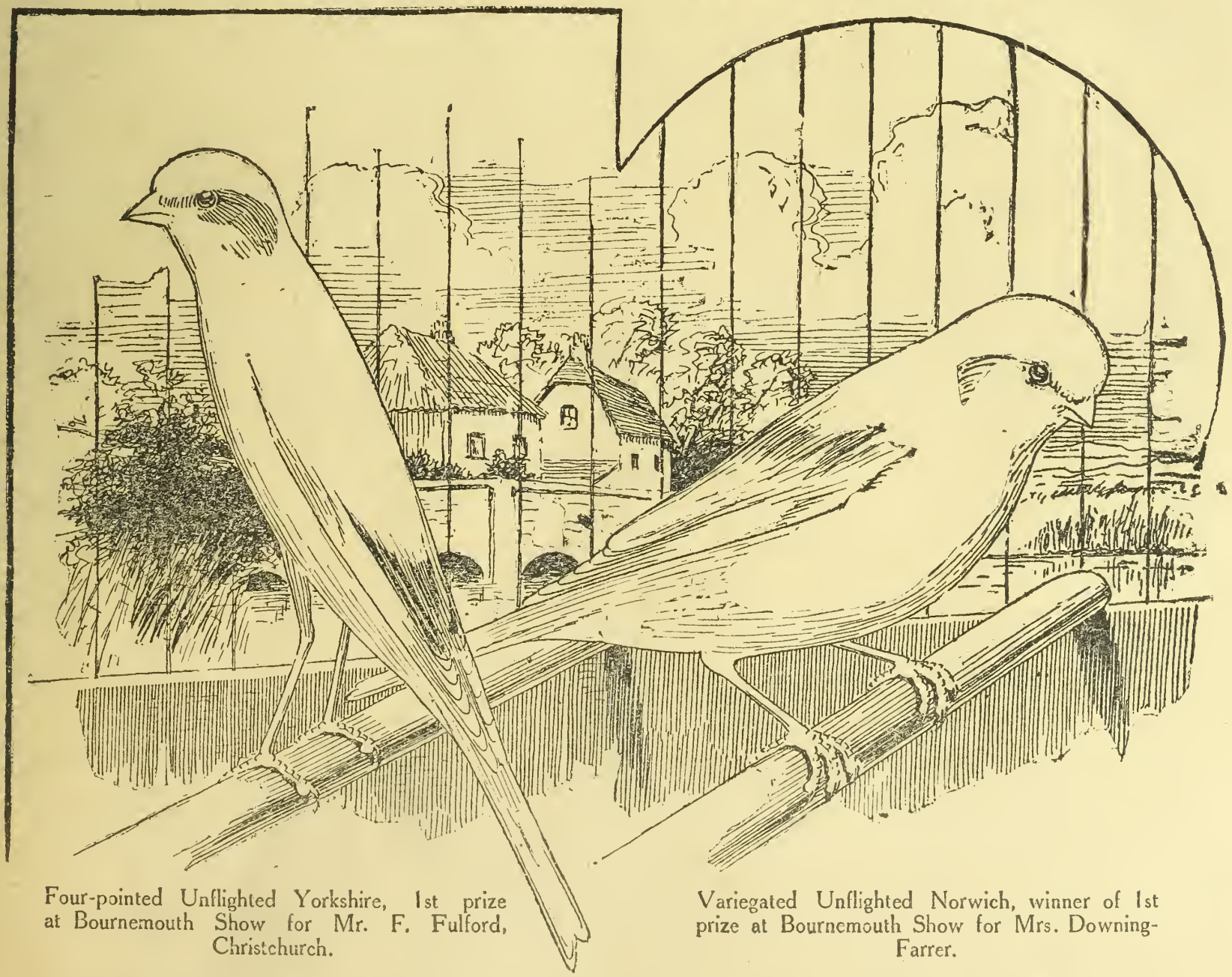
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The Chaffinch and How to Keep It.

By W. WHITE.

HAVING kept the Chaffinch, brought it up from the nest, and caught many of them, as well as exhibited the same, I thought perhaps a few words on the management, food, etc., might be of some use to those into whose hands the Chaffinch might come.

Most of us know the Chaffinch, and are also able to tell the cock from the hen, so a description of the bird is not necessary.

All nests are wonderfully made, but I think the Chaffinch's nest excels them all for neatness, being beautifully lined inside, and concealed from view on the outside by the lichen which the builder has covered it with. The bird is very fond of building in the fork of a tree or hedge. I have also found the nest in small apple trees and numerous other places.

Most of us have noticed when out on our bicycles for a ride how the Chaffinch will fly along the hedge in front of you, enjoying your presence, as it were, and appearing quite tame, but of all the birds that I have kept I think the Chaffineh in captivity is, not to say the wildest—although it appears to be—but the most nervous.

Nor does it make much difference if you catch it wild or bring it up from the nest, the result is the same. I suppose it is its nature. Still, let no one be discouraged in keeping it. I wish there were more classes provided for it at shows. It is a fine bird, of grand plumage, and if inclined that way, as very many are, becomes exceedingly tame. My own Chaffinch is one of the birds I have just spoken of, very nervous, and yet so tame. He will take flies out between my fingers as fast as I can catch them for him.

Other birds are nervous as well as the Chaffinch. I once kept a hand-reared Song Thrush, very tame, but whenever he caught sight of a cat he would bang himself about all over the cage. We should be able to distinguish the difference between a nervous bird and a bird that is naturally wild.

Patience overcomes all these difficulties. Whistling to them near the cage helps a lot to steady them. Do not get cross if they are nervous and bang about, but use them quietly and carefully, and they will repay you. I have seen some men take the cage down and shake it too and fro, shout at the bird, and do other things which never yet made a bird tame, and never will.

The song of the Chaffinch is not at all a bad one; far from it. It is something more than "Chink, chink." I could whistle its note, but I cannot write it.

A young Chaffinch that is caught before it has moulted is just as good, and, in my opinion, better than a hand-reared one, and very often the tamer of the two. A lot of hand-reared and Canary-reared birds can never be tamed. Nor can some of them caught outdoors.

When such is the case, after a reasonable time, the best and most humane plan is to let them have their freedom. Nothing worries me more than to see a bird banging about week after week, month after month, and then no tamer. I kept one hand-reared Linnet two months, and I gave it its freedom. It was the wildest bird I have had for a long time. The other two out of the same nest were quite tame.

The Chaffineh is very fond of the bath, when I hang one on my cage my bird bangs about all over the cage, so I have to syringe him, and he does so enjoy it. It is one of the finest things out for tightening up the plumage. It is best to use lukewarm water for the purpose. Even if the water becomes cold before the birds enter it, it is softer than if drawn straight from the tap.

We now come to its diet, a most important item. Many birds die annually because of improper feeding. The birds are paid every attention, and yet pine and die. And so they will if not fed correctly.

In this enlightened period, with so many books to instruct, and so cheap, this should not be. All lovers of cage birds, even if they only keep a pet Canary (hung in the window to the detriment of the bird), should take CAGE BIRDS every week, for there is always something to learn from it; we all profit by other people's mistakes. Read the answers to the different querists every week, and profit by the mistakes others have made.

The best mixture of seed for a Chaffinch (and which suits a large number of our British seed-eating birds) is one quart of Spanish canary and a pennyworth of German rape seed, well mixing the two together. This should be their staple food. I prefer bottles on the outside for this seed.

I also use linseed, soaked rape, hemp, crushed oats, and sunflower seeds. I give them these every other day in little glass pots, such as nightlights are in. They are very handy, easy to wash and keep clean, and the birds cannot stand inside to foul the seed. These pots I stand inside.

The soaked rape the birds like best of all. This is how I prepare it. I get a gally-pot and half fill it with German rape seed, and put enough cold water just to cover it; then let it stop for a week in a warm place, and every day stir it all together, and by the end of the week it will all be sprouted and ready to give to the birds.

If you have any fresh caught ones this is the seed to give them to tide them over their worst time. I have used it myself for a long time with great success, and I recommend it to all those who are lovers of British birds.

As to green food, chickweed, grass seed, dandelion leaves, as well as the heads, are my favourites. I have never used watercress, although I should think it was very good if grown in water not polluted with sewage.

The chickweed is best when seedy. The birds eat the seed pods before the leaves. In addition to above I use, when in season (in fact I grow a lot for this purpose), lettuce leaves. The birds enjoy them when young. Plantain and shepherd's purse when the seed pods are a reddish-brown, sow-thistles, the more blight on the better, and, last but not least, a sprig of ripe blackberries. Greenfinches also love blackberries.

As to insect food, my Chaffinch likes the large blue-bottle flies the best. Now and then I give him a mealworm, also a cockchafer when I get one. Small green caterpillars and earwigs he is very fond of.

More might be said of this fine plumaged bird, the Chaffinch, but in conclusion let me say to those who contemplate keeping one to feed as I have directed, to put the bird (I presuming it is fresh caught) in a cage with another bird that has been caged some time, and put the cage and birds in a quiet room with plenty of light.

Put seed and water inside as well as bottles and drinkers outside, and sprinkle a little seed on the bottom for a week, then discontinue, and in about a month (perhaps a little longer, you must watch and see if the bird eats and drinks from the bottles, which by this time it generally does, the other bird having shown it), you can do without putting the seed and water inside.

This is not theory on my part, but actual practice, which has always been successful, and if these few hints will help to lengthen the life or lives of our British birds (several hints being applicable to several other British birds besides the Chaffinch) this article will have fulfilled its purpose.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

ALFRETON C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Business in connection with open show, fixing of specials, etc.—G. Sawer.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.—Sept 7, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 7. Special business.—C. F. Tapson.

BOLTON ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 12, Joiners' Arms, 7.30.—T. Ormston.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.—Sept. 13, Headquarters, Cheapside, 8. Club Whist Drive open to members only, who may introduce three friends. Prizes by Mr. A. Fellows (Ladies), and Mr. G. B. Absolom (Gents).—W. H. Gibb.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Arranging for Open Show; new Rose Bowl on view.—Sept. 16, at Four Lane Ends Tram, 2.30. Mr. Butterfield's Ramble.—F. P. Terry.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 12, Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, W., 7.30. The tours of the Roller. Birds will be present and the tours explained.—J. W. Norris.

BURNLEY C.B.S.—Sept. 11, 75, Lindsay Street, 8. Committee meeting; business important.—W. Broxup.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Workmen's Club Hall, 6.30. To decide on show, etc.—W. H. Christer

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Question night, 3 questions on paper. Show business election of under Sec. Nomination of new members.—W. D. Fryett.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.—Sept. 9, Flying Dutchman, 7. Open show business; electing stewards, etc.—W. Helliwell.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.—Sept. 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8 Colour Feeding, by Mr. A. Howard. Fanciers invited.—F. J. Martin.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.—Sept. 12, at Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Lecture on the "Production of Colour," by Mr. Frank Cole. Fanciers specially invited.—W. Hodson.

FALKIRK, GRANGEMOUTH AND BANNOCKBURN.—Sept. 16, Oddfellows, 7.30. Important.—D. Aitken.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Graham's Road, 7.30. Settling rules and other important business. At a meeting Aug. 26, it was settled to go on with the show as formerly, classification was also revised.—W. Clarkson.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Church House, Church Road, 8. Fixing date for members' old bird show, etc.—W. Dawson.

GT. HORTON O.S.—Sept. 9, Station Hotel, 7.30.—B. Hainsworth.

GT. HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S.—Sept. 9, The Grange, Congregational School, All Saints Road, 7.30. Business important.—A. Firth.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Annual show business.—R. H. Dixon.

HIGHGATE AND HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8. Bird-washing competition. Judged by Mr. W. Shakespeare, London's veteran expert, who will show how it should be done.—F. C. Knight.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.—Sept. 11, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Question night.—A. Lawford.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Mason's Arms, 7. Arrangements for show.—W. B. Smart.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.—Sept. 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Schedule for old show.—T. R. Jones.

LANCHESTER F. AND F.S.—Sept. 9, Queen Head, Lanchester, 6.30. Business important.—J. H. McKeag.

LONDON C.B.A.—Sept. 14, Red Lion Hotel 2, York Street, St. James, 8. "Preparing Birds for exhibition.—A. Wallington.

LARKHALL C.B.A.—Sept. 16, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Reports from judges, fixing up annual show business. Last meeting for members wishing to compete for young bird cup; new members invited; subs. due.—T. J. McGregor.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Burgh Arms, (Hugh's), 6. General business.—W. Grewar.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.—Sept. 13, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Schedule for annual show; also discussion *re* staging birds for show.—R. Havis.

OLD SHILDON WORKMEN'S CLUB C.B.C.—We have decided to hold our open show Nov. 10 and 11, members of the South Durham and North Yorkshire Federation. Next meeting Sept. 16, to choose judges and make out the classes. Secretaries note the date of show.—J. Ainsworth.

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SACRISTON P.P.R. AND C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 7. Taking subs. and electing stewards, etc., for the show Oct. 7.—W. Dodd.

TONG C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Open show business.—W. Walker.

WALLSEND MID TYNE ASSOCIATION.—Sept. 13, Station Hotel. Important show business; new members invited; subs. due.—G. Greenwell.

WIGAN ROLLER CLUB,—Sept. 9, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Business important.—P. Greenall.

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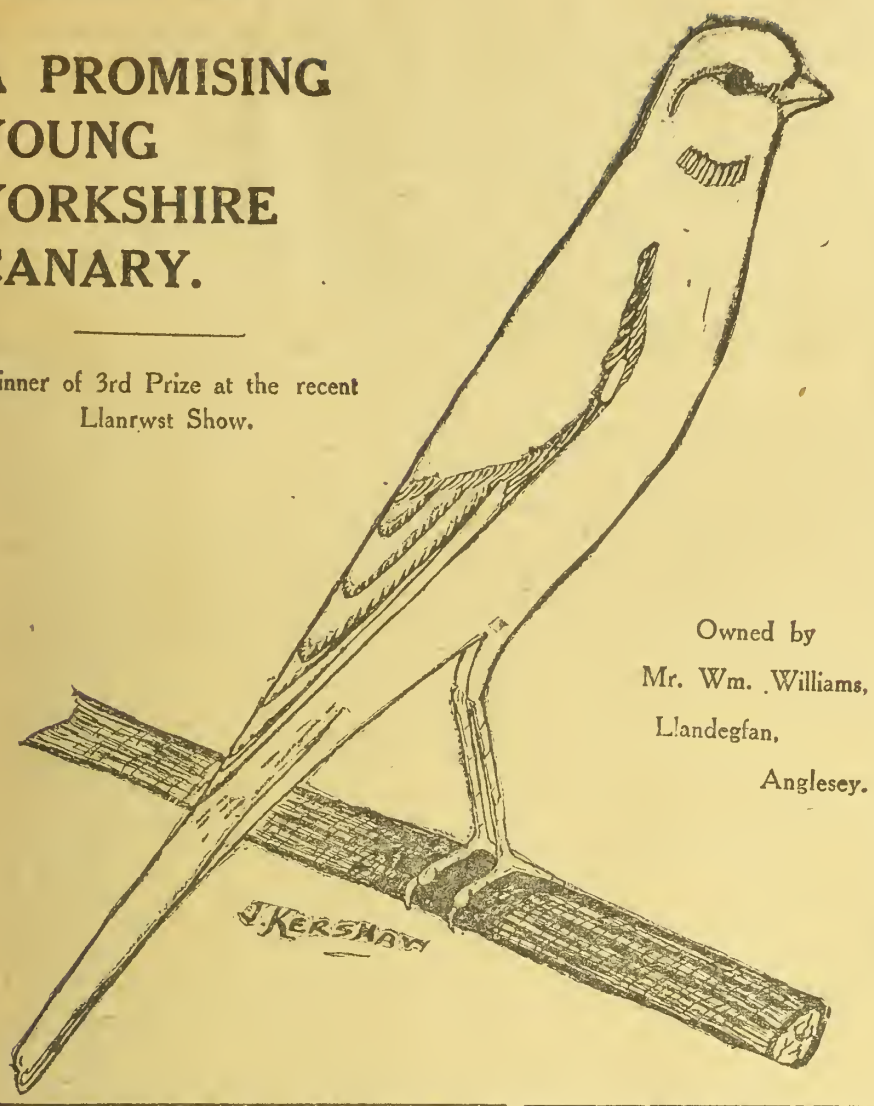
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By PHILORNIS.

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The female resembles the male in colour and markings, but is somewhat duller and dingier in general appearance, and the black stripe down the breast is much less conspicuous. In young birds the white parts are all dull, and more or less stained with yellow.

The Great Tit is fairly abundant in most parts of Great Britain and Ireland, except in the extreme North of Scotland, where it is much less numerous, and does not seem to breed at all to the north of Sutherlandshire. It, however, occurs in Shetland occasionally, but has not been reported from the Outer Hebrides.

This distribution certainly points to some degree of partial migration in this species, but in most districts in this country where the Great Tit is found, it, like the other Tits, frequents the same localities all the year round, and wanders about the country far less than other small birds.

An Extensive Range.

Beyond the shores of our country, the Great Tit is found in most parts of Europe, in Siberia, and other Asiatic regions, in Asia Minor, Palestine, and Northern Africa.

This bird is bold, active, and strong of flight, and also extremely pugnacious. It is said that, when driven by hunger in hard winter weather, it will attack and kill other small birds, splitting their skulls with its sharp and powerful beak, and picking out the brains.

In early spring it has a loud, harsh, double note, which is frequently repeated, and has been compared to the sound made by the sharpening of a saw. From this circumstance it has received in some parts of the country the name of "saw-sharper." At this season the Great Tit has also another note, an attempt at a song, which, so far as it goes, is cheerful, and not unpleasant.

The Great Tit is seldom found in bare, open country. It prefers well-wooded and sheltered districts, and obtains most of the insects, which form a large proportion of its food, among the leaves and twigs of trees. During autumn and winter its diet includes seeds of various kinds, the harder ones it is said to crack in the same way as the Nuthatch, by hammering at the shell with the point of its beak.

It has been asserted that it can even open hazel-nuts in this way, a task which would seem to be beyond the power of any Tit. A well-known observer says that this is done in the early spring, and that the nuts are opened just as the germinating kernel would split them a few weeks later.

Friendly when Winter Presses.

Like most of its congeners, the Great Tit approaches the vicinity of houses and farmyards during the winter, and in frosty weather may be seen working about among the thatch of old buildings, in search of the various insects which harbour there.

The present species is an early breeder; its nest is usually placed in a hole in a tree or wall, but various other positions are also chosen, and it is said sometimes to use the deserted nest of some other bird. The foundation of the nest consists of soft moss, on which is placed a thick layer of short hairs, along with a few feathers.

Sometimes the Great Tit has been seen to excavate for itself a hole in some decayed stump or dead tree for the reception of its nest, and the eggs are occasionally laid on the bare wood, but this is exceptional.

The number of the eggs varies from six to nine; they are white or sometimes white tinged with yellow, and are blotched and speckled with light red, the marks being pretty evenly, but not very thickly distributed over the whole surface.

During the remainder of the summer, after the close of the breeding season, Great Tits wander about the woods and copses in small family parties, and when they happen to fall in with other species of Tits, or Nuthatches, or even Goldcrests and Redpolls, they usually join company, and proceed for long distances together.

A close student of bird life draws particular attention to the excellent climbing powers of this species. Its strong and much-curved hind claw, he says, gives it great facility in clinging to the twigs and branches of trees, sides of ricks, and even walls of houses. Attitude seems to be a matter of no consequence; it can cling with perfect security to anything but a smooth surface. On trees it hangs from the branches, with its back either downwards, or turned sideways, and explores crevices in walls with as little regard to the vertical position of the surface to which it clings, as if it were examining a hole in the level ground.

With regard to the treatment of the Great Tit in confinement, it will be seen from what has already been said of the pugnacious and murderous disposition of this little bird that it is not to be trusted in an aviary or cage in company with any other bird smaller or weaker than itself.

An instance is recorded of the behaviour of this bird in an aviary along with many other birds less powerful or less courageous. It is said that in the course of a single night he had killed every one of his companions, with the exception of a Quail, and when he was discovered he was in the act of dealing to this the *coup de grace*.

It will, therefore, be found that the most satisfactory way to keep this species is to have a single individual in a fairly roomy box cage; it will then be seen that the Great Tit makes an extremely interesting and diverting pet, as well as, from the beauty of its plumage, an exceedingly handsome cage-bird.

Being a mixed feeder, this species should, in confinement, be supplied with a good soft food as a staple, together with a variety of seeds. In the first place, to make a suitable soft food, mix together in equal quantities *by bulk*, pea-flour, crushed water-biscuits (the small kind), and ants' eggs. To each 1 lb. of the mixture add a tablespoonful of fine sugar.

When this is given to the bird, make it crumbly with a little water. The addition of a small proportion of grated raw carrot makes a nice change, and then less water will be required in mixing. Boiled potato is also a useful addition. Other ingredients which from time to time should supplement the soft food are hard-boiled yolk of eggs and dried flies. A mealworm or two may be given daily, and any other larvæ or insects will be acceptable.

As to seeds, a small teaspoonful of maw-seed may be given occasionally; hempseed is much enjoyed, given either whole or crushed; sunflower is also greatly liked. The Great Tit is very fond of the kernels of all sorts of nuts, Barcelona, hazel, filberts, and especially walnuts. A small piece of suet or other hard fat is also useful.

Two Small South Africans.

By MISS DYDDGU HAMILTON.

WHEN, after several years of deprivation I started keeping foreign birds again, I was doubtful whether to begin with species that I had already kept and liked, or to make a new venture with hitherto unknown feathered pets. Finally, I decided on the latter course, and fortunate it was for me that I did so, since all my former favourites were either unobtainable or else cost about ten times their old price.

The smaller foreign Finches have always been my speciality; they are the best kind of bird to keep in cages in living rooms, and it is quite possible to take such tiny creatures with me when I travel, which I am frequently compelled to do. Accordingly I visited all my old haunts, both in the East and West of London, but for many weeks my wanderings were without result; there seemed to be nothing smaller than Parrakeets on sale.

Birds, and Other Things.

At last, however, I happened upon three very small birds in a very large cage, and exposed for sale in the midst of baboons, ferrets, kittens, and snakes. Eagerly I peeped through the window at the birds, and observed (speaking to myself, since no one else was by), "Indigo Bunting, out of colour and moulting; Grey Singing Finch, very bare about the head and neck; the third I don't know—he's the bird for me."

This little gem was in perfect feather, and seemed very gay and alert, as he hopped from perch to perch, every now and again pausing to pull a grain from the millet-spray, or to preen his already faultlessly-arranged plumage. His general body-colour was of a soft dove-grey, but the feathers on his forehead and wings had a much paler edging to them, giving the appearance of scales. Like the Bearded Reedling, he had "a pointed drooping moustache" of jet-black feathers, very conspicuous against his light grey breast. His beak and legs were pinkish-grey and his eyes black. His size about that of a Golden-crested Wren.

In a rapture of enthusiasm I entered the shop and asked the name and the price of this pretty, lively, tiny bird. "Its name? The Scaly-fronted Finch, from South Africa. Its price?" Well, its price was not exorbitant, and I said I would take it home with me.

As the dealer put his hand into the cage to catch the Scaly-front, the Indigo bird and the Grey Singing Finch began fluttering about, and as soon as the latter opened his wings he disclosed a brilliant back of yellow, soft and bright as a Brimstone buttorfly.

"What is that lovely little fellow? I mistook him for a Grey Singing Finch," I ejaculated. "It is a Yellow-rumped Seed-eater, a very sweet singer, and never a common bird in the best of times," was the reply. Of course, I fell before the combination of beauty, rarity, and moderate price, and quickly I became the proud possessor of both Scaly-front and Yellow-rump.

The latter bird, but for his amber-coloured back and black throat, so exactly resembles the Grey Singing Finch that no further description of him is needed. His proper name is Yellow-rumped Serin (Serinus Angolensis). He must not be confused either with the Yellow-rumped Finch (Munia flaviprymna), nor with the Yellow-rumped Seed-eater (Crithagra chrysopyga), although this last belongs, I believe, to the same genus, and is not altogether unlike my bird, except that its breast is almost orange, and altogether it has far more colour about it.

It was very hot weather, in the early days of August, when I took my little birds home. On being unpacked and loosed into roomier cages the two tiny creatures behaved very differently one from the other. The Scaly Finch began immediately to pick up and swallow rapidly piece after piece of shell from the clean gravel on his tray, singing softly to himself all the time. I had never before seen a bird eat and sing simultaneously.

The Serin, on the other hand, flew speedily to the water-pan. First he perched on its brim, and drank and drank again, raising his beak heavenward as if in thanksgiving after each sip. Then he plunged boldly into the depths, and bathed until he seemed to have no feathers at all, so closely did they cling to his drenched and half-denuded little person.

Scaly-front and Yellow-rump are very good friends. Both come frim South Africa, and both are reputed songsters. My Scaly-front certainly keeps up a very delightful little twittering as he flits busily about. My Yellow-rump has not as yet sung at all, and I am strongly tempted to think it is a hen. Very soon after I had it I allowed it to fly about my sitting-room, and thus flying it is seen at its best, showing off the full beauty of its amber back. A flock of these little Serins in flight would indeed be a lovely vision.

Of all the seeds to which my small Africans have access they greatly prefer spray millet. The Serin also shows a great partiality for aphides. Every day I offer her a sprig of my sweet peas, which are smothered with the little green pest, and instantly she flies on to my writing-table where I place the spray, and does not leave it until every "fly" is cleared off. If I forget her treat she keeps flying on to my table until I remember what she is asking for.

Ten years ago Mr. Teschemaker succeeded in breeding these pretty Serins in an outdoor aviary in the month of February! Next spring, if only I can obtain a mate for mine. I hope to be equally successful.

An American Reader Dislikes the Colony System.

I see by CAGE BIRDS, writes a correspondent from California in a letter kindly forwarded to us by Mr. J.W. Ramsden, that you in England are trying to capture the Canary trade from the Germans. I hope you will succeed in doing this, but as to the two ways proposed to breed Canaries, my own experience is that cages are the best. The colony system I have tried and found it no good; some of the birds live on nothing else but the egg-food, and then get sick and out of condition. Then two or three hens will insist on sitting on 12 or 14 eggs in one nest, with the result that no young are forthcoming. Others that sit and hatch all right seem afraid to leave their young, and so they starve to death, or perhaps it is that the egg-food is gobbled up by the non-breeders so there is none left for the babies. Lots of other things can be said against the colony system; one of the chief faults is the red-mite, these can be kept within bounds in cages, but in a room where 20 or 30 birds are breeding they are everywhere. So no more colonies for me, and I intend next year to breed all in cages.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.
Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.
Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.
Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).
Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.
Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.
Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)
Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Wales.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.
Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)
Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

The annual show of the Newark and Dist. C.B.S. is fixed for Nov. 25, writes the hon. sec., Mr. W. Lidgett. Mr. W Vardy will judge.

Roller societies desiring the patronage of the British Roller C.C., should write me at once, writes Mr. J. W. Morris, hon. sec., 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

The committee of Cockermouth F.S. writes Mr. John Jackson, Hon. Sec., have decided to abandon the show for this year, one third of our committee being on service, including the chairman.

London fanciers should not miss the lecture on colour feeding by Mr. A. Howard, at the meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B. at the Church Institute, Paddington, on Sept. 11, at 8 o'clock.

Owing to our late secretary (Mr. H. Eastwood) being called to the Colours, writes Mr. James Rushton, 204, Howard Street, Burnley, any communications respecting the Burnley O.S. should be addressed to me.

Members of the Burnley O.S. will take a country ramble to study wild seeds for birds, on September 10, conducted by Mr. J. Holden. Meet at Briefield Centre at 8 a.m. (weather permitting); friends welcome.

The Secretary of the Wigan Roller Club, Mr. P. Greenall, wishes us to inform Roller fanciers that his address is changed from Short-st., to 581, Ormskirk-rd., Pemberton, nr. Wigan.

Owing to unavoidable difficulties having arisen in respect of the young stock show of the G.E. Railway F.A., which had been arranged for Sept. 15, writes Mr. E. W. Dawson, hon. sec., a special meeting was held on Sept. 1, and it was decided not to continue with the arrangements, and the show will therefore not be held.

The Patronage of the Crested Canary Club.

At present I have only received two applications for patronage, and the dates of these clash with one another. Will show secretaries that are prepared to give full classification and club judge, kindly communicate with me at once writes Mr. T. Heath, Hon. Sec., 28, Kenilworth Court, Putney, S.W.

OUR WEEKLY PRIZE FOR A LETTER.

WE have again to report with great satisfaction that readers have supported with enthusiasm our endeavour to make the correspondence pages one of the most interesting features of our paper, CAGE BIRDS, and although we have, as last week, given two pages for the publication of the letters, yet many very interesting communications have had to be held over.

In selecting the prize winning letter it was not our intention to give over-much consideration to the various arguments for and against in-breeding, as this matter is in the nature of a contest between those who believe in the practice and those who deprecate it, but this week we have been unable to get away from the letter of Mr. T. C. Crawhall, published on page 527, and the prize of ten shillings has therefore been awarded to him for his very instructive contribution to the discussion.

At the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, on Sept. 12, at 8, Mr. Frank Cole will lecture to the members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.C. on the production of colour in Canaries. Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., writes that fanciers are specially invited, and those interested in this important subject should make a point of attending the lecture.

There was a fair turn out of members at the meeting of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S. on Sept. 2, when it was decided to have four judges for our annual show, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec. Judges appointed: T. Dixon, Bedlington, R. Tindale and T. Robson, Newcastle, the fourth judge being left over. A paper by Mr. J. Patterson on the Border Fancy was read and created a good discussion. (The paper will be published in an early issue.—Editor.)

Carrying On.

We are holding our Annual Open Show as usual on Nov. 25, write Messrs. Smith and Lees, hon. secs., Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. Will other societies please avoid clashing.

A Joint Show of Midland Societies

In writing to alter from Nov. 24-25 to Nov. 18, the date in the Show Dates Fixed column of the show of the West Bromwich C.B.S. Mr. P. T. Cowley says:—"We have found it impossible to get a room on the old date, and owing to the war we are altering our open show to a inter-club show between City of Birmingham, Wolverhampton, South Birmingham and ourselves, when we hope for their support."

Dulwich and Peckham Going Strong.

I am pleased to tell you, writes Mr. W. Hodson, that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. is going strong. A good number of new members are coming in, and we are electing three at our next meeting. Our meetings, considering the times, are well attended, and a lively interest is taken in the lectures, etc. We are looking forward to a good autumn show.

Dumfries Show for War Charity.

At the August meeting of the South of Scotland C.B.A., held in The Fountain Cafe Hotel, the President (Mr. W. Crosbie) presiding, it was, writes Mr. W. Erskine, hon. sec., unanimously agreed to carry on the annual show of Nov. 25 on the same lines as last year, handing the surplus balance to the war funds. From the two previous shows the society was enabled to hand over the handsome sum of £17 10s. to the war funds.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

We have received from Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, samples of his new crop canary seed. "No. 1 Giant Spanish" and "No. 2 Bold Spanish." Both samples are beautifully clean, well ripened, and full. They are pleasant to the taste, and in every way of the highest quality, and the only difference we can detect is in the size of the grains as indicated in the titles. Either kind is full value at the prices advertised, and Mr. Walsh will send post free samples on application.

How to Advertise.

By W. LEIGHTON.

THE man of limited capital who wishes to advertise successfully should bear in mind that the medium in which to advertise should be very carefully chosen. In the first place it should not be a daily or a general journal, but one which caters for the special field in which the advertiser specialises; that is to say, if you are advertising birds, their cages, and appliances, or anything which appeals to bird-keepers, your advertisement, if placed in an ordinary paper, would very probably produce little or no business, but if placed in a paper specialising in cage bird subjects, the announcement would come under the direct notice of the very people you wish to interest, and business would result.

The "Small Display" and the "Pre-paid."

Having chosen your paper, the next thing to do is to write the advertisement, and this must be carefully written with a view to taking hold of the reader and summoning up his courage to send you the order. The best kind of "AD" is a small display, but if you cannot afford to spend much money in advertising, for a start, a small pre-paid "AD" will, if carefully written, bring you in plenty of orders—but if you have a continuous business in selling birds, foods, or appliances, in no case can you look for big results from an "AD" which appears once—the great secret of success in advertising is to keep your name always before the public, so that it is better to place an order for a short series, as it will be found that after the "AD" has appeared twice it begins to interest the readers, and the pulling power increases, whereas the "AD" which appears only once is very apt to be overlooked.

The Most Profitable Medium.

In order to find out which paper is the most profitable medium, i.e., if you advertise in more than one, it is advisable to key your "AD," by which is meant giving your "AD" a distinctive address, so that all orders resulting from that particular "AD" can be traced to the paper which has produced the business. In this way you get to know whether a paper is paying you, or whether it is costing you too much, so that you can follow the lead of all the successful advertisers and increase your expenditure in the paper which is producing paying results, and reduce in those papers which do not show profitable returns.

WHAT AN ADVERTISER SAYS.

"I feel that it is my duty that I should let you know that the replies to my advertisement in the last issue of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS have been quite numerous, which proves the value of your paper to fanciers who wish to dispose of their surplus stock. I am sure it is the best two-pennyworth that it is possible to buy, and every bird fancier ought to be thankful to be able to get such a valuable journal. I am sorry to say that there were a few to whom I could not reply, being so very busy, and there were some to whom I should have wrtiten if I had known their addresses, which they omitted to put in their replies. One is Mr. T. Partridge (postmark Brierley Hill), and if he will forward me his address I shall be pleased to answer his letter.—E. MEESON (CANNOCK)."

The Value of a Contest Linnet.

At a Leeds Linnet singing contest of a few days since the price of £8 was offered in vain for the winning bird, the property of Private R. Smith.

To Inbreed or Not to Inbreed?

A writer in "The Pigeon News" says, after relating his experience: "It only goes to show that you can never tell by the appearance of the birds what they are going to breed. It is the breeding behind them which counts."

Noted Redpoll Dead.

Many of my friends will regret to hear that my well-known winning Lesser Redpoll is dead, writes Mr. P. Clare, Warrington. He was in his tenth year of cage life, and had moulted out with a red head and chest. His last wins were 1st Warrington 1915, 1st Sheffield 1915, 1st Chester 1915, 2nd Sale 1915; not bad for an old one.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.
J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties
J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

"Bird Notes" for August, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an article by Miss Peddie Waddell on the breeding of the Red-collared Lorikeet. Mr. E. Hopkinson concludes his very interesting articles on the history of the Budgerigar, and among the other articles are "Pheasant-Rearing under Broodies," by G. E. Rattigan, "Dawn Among the Birds in an Egyptian Garden," by M.P., etc.

OBITUARY.

Mr. D. KINLAYSIDE (Edinburgh).

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. D. Kinlayside, who passed away at his home, 37, Montague St., Edinburgh, Sept. 1, writes Mr. S. Buglass, Vice-President Scottish National C.B.S. Being a member of the Scottish National he took a keen interest in the welfare of the society, and was well known by a large circle of friends who visited the show, both from his side and over the borders. He also took a great interest in the staging question and many will remember the collapsible model he had on view at different shows. Being of a jovial nature, he made many friends, who will join me in extending their deepest sympathy to his relatives who are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Jas. Winter, President of the Scottish National C.B.S., in a letter conveying the news of Mr. Kinlayside's death, writes: "Davie, as he was familiarly called, although not a breeder on an extensive scale, had always the interests of the cage bird fancy very closely at heart, and during his long connection with it had formed many close attachments with fanciers in all parts of the United Kingdom.

"The Scottish National Society was his special favourite, and no show was complete without his genial presence. Being the Society's joiner, there was always plenty of work for Davie to do, and when the staging began to fill up he was always asking with an expansive smile if we would require more staging.

"His was a very kindly disposition, and during the show time he was always looking after the comforts of some of the many visitors from a distance, and I am certain there are many who will recall happy meetings with Davie at the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh. He was laid to rest within Newington Cemetery on Sept. 4, with many expressions of regret from fanciers and friends who were present to pay their last respects to one of the best and truest friends the cage bird fancy ever had."

The Scientific Breeding of Canaries.

By R. L. WALLACE.

At the desire of many old readers who are interested in the discussion, "The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding," which has been proceeding for some weeks in our columns, and in consideration of the fact that many present readers of CAGE BIRDS were not subscribers to our paper when the article was published in 1904, we have had pleasure in reprinting the ideas of a celebrated exhibitor who attributed his success entirely to the practice of inbreeding, coupled of course with the exercise of his own intelligence as to the proper birds to pair together.

THE in-breeding of Canaries is a subject of the highest importance to those fanciers who desire to meet with success on the show bench, and a thorough knowledge of how and when to resort to this method of breeding marks the difference between a successful and non-successful breeder and exhibitor.

Many years ago, when I entered the Fancy, it was generally considered an unwise and objectionable practice to breed from birds that were in any way related, and buyers of birds almost invariably before purchasing asked the question: "Are the birds you offer for sale related to each other?" and if your answer were in the affirmative, the intending buyer would write again to ask if you could supply him with a pair which were in no way related to each other.

An Exploded Idea.

In most cases, if you were unable to comply with the request, your offer would be declined, but in later years, experienced breeders have become much more enlightened by reading books written on the subject of Canary breeding, in the first instance, and by practical experience, afterwards. I purpose treating on this subject exhaustively, before it is concluded; so that amateurs as well as experienced breeders may become fully alive to the advantages to be derived from a judicious and careful use of in-breeding.

I purpose, as briefly as possible, to enumerate a few facts in proof of the advantages to be derived by the adoption of this system. My late father was a most intimate friend of the late John Emmerson, the noted and skillful breeder of Shornhorns (cattle), some 50 or 60 years ago, and in his day, probably, the most successful breeder living. I remember, when quite a small boy, hearing him tell my father that he attributed his great success to two things, *i.e.*, careful and judicious selection, and in-breeding, which he had practised for a number of years.

Again, any person that is interested in "blood stock," and horse-racing, who will take the trouble to look up a number of racing calendars and an authorised stud book, will find that all our most celebrated winners (with rare exceptions), emanate from a particular strain of blood, and that they are in most cases in-bred.

The same remarks are in every way applicable to our noted greyhounds, and to-day, you can scarcely find half-a-dozen of these dogs, of national repute, that do not contain a strain of contango blood in their composition, and that have not, in some form or other, been in-bred.

Many of our most successful breeders of show dogs, show poultry, and Pigeons, have recourse to this method of breeding, and in most cases, with marked success. The late Captain Laird, of Pilmour Hall, near Croft, in the County of Durham, was, in his day, a most successful breeder and exhibitor of Pigeons, particularly of the varieties known as Carriers and Pouters, in which classes he was, invariably, at the top of the ladder, and he attributed his success to close in-breeding.

Good; but of Plebeian Blood.

Whenever he thought it necessary to introduce new blood, he invariably claimed a successful prize winner, bred by the man who ran him the tightest race for honours, and this was, almost invariably, the late Mr. George Dewar, of Dundee. On no account would the Captain introduce a bird bred from a strain with which he was not fully cognizant, however good the bird might be from a show point of view.

I remember, on one occasion, he claimed a most magnificent male bird, which took first prize at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and this bird was considered by the best judges of the day to be the most perfect Pouter known. He paid a very stiff price for this bird, and on inquiry, found the man that bred it. He was only a working-man, and on being interrogated, was unable to state how or by whom the parents were bred, as he had purchased them from an ordinary dealer, and they were in appearance a rather commonplace pair, so far as looks went.

Captain Laird at once decided to keep the bird merely as a show specimen, but on no account would he permit his man, "Andrew," to use him for stud purposes, as he contended (and rightly so), that to introduce the blood of an inferior strain to his own was to deteriorate and not improve it, and that it took several years of careful breeding to eradicate bad blood that had once been introduced into a particular breed.

In this view, I entirely agree with him; hence it behoves all breeders of "live stock" to be careful in introducing an admixture of new blood into a noted strain. No one can be too particular in this respect, and amateurs should make a special note of the facts.

Not a New Fad.

My experience in in-breeding Canaries commenced about 1870. At that time I resided at Berwick-on-Tweed, and I went in principally for Cinnamons, Crested Norwich and evenly-marked Norwich and Scotch Fancies, with all of which breeds I was remarkably successful.

When living in Sunderland, some years prior to my going to reside at Berwick, I bought some Cinnamon Canaries. At that time they were not considered of much account, and were named "Duns." At the first open show held in Sunderland, and at which I acted as Secretary, in preparing the show schedule, I took the liberty of designating these birds Cinnamons; as at the time the colour of them greatly resembled the article known by that name in commerce.

Well, before I left Sunderland, I succeeded in breeding some excellent specimens of this variety; but at our show I was beaten for first honours by a very nice bird, exhibited by Messrs. Moore and Wynne, of Northampton; the award going almost exclusively for colour on that occasion.

I had, up to that time, been a great stickler for breeding for purity of strain, and I had a great horror of intermixing different varieties, hence I bred entirely from pure Cinnamons. A bird produced by crossing a Cinnamon with a Norwich Plainhead or Lancashire Coppy, I should have deemed a mongrel.

Back to the Old Love.

When I left Sunderland to take up my appointment at Berwick, I was very reluctantly compelled to sell my birds, which I did, to "Jack" Wilkinson, and among them were some really grand birds of different varieties—about 60 in all, or probably a few more—I write from memory. As soon as I settled down in Berwick, I reverted to my hobby, and went into it keener than before, as I lived in a large house, and appropriated two rooms especially for my birds.

I bought back some of my old strain of Cinnamons, and bred some good stock from them, two of which I exhibited at Belford in Northumberland, and was again beaten for first honours by a rich-coloured bird, shown by Sam Tomes, of Northampton.

I attended that show, and took particular notice of the first prize winner, and it dawned upon me that the Northampton breeders had introduced a cross of Norwich Plainhead blood into their strains, as colour again was predominant, so I wrote to Mr. Tomes, and bought a nice young cock from him, and, on comparing it with my own birds, I became convinced that this was the secret of success to obtain rich colour.

The Norwich as a Colour Factor.

Acting on this idea, I bought the best and richest-coloured Yellow Plainhead Norwich obtainable, and put him up to breed with one of my best Buff Cinnamon hens, and succeeded in getting two nests of young ones from them. Several of the progeny were Variegated Cinnamons; but, amongst the youngsters were two pure-coloured Cinnamon hens and a Green cock, a lovely-coloured bird; these three I kept for further experiments.

When these birds moulted I knew I had not made a mistake in regard to the method of obtaining rich colour in this breed. This was before the method of cayenne feeding to obtain colour was discovered; but all of us in the "know" used marigold flowers for that purpose.

The two young Cinnamon hens, the result of the Norwich cross, I paired to two of my best young cocks—bred from my own pure strain—and their produce was a very marked improvement in the breed. The Green cock I ran with a pure Norwich hen of high quality, and from this cross I obtained some Green Variegated and Cinnamon marked birds; two hens were rather heavily variegated.

With these hens I paired two pure-coloured Cinnamon cocks, bred from the cross previously mentioned (they being full cousins to the hens, as the father of the latter and the mother of the cocks were brother and sister).

How Cinnamon Crests were Produced.

The improvement effected in size, type and colour was really marvellous, but some of the best birds had a few white feathers in wings or tail. The best of these I ran with Crested Norwich birds, and bred my noted Cinnamon Crests; the others I discarded, only selecting birds to breed from those that were true to colour throughout.

I now began to breed them akin, brother and sister together the first year, and first cousins the following year. The third year I introduced fresh blood, unrelated, and the next year reverted to the same method of breeding "in and in," the result being that I established a breed of Cinnamons that defied competition.

After I had attained my wish in bringing the breed of Cinnamon Canaries to the greatest perfection, I unfortunately had a severe attack of sciatica, which lasted over six months, and confined me to bed for a long period, and not being able to attend to my birds personally, I was induced to part with a great number of them, and among them the best I had produced. These were purchased by Messrs. Adams and Athersuch, of Coventry, and for many years after they beat all comers in this variety.

Others of my best birds I sold to a gentleman in Leicester, and he too was successful with their produce. I may observe that I consider depth, purity and brilliancy of colour, together with correct type and fineness of feather, the chief features of a Cinnamon, providing the colour is evenly distributed in tone throughout the entire plumage.

I remember being tempted one year to try the effect of a cross with the Lancashire Coppy to obtain size. The best bird from this cross I again crossed with a pure Cinnaman, and from this second cross I bred a very massive youngster, all Cinnamon in colour, and a good shaped bird, with a full deep chest and lots of substance.

A Difference of Opinion.

I entered him at a show held at Darlington, along with my two best Cinnamons and got 1, 2, 3, but the judge—the late Mr. Barnesby—placed the cross-bred first, very much to my surprise and disappointment, as one of the others I considered was the grandest and most perfect bird of this variety I had ever seen, and he was never placed second either before or afterwards to any bird.

The bird placed first was claimed by a Darlington fancier, who telegraphed to me to know if I could accept a less sum than the catalogue price, and the bird was afterwards known in Darlington by the name of "Telegram," but I always regarded it as a great error of judgment on the part of the judge to place it first, as it was infinitely inferior in every point, excepting size, to the birds placed 2nd and 3rd. This is what first led to the craze for "big" Cinnamons, to the great detriment of the breed for several years, as to gain size both colour and quality had to be sacrificed to obtain it.

When I first went to reside at Sunderland, which is a good many years ago, as at that time I was only in my teens, I saw for the first time, at a dealer in Canaries, a Crested bird, and my curiosity became aroused. I questioned the dealer and he informed me that it was a "Toppined Canary," and that few people cared for them.

It was a small bird of the common, or German variety, with a crest not larger than a sixpence, but being something which I considered out of the common run, I purchased it, and naturally did my best to obtain a Crested mate for it, but this was not so easy.

I came to the conclusion that it was necessary, in order to breed this variety, that both parents should be possessed of this appendage. After many inquiries and much research I was informed that a fancier living in South Shields possessed some "Toppined" birds. I procured his address and went to see him and bought a pair, cock and hen; all he had for sale, and I bred from them.

(*To be continued.*)



A LONDONER'S WINNING NORWICH.

Winner of 1st Prize in the Novice Section at the Show of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society for Mr. G. A. Harris, Palmer's Green, London.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle.

Society Wanted for Durham City.

SIR,—Kindly permit me, through the medium of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS to suggest that the fanciers of Durham City and district are sufficiently strong in numbers to form a society. I think one could be established with very little effort, and I would like to see anyone holding similar views to write to your paper with a view of forming such a society.

A. ROBSON.

Brandon Colliery.

An Accomplished Linnet.

SIR,—I am highly delighted to see the drawing of my favourite Linnet "Jim" depicted in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 2. Even Jim himself seems a trifle swollen-headed since he has seen it. As I write these lines he is preening his feathers and throwing out his chest as much as to ask: "How do I look now, old sport?" He is sure to catch the judge's eye if, before sending him to the next show, I remind him of the place of honour he has achieved. He has four times appeared before a judge and jury, and on each occasion he has been complimented by the "bench" and left the "box" without a stain on his character. Not only are the contour of his form and his immediate appearance admired by all his beholders, but he is also a versatile vocalist. Many a tempting offer I have had to refuse for him. His rendering of the Goldfinch's "Sir Whittie" is divine, and his piping of the Bullfinch's melody is sweet and low. He is now studying under the Canary, and is acquiring fresh rolls, gluckes, and tours each day.

W. LARKING.

The Patronage of the Southern Norwich P.C.

SIR,—The officers of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club met Aug. 30, to consider the question of their patronage during the forthcoming show season. Applications were received from Clapham, Cheltenham, and Swansea. Considerable discussion arose as to the likelihood of there being any proper open shows, and it was considered that owing to difficulties of transit in consequence of the war many of the shows must be more or less local.

It was, therefore, decided to offer to applicants, the following specials:—Diploma for best Norwich Plainhead in show, and 5s. for most points in Norwich section. The 5s. special to be confined to members of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, and there must not be less than three members competing. It was also decided that similar specials be allotted to six other societies holding open or local shows. Societies desiring such specials should apply at once to me at 51, Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, S.E.

FRANK COLE, Hon. Sec.

A Gentle Hint.

SIR,—I notice in the issue of CAGE BIRDS for Sept 2, "A gentle hint," given to successful Hybrid breeders, by Mr. F. Litchfield. I myself have noticed repeatedly that some experts when writing their experiences leave out exactly what we want to know, and leave us entirely in the dark. It is useless telling us the old tale to buy the birds and put them together, and so and so will result; that is just what causes the young fancier to chuck it for ever.

Mr. Vernon Hodgetts gave us a clinking article on preparing hens for muling back along in the summer, and it is more of those articles that we should like to have, viz.: How to prepare a Goldfinch for muling, the same with a Linnet, and so on. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I hope you won't find room in your paper for those fairy tales that neither contain hints nor methods for those who are for ever tryers.

WM. TUCKER.

[We are inserting this letter as received, but do not in any way identify ourselves with the sentiments expressed. We are quite used to receiving expressions of thanks for the many helpful hints so kindly given by experienced readers in their desire to assist the novice, and it is new to us to learn that some of these hints are "fairy tales that neither contain hints nor methods." All the same, perhaps someone will oblige our correspondent with some solid chunks of information such as he desires.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

City of Birmingham Secretary Called Up.

SIR,—I am going to take on the secretarial duties for our society, the City of Birmingham C.B.S., while our sec. goes to put the finish on this war. May he be back soon. I do not know if we shall be able to hold an open show this year, and should like to hear from anyone who will support us if we do, as we shall be calling a committee meeting shortly to decide, so if fanciers who will support an open show will drop me a postcard it will help us a lot. You will be pleased to hear I have a grand lot of birds. Among them is a grand Mule and two fine Linnet-Bullfinches, also a few fine Britishers.

J. BASTOCK.

75, Springfield Road, Mossley, Birmingham.

The Other End of the String

SIR,—Many of your readers must be very grateful to Mr. Williams for the tip he gave as regards sexing birds. I have tried it, and I believe it a complete success. I experimented first on my old Roller cocks and hens, and found in all cases that the needle swung right across the 2s. piece for hens, whilst for cocks it swung completely round the coin. I am adopting the test with the young birds that I have any doubts about.

"H. W." asks in your last issue as to method of working. After threading needle with single silk I simply tied a knot on one end to prevent it slipping through the eye, holding the other end in hand, and proceeded as instructed by Mr. Williams in your issue of Aug. 26.

G. S. PACKER.

Wake Up, Show Committees.

Some Trenchant Remarks from an Old Fancier,

SIR,—At the committee meeting of the Border Fancy C.C., where the application of show committees for the patronage was before us, we decided, as stated by our worthy secretary, Mr. Smart, to leave the closing date open for some time seeing there were so few shows asking for patronage this season. As the mover of the resolution I would with your permission ask all show committees who have not already decided to hold their annual show, and where a suitable hall may be available, to decide as quickly as possible, and send in their application to Mr. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead, who will be delighted to grant our patronage where the required classes are scheduled. To my mind it is a serious matter to see so few shows held, and it does not argue well for the Fancy in general. Neither is it by way of adding new members or instructing others who have just lately been added to our numbers, as to the true standard and type of bird required. And, worst of all, if there are not more shows the type of the birds and the careful selection of breeding stock will have a backward tendency. Such a prospect is naturally viewed with concern by us old fanciers who have striven through more seasons than we wish to remember, and who have shared in the ups and downs against the type that some fanciers would fain have placed before the true type, as so plainly brought out in the front of our rules. As you know, sir, it has not always been pleasant sailing for some of us during the years in which your paper, CAGE BIRDS, has given us such valuable help, and I have little hesitation in saying that without "C.B." the Border Fancy would not have become known so widely down south as it is to-day. I know you will share with me the same concern to see so many well known shows close down. That for some committees there is some cause no one will deny; with others there is none. Fanciers are anxious to have shows, there are plenty of birds bred this season in this district and others which I have visited, and from letters which I have received the season has been all that could be desired. Furthermore, I am sure all true fanciers will do their best to carry the management of shows through without a grumble for the good of the fancy, and the love of our younger brother fanciers who have left their homes to fight our battles on land and sea. They, even in the midst of shot and shell, have their times of relaxation by way of games, etc., and what must they think when they return home, as I sincerely trust they will, to their hobby, to find that those left at home have let the fancy drift backwards? Some do so from reading the wanderings of those so-called divine parsons who say that hobbies, games, and sports of any kind should not be held while our country is at war. How in the name of all that is wonderful we are to carry on all our daily duties with their cares and burdens, perplexities, and disappointments without a little relaxation, beats my comprehension. What good will it do if we follow their advice? It will not take one day from the duration of the war, nor yet will it help our brave lads at the point of danger. We have our battles to fight at home, and to my mind a brave spirit is required just as much at home as at the front to bring this cursed war to a successful conclusion. Such a spirit will do far more good than all the sentimental twaddle of those busy-bodies whose lives and actions make such a poor show against the advice thrown out by them for others to follow. No, brother fanciers, stick in and keep our shows together as far as possible, until such time as we will meet under happier circumstances.

J. PATTERSON.

A Parrot Story.

SIR,—Regularly as Friday comes round I look for my CAGE BIRDS and enjoy every page. I fully endorse the sentiment expressed by the Rev. Jolliffe that we birdy people could not exist without it. In any case the writer could not; like the boy in the well-known soap advertisement—"He is not happy till he gets it."

I am sending you the story of a Grey Parrot as told to me by its owner. He keeps a shop in this city, Dublin. The Parrot has been in his possession for 14 years, and some time after the trouble here was over four soldiers were posted about the shop which was near one of the rebel strongholds. The soldiers soon spotted the Parrot on the counter, and started joking with it through the glass door, but they had no knowledge of its talking ability. The owner of the shop got into conversation with the soldiers, and supplied them with cigarettes, and in a while a detachment came along under the charge of the commanding officer, ordered the four men to fall in, and they marched off. As if in parting farewell the Parrot started singing "God Save Ireland."

Another little story of this bird is that when its owner, who is a watchmaker, was disposing of a cheap watch at about 10s. 6d. the Parrot chimed in and said it was being sold with a ten years' guarantee, and I need scarcely say the purchaser was very much surprised at the value he was getting.

R. RENNIE.

A Few Useful Hints from a Welsh Reader.

SIR,—While looking through one of my old copies of CAGE BIRDS I noticed that a correspondent had experienced trouble in that his Hawfinch had a discharge from the eyes which sooner or later caused blindness. I have found Greenfinches to be troubled with the same complaint if kept in a damp room, and I have cured many of my birds which were so affected simply by moving them from their damp quarters into a dry room with an even temperature. Why the above two species should be so subject to this complaint I am unable to say, but the cause is probably through the dampness of their surroundings, and if this could be obviated the cure is easy.

I have often been asked how I managed to get my birds to take their bath so freely and so soon after being caught. I have never found the following method to fail: The bath I use is rather a large one; in fact, big enough for a Thrush. I put in this say about a handful of ordinary grit to afford the birds a secure footing, and hang the bath on the cage. The grit in the water makes it look more natural and the bird's confidence is gained. I have had even Yellow Buntings bathe freely in a bath of this nature after the first few days of caging.

I have always found the Yellow Bunting rather difficult to reconcile to cage life unless the cage was a completely suitable one, and I have found nothing to equal a cage 24in. long, 12in. deep, and 8in. high, with a removable front and a bottom rail 2in. deep, so that the wire front itself is only 6in. wide.

Until quite recently I was at a loss to explain why very few Bullfinches seemed to be about in August and September, although they were plentiful in October and November. One day I had occasion to be in a small plantation where the Woodbine grew in abundance, and I was surprised to find so many Bullfinches feeding on the little red berries which grow on this plant. The profusion in which the Woodbine grows offers a very secluded hiding place, and this would probably account for my not seeing Bullfinches in the early months of the autumn. When one realises the colouring matter that the berry of the Woodbine contains, one is not surprised to note the beautiful breast colour of the wild Bullfinch. To my mind the Woodbine berry is the very foundation of the richness of this colour. This berry is ripe some weeks before the blackberry, and the latter berry undoubtedly plays an important part in the finishing of the head, wings and tail, which parts are the last to moult. I have moulted Bullfinches entirely on these berries and plain canary seed, and have found them equal in colour to field moulted birds.

W. J. THOMAS.

Wake Up, Newcastle C.B.S.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Anxious" says I am fishing. There is no need to fish; I have got the information I required, for "Anxious" gives himself away in certain portions of his letter. However, we will not labour the point any further. "Anxious" will be pleased to know I have sent my resignation to the Chairman of the Society, and now is the chance for "Anxious" and his friends to make Newcastle C.B.S. a model society, without any squabbling or stabbing in the back under noms de plume. With all the experience "Anxious" has had he will be able to do the work of secretary, easy work, and better than using a hammer. I have not resigned because the "dictator" has been on the job; if my business would have permitted at the present time I would have stuck to the secretaryship this year, no matter what "Anxious and Co." could have done. "Anxious" has had a climb down. He said in one of his letters that I let someone take the position for the two days' show, and now he says I "wanted" someone to take the duties of the show whilst I retained the position as secretary. Nothing of the kind. However, things will go swimmingly now, seeing I am taking no further part in the society. I have just held the secretaryship five years, a longer period than any other secretary.

J. W. REED.

[In sending the above letter Mr. Reed says: "I see your footnote this week. I think I am entitled to reply." Without acknowledging that Mr. Reed is "entitled" to the insertion of his letter, we are letting him have the last word in a discussion which is, after all, only a personal quarrel, and is of no general interest. The matter is now finally closed.—EDITOR.]

The Treatment of British Birds During the Moult.

SIR,—The moult is undoubtedly the severest strain to which a bird is subjected annually, and is the cause of many deaths, whether they are at liberty in the fields or woods, or in captivity. At the first autumn moult the wing and tail feathers of a bird do not moult, it being only the small body feathers which are cast.

The moulting of birds usually takes place about August or September, and this is undoubtedly the time when the greatest care and attention must be bestowed on captive birds. A little extra nourishment is all that is needed to moult any bird successfully. Birds may perhaps be successfully moulted even though fed on the same food as usual, that is to say, as far as a new suit of feathers is concerned, but they do not acquire that high finish, gloss and colouring so necessary to a show bird whose owner is ambitious of winuing prizes. Finches may have been living chiefly on hard dry seeds for the other part of the year, but during moulting time a more generous diet must be given, and one never need be afraid of overdoing it.

The Goldfinch should have an additional allowance of maw, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Plantain, hard heads, and thistle should be given, as much of the thistle seeds as possible, especially the large Scotch kind. Bullfinches and Linnets should be treated similarly, and the Bullfinch especially should have shepherd's purse and linseed, besides the plantain and sunflower mentioned for the Goldfinch. The Greenfinch also could be treated in a like manner, with plenty of sunflower seeds, and a good supply of privet berries of which it is very fond. The Chaffinch is very difficult to moult properly in captivity, and needs, besides the wild seeds, a free supply of mealworms, flies, spiders, and earwigs. The Hawfinch also requires plenty of berries and fruit.

During the moulting time all birds are best kept in an aviary, as that is as near to nature as we can get them. If the aviary is a large one, all kinds of Finches may be safely turned in together with good results, and birds so treated will give their owners great pleasure all the year round. I had almost forgotten to mention the bath which is a very essential aid to success and should never be omitted on suitable days.

D. W. STOTHART.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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The Luck of a Novice.

Sir,—Being quite a novice in the management of Canaries, I am just stating an experience that I recently have had. I have a prize-bred Roller Canary, a water warbler, he is now about five years old; a brilliant singer. Four months ago a friend gave me a Norwich "cock" as she thought about six months' old, and I put them together in a large cage. The latter proved a hen, and she laid ten eggs upon which she did not sit. I then put a felt lining in a coconut shell and she laid four eggs in it two months ago and hatched them all. Whilst on the nest she was placed on the table at breakfast and tea. I gave her the usual food; mixed seed, lettuce leaves, groundsel, cress, nasturtiums, etc. and put the cage out of doors on fine days. She fed her young ones on chopped egg, and on alternate days, biscuits soaked in milk and a teaspoonful of desiccated yolk of egg mixed with it. They are now nearly six weeks old and very strong and healthy, and three are beginning to sing. A month ago she laid six more eggs, and has hatched them all, and the young birds appear very strong for their age (a week old), so I am feeding them as I did the previous lot.

Kate Govey.

How to Catch Linnets.

Sir,—Since my brother and I enlisted, I have received every week my regular copy of Cage Birds, and seeing that a reader desires some notes on how to catch Linnets, I am doing my best to explain the methods which were adopted by my brother and myself before the war. We used to gather a quantity of esparto grass, and let it dry slowly for a day or so; then we would wait for a good morning with no sun shining and off we would go with our dried grass, some bird lime, and two call birds. Having limed the grasses, all except a portion at one end, we would stick these round the chickweed and other wild seeds on which we knew the Linnets were feeding, plant our call birds, and wait events. Soon after everything was ready our call birds would be singing for all they were worth, and we could soon get as many Linnets as we cared to take. After packing up, we would, on our way home, gather all kinds of wild seeds to help our freshly caught birds on their way for the first few days. Afterwards, we mixed among the wild seeds some ordinary hard seed, and soon we found the birds ate freely of this and got on well.

Many a time in the trenches we have watched Linnets and other birds sitting on the barbed wire and often wished we could have one or two of them at home. My brother and I both got wounded in the "Big Push," and now, in hospital at Glasgow, I can read my Cage Birds in content, but I am sorry to say that my brother is very badly wounded and has had to lose one of his legs.

Lce-Cpl. Lloyd.

Can Shows be Made More Successful?

Sir,—I have been asked to give my opinions as to how our cage bird shows can be made more attractive and pay better. In the first place the committee must issue a good classification of the variety of Canary most favoured within a radius of 50 miles. One of the best schedules sent out last year was Burton-on-Trent, I believe they had 18 classes for Norwich, and I was surprised that fanciers did not support them better. The only reason I could see was that there are one or two good breeders this way, and others did not care to tackle them on their own step. There must be no cancelling of classes or amalgamation. A clause could be put in the schedule that a certain number must be made to carry full prize money, and that in classes where the entry does not exceed five the prizes may be on the sliding scale, with, say sixpence added to each entry by the society. A clause should be put in, and enforced, that all specimens must be priced, or prohibitive prices, or what appear to be so, can be named. No catalogue is complete without a price to each bird. It is vital to the life of a society that its annual show should be made to pay its way. If there is no price on the birds would-be purchasers cannot buy. Take as an illustration Cheltenham last year. Two birds were claimed for £50, and no doubt the commission upon sales reached £10, a nice little item towards putting the balance on the right side. At a Scotch show one of our plucky buyers spent nearly £60 on a few birds, and would have purchased more had they been priced. In five places out of six the public do not support shows, and then it is a waste of money to cater for them, and for every 20s. you spend in advertising your show you lose 15s. Then cater for the fancy by giving good classification, especially for British, with fair prize money, and you will be successful.

J. Bastock.

The Pros and Cons of In-breeding.

Sir,—The whole idea of "Sub Rosa's" letters and articles has been against the principles of in-breeding. The letter he quoted stated that the writer had done it freely in the past, but now only does it with show birds. Surely that is the best argument anyone wants; no one should dream of in-breeding with indifferent stock. What is known as the stock bird in the fancy is usually a large bird which is deficient in some point or points which are essential in the exhibition specimen. In other words, it has a fault or faults, and cannot be regarded as a specimen of its variety fit to bench, yet it may have the power within it of producing exhibition specimens. Such a bird would not be suitable to pair its progeny back to; if you did you would be fixing the faults it possesses, but the show specimens it produces would be suitable, provided the utmost care was exercised in the selection of the progeny.

So far as I can see the opponents of the system are afraid that they will deteriorate the stamina and health of their studs if they in-bred. Such will not be the case if they will use every care to see that only healthy specimens are used in the breeding room. I cannot agree with the correspondents who state that the Canary is not a healthy or robust animal for its size. I often think that it is we breeders who pamper them and feed them up to too high a pitch and cause many of the troubles to which our birds fall victims. Since my first year I have generally averaged about six young per pair, and I could not do that unless the birds were strong and prolific, for I seldom take more than two nests per season from each hen. Mr. Robinson writes of the larger breeds of dogs and cattle being more virile and hardy than other animals. Yet these are animals which are in-bred, as Dr. Stewart pointed out, much more than Canaries. May I ask did the in-breeding increase their strength, hardiness, and virility, or are they strong, hardy, and virile in spite of it? No my friends, you will not find in-breeding decrease the strength and stamina of your birds if you use strong and healthy birds with which to in-breed. Would Nature allow it if it would decrease the strength? I think not.

Our friend, "Live and Learn," will find that if he starts with stock containing plenty of colour and breeds only with the produce which show colour, he will find that in a few years' time he will have fixed colour into his strain. I have never been able to see eye to eye with those who advocate green blood, as the fount of colour; I have seen many specimens of variegated birds which showed very little colour in the lighter feathers, whilst I have seen clear birds teeming with colour. If that is the point he wishes to fix, let me advise him to buy two of the highest coloured birds he can get hold of and pair them next season, keeping for the following season the hottest coloured young and pair these back to the parents. If there are brothers and sisters, pair them together, even if they have not so much colour; he will find that these will have the power to transmit the original parents' colour to some of their young. These can again be selected and crossed together if necessary, and the produce of father and daughter, and mother and son should again be paired to their father and mother. No harm will come for at least three matings, but after that it is advisable to be wary in case of any hidden trouble asserting itself. If "Live and Learn" will write me personally, I will try to explain more fully than I can do in your columns; I feel I have already trespassed too much upon your indulgence in the past.

Mr. Gutierrez's letter deserves very careful perusal. His observations regarding the in-breeding of the Roller to fix the song, and the methods of the old masters who were so careful not to outcross, are an example to all in other varieties. Referring back to Sub Rosa's letter, his example of isolated instances of great winners having been bred from outcrosses does not prove its value except that we all acknowledge that such have occured and will occur again. Mr. Cook's breeding of Norwich I know nothing of, but I understand that gentleman has some of the best in England; being an old breeder and a consistent winner proves the value of his strain, but whether they are in-bred or bred on selection I know not. Mr. Crisp was, and I think is, a great believer in face value selection, and undoubtedly his success in breeding "Dreadnought" was one worthy of the man and his methods. So far as I know I have only seen one of Dreadnought's progeny, the marked buff, which is a good bird, but far short of his father. Dreadnought is possibly the best Yorkshire at the present, and he will have had three or four breeding seasons, but up to the present I have not heard of him siring anything at all approaching his own standard of merit.

I sincerely hope no novice has read into my letters that all he has to do is to in-breed and he will have winners galore, but if he does breed a winner he should keep that winner's blood in the family and not run all over the place to get a mate for it. He should look through his own stock and see how the winner came and what other of the same family approaches it in properties; mate them together, and if healthy he need have no fear of unhealthy young. His birds will more likely to be good than if he outcrosses, however good the outcross may be.

This season I have bred from a pair of birds which I sold last year to a gentleman for 30s., not a big price, and one of the four youngsters which I have reared for him promises to make into a really nice bird, though not a Dreadnought by any means. When I sold him the birds I did not know that they were related, but upon going into the pedigree I found a common ancestor about three generations back on each side. I could go on for quite a long time, but I am sure of this; that I shall not convert "Sub Rosa" to my theories nor, till, I have had more practical experience shall I give in to his. After another season I shall be pleased to give your readers the benefit of my experience, for I know that I have my birds to that state now that it will be almost impossible to pair unrelated pairs even if I wished it. I shall be quite willing to admit defeat if it comes, but I trust that may not be.

T. C. Crawhall.

Sir.—Whilst not wishing to fill the role of Job's comforter to those who may crave for a conclusive lead in this interesting correspondence, I find in perusing the chapter devoted to the inbreeding of horses in an old work called "Rural Sports," published some seventy years ago, the able writer, who favours inbreeding generally, concludes by observing that able authorities existed who were opposed to such a method of breeding, and whose reasons were entitled to as much respect as his own or other advocates of inbreeding.

As nothing since in either school of thought and action has happened to forbid all controversy, we at this moment should not expect too much, but, nevertheless, diligently scratch for any crumbs that may fall from the table of "Sub Rosa," Messrs. T. C. Crawhall, Gordon Stewart, "Wait and See," "Live and Learn," and, I sincerely hope, many others.

Often it is said that if one is not for, one is against, but I hope I am an exception that proves the rule, for in this matter of inbreeding, whilst I may enjoy an opinion, I nevertheless preserve an open mind, being prepared by sheer weight of evidence to be converted to, or against it.

It may sound a bit queer to say that sometimes when contemplating the building up, or opening, of a project, the safest course is first of all to pull it down, or rend it in pieces, and because of this I feel sorry "Sub Rosa," who has tasted and repented, has not gone the whole hog and given more fully his views against inbreeding, as I feel very sure he easily could do if he wished.

In all probability we should find his trend of thought and experience ran parallel to my own, and perhaps to that of many others. Ample evidence is in existence that certain noted animals as horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, dogs, cats, rabbits, pigeons, poultry., were inbred; but such a circumstance I suggest is not conclusive proof their excellence was due to inbreeding, for you may easily range against these subjects of inbreeding others of no less brilliant character, who were *not* inbred. Also it is not proven that a system of inbreeding ensures even as large or larger a percentage of successes as other methods of breeding, for be it remembered if we turn to the history of the Turf—perhaps the most accessible and reliable we have—we may find the brilliant failures in many instances were not only supported by the cream of breeding brains, but were also inbred. Unfortunately, the failures in almost everything sink quickly into oblivion, whilst the successes are trumpeted to posterity, rendering accurate data or statistics impossible.

Naturally, where a breeder is in possession of an outstanding specimen he is anxious that his future stock shall be stamped with the same excellence, and it is reasonable to suppose that if this noted sire or dam be introduced into more or less related relations, the desired end should be secured. Therefore, we find the operations of breeders usually centred in one noted animal, which is mated or utilised in the sixth, seventh, or later years, and not till then in some instances has success been attained.

With horses, cattle, etc., this period of time in no way handicaps matters, but in the case of a breeder wishing to establish a strain upon a noted Canary hen, his chances of success are materially affected for the very good reason that the breeding activities of any Canary hen could not be relied upon after a period of some three or four years, and even in the case of a cock being the central subject, his stamina and virility would in all probability be waning, thus rendering him undesirable for inbreeding.

In all the animals I have mentioned colour plays an inconsequential part, but in a limited stud of Canaries it may well be the noted cock or hen is a heavily variegated subject, and to introduce this bird into related blood is ultimately to finish with a room of self and foul greens. On the other hand, if the central figure happens to be a clear and related to other clears, or of a family deficient in colour blood, an outcross becomes imperative, and perhaps at a time which may break down all progress.

Again, with horses, cattle, etc., there is no question of yellow or buff plumage or character to contend with.

Of course, all may go well with the Canary breeder to the stage of imminent success, when he finds to utilise the very, and perhaps the only, subject available, means double buffing or yellowing, and both subjects highly undesirable for such a mating. To choose another mate has not given inbreeding the full play you wished; in fact, at this stage may well prove the undoing of previous good work.

With Crest and Roller varieties, where yellow and buff has not been of the same moment as other varieties, inbreeding could enjoy fuller play, and I suggest has done so, and the sorry position of both has been attributed by some authorities to promiscuous inbreeding.

But when is inbreeding promiscuous? Apparently only when failure has come about, and all this is not encouraging. I am not concerned with the moral or spiritual aspect of inbreeding. Dame Nature may inbreed, in some instances, to a shocking degree, but even in the case of a rookery I contend it is not proven; and, even though inbreeding may happen, the size of the rookery, or, rather, the number of its tenants, would preclude the close relationship that is quickly secured in the birdroom, and I suggest if our attention is confined to inbreeding at the hands of the genus homo, we shall have sufficient to handle without talking about what Nature does or does not do.

Of course, it may well be that in reviewing these several possible obstacles to success that I have struggled up "folly hill to meet trouble," but, nevertheless, all are likely contingencies, and I confess have obstructed my view into the Arcadian world of successfully inbreeding Canaries, and I want "Wait and See," or someone else to properly adjust the focus for us, including Simple Simon.

Sir,—How nice it is if you can praise the writings of another on any subject connected with the cage bird hobby, but if you go into opposition then you are everything that is bad and spiteful. I have read the letters appearing upon the above question and have come to the conclusion that those writers who advocate in-breeding to a large extent know very little of the subject. In most of their letters they refer you to some book. Now my opinion is that most of these books are written upon the theory of the matter, and I do not think you can name a writer of a book who ever bred or moulted a winner in his life.

I can quite understand fanciers doing a little in-breeding with Yorkshires, for they are a bird made up of a lot of mixtures, and when you get two nearly perfect birds it is advisable to in-breed occasionally. I believe in pedigree breeding, and breeding from winners, but not in in-breeding too often.

One of your correspondents this week asks if it is necessary to breed with green or variegated birds to obtain colour, and considers it a mistake to do so. The writer can rest assured that it is the only way, but you must have the proper green, not the green he admits he has in his birds, the Cinnamon green; this takes a lot of breeding out, and does not produce colour. That you can produce a large percentage of yellows by double yellowing occasionally is certain, and only common sense; what have your readers to say to the following? I saw a hen green buff at a show last back-end, and as it took my fancy, as one likely to hit with a young cock I had I saw the owner of it and purchased it. The cock is slightly ticked yellow of medium size. She has reared eleven young, all variegated yellows, and I am vain enough to think several of them will hold their own with the best in the country. Is this result a mere coincidence? I can tell your readers I have bred more winners by purchasing birds which have the principal points required than by in-breeding, although I come very near it sometimes in pedigree breeding, forcing the points obtained into your pedigree stock.

J. Bastock.

(Many interesting letters held over.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all Insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE BLACK REDSTART AND ITS BREEDING HAUNTS.

Phœnicurus titys.

By HUBERT D. ASTLEY, M.A., F.Z.S., &c.

By the courtesy of the author, who has kindly sent us an advance proof, we are enabled to publish the following interesting article which has been written for the "Avicultural Magazine."

IT is a good many years since I found a nest of the Black Redstart, but I remember the details of the event as if it were yesterday.

This charming little bird, which is an autumnal and winter visitor to England, is easily distinguished from the better known Redstart, which arrives for the summer in April, by having the crown and rump dark bluish slate-grey, the rest of the upper parts, and the sides of the head and under parts, deep velvet black, the abdomen and hinder flanks however are slate-grey, and the under tail coverts pale rust-red.

The tail and upper tail-coverts are a rich chestnut-red, except for the two middle feathers which are black, but when flying the chestnut-red colour of the tail is very conspicuous. Hence its name, the Black Redstart, to distinguish it from the other one.

"Start" Means Tail.

If we consult The Century Dictionary and look up the word "start," we find amongst other meanings the following:—"Old English: start, stirt, stert, steort = a tail. Some derive it from the root 'start' in the sense 'project.' A tail; the tail of an animal; thus 'Red*start*' is literally 'Red*tail*.'"

Consequently readers will at once understand that one cannot speak of or write about a "Blackstart," since that would mean a "blacktail," which is just exactly what this bird does not go in for. If we talk of having in our possession some Redstarts and some Blackstarts, we are merely saying that we have "redtails" and "blacktails." When it is quite as easy to be correct as the contrary, we will choose the former.

If we are anxious to win prizes at a bird show, we quite realise that we must be correct in all our dealings, and we strive to send our birds in such a condition as will we hope catch the eye of the judge, and, as a sequence, a card into the bargain. Therefore we are very particular as to details—the cage, the food, the beauty of the bird to be exhibited, and so on; conforming strictly to certain rules and customs, without which carefulness we foresee disappointment and invite a failure.

So too with birds' names. Let us be correct over them, or we shall find ourselves in danger of appearing not to know their meanings. And so in all books upon birds, which are called standard books, books, that is to say, which are written by those *who know what they are writing about*, one finds, to take this instance of the Black Redstart, that it is always so called: not, mind you, only in the English language, but, in others.

In French it is "rouge-queue noir," that is, black red-tail; in Italian, "codirosso spazzacamino," which is, being interpreted, "the red-tail that roams along the way," meaning, I suppose, that it flits about the paths and hill roads, as one travels along them. The Italians call the Rock Thrush "codirossone," which means the "big red-tail," and this bird not only has the same chestnut-red but moves the tail in the same way. In German, the Black Redstart is Haus-Rotschwanz, which means the House red-tail, and if you had ever spoken to a German [no one *wants* to now!] of a haus-schwarzschwanz, which would mean a house black-tail (or blackstart) he would not know what bird you referred to. It is called the House Red-tail (or Redstart) because in mountainous and hilly districts, this bird often perches on the roof tops.

The Beginning of the Story.

So now, being quite clear as to the meaning of the word "start," as used in connection with Redstarts, let me try to describe how I found a nest of young Black Redstarts.

I was at Brieg, one of the most picturesque towns in Switzerland, in the Valais Canton, my principal object being to visit the great and famous Aletsch glacier in the mountains above. I started on a glorious day in mid-June, rejoicing as, on reaching higher altitudes, the air became more and more exhilarating, with that sparkle in it which one only experiences in the mountains.

It was a long mule ride to the hotel situated close to the glacier, a hotel which in those days was a very simple affair, clean but sparsely furnished, and very different to the palatial edifices to be found in Switzerland nowadays, with French cooks, string bands, etc., and to my mind decidedly preferable.

The day after my arrival, and the day after that, it simply poured unceasingly, whilst the mist was up to the windows, but on the third day I awoke to find everything sparkling in brilliant sunshine, and out I rushed! The glacier excited and thrilled me, looking like a big frozen river, the ice massed in huge boulders with crevices showing colours of delicate blues and gorgeous greens, into which if you slipped you would probably say good-bye and proceed to admire the beauties of another plane in another life!

It was all very wonderful, but looking back, I know that as I walked in the afternoon up a mountain path strewn with great boulders, one of which, hurtling down from above, all but sent me into the next life, I was still more thrilled at seeing some small dark-coloured birds with chestnut-red tails flitting in front of me.

Black Redstarts! I had never up till then seen one alive, but there was no mistaking the species. These birds that inhabit spots at high altitudes have a great charm about them. The solitude, the beauty of the surroundings, their voices tinkling in the stillness of the crystal air, all go towards impressing on one their fascination.

There was more than one pair, I certainly saw three, and I sat down to watch them. One pair was especially restless, flitting from boulder to boulder and calling ceaselessly, so, concealing myself amongst the rocks, I proceeded to watch. Once the male flew on a stone close to me, flickering his chestnut-red tail, and in his bill were insects. He sat for a few minutes and I lay hardly breathing, and then he disappeared. At once, drawing myself up, I looked over the edge of the rock, my field-glasses ready should I make out his whereabouts.

There he was not very far off, becoming visible as he moved from boulder to boulder. Then I fixed him with the glasses, so that I could see every feather. Up the slope of the mountain he went, cautiously yet surely, and then suddenly after sitting upon a stone for a minute or two, he popped down behind it and disappeared! Ah! but there he was again, and off.

An Unconscious Betrayal.

What excited me was that whereas he had gone from sight with his beak full of insects, he reappeared without them. So then I knew that if only I could keep my eye upon that stone, I should find the nest, but the stone in question was some way off and I felt that if I ceased to look through the glasses it would be lost to sight amongst all the mass of other stones and boulders.

Studying carefully the shapes of certain large rocks close to where I saw the bird disappear, I ascended the slope, and as I drew near my goal I saw the female bird, who flitted about anxiously. It took a very short time to find the nest, which was in a hollow on the ground under a smaller stone close to the larger one where I had previously expected to find it, and in it were five young ones.

I was young in those days, and being very anxious to rear them, took them with me in spite of their being only in the quilled stage. But I had not brought out from England any insectivorous mixture as I always did on subsequent occasions. At the hotel I obtained some finely chopped raw-meat, hoping to be able to find something more varied and more digestible on my return to Brieg on the following day, but alas! that day was very hot, and I only had a small box in which to carry the young Black Redstarts, and all succumbed during the long ride down the rough mountain path.

How I did wish I had left them to their parents and to liberty. I felt a brute. Had they lived, they might have become as tame as a brood of Wheatears I once reared by hand, one of which I kept, a most charming pet which would play hide and seek with me round chairs and sofas, and which met a tragic death by being trodden on.

These birds of moor and fen, of crag and torrent and woodland are delightful, and although aviculturists who have the opportunity and the means naturally like to acquire rare foreigners, to my ears the most beautiful bird voices are still those such as the joyous piping of our Song Thrush, the fluting of the Blackbird, the merry twitter of the Linnet, or the "little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese" of the Yellowhammer, in their own haunts.

The Birds in an Old Garden

The following delightful article appeared in the "Greenock Telegraph," of August 26, and is reproduced by kind permission of the Editor of that paper.

THE village could boast of many fine old-fashioned gardens, for memory takes me back to a time when the tastes of its inhabitants were simple in the choice of the flowers necessary for the pleasure of the senses devoted to these trifles. And a few of the plots could also show draw-wells from which cold, clear water was brought to the surface in the hottest months of the year. But the tiniest cottage in the straggled line of dwellings without doubt could lay claim to the possession of the prettiest garden and the most picturesque well. A close-set privet hedge that burst into white, sickly-smelling blossom at the end of summer was all that stood between the garden and the whin-covered common utilised for the grazing of some cows. The whins were the nesting-place of ever so many pairs of birds, so that the berry bushes in many of the plots had to be well looked after with netting, or precious few of their fruits would ever have got the length of the housewives' attention on jam-making days. The owner of the tiny cottage had named his domicile "Clarinda," out of regard, possibly, for the lady who served as the inspiration of so many of the Ayrshire bard's lines. Be that as it may, his garden was always a sight to see, with its flowers, red and white daisies, gay-coloured nasturtiums, sweet-smelling wallflowers and roses, with many others that were tied up into bunches to be set all round the little room facing the street. Even the draw-well was made beautiful, for in the space between the stones carrying the creaking beam from which the bucket was suspended grew clumps of none-so-pretty and ferns. A gallant-looking bush of broom also added its touch of brightness at the well-side in its time of flowering. In one of the rooms of the cottage, and in a place of honour, could be seen a very clever picture of the well and its environs executed by an artist-fellow one summer as a gift for the privilege of finishing his sketches in the quietness of the garden. And the fact that the artist in later years achieved much fame in his profession was always mentioned by the owner of Clarinda Cottage as reflecting somewhat on the taste and skill expended upon the draw-well and its surroundings.

The Nest Near the Draw Well.

The draw-well came into use only a few times during the day, and this fact seems to have been understood by a pair of Linnets, for they very quietly took possession of the adjacent broom bush one May morning, making a start therein with their nest as though they had nothing in the world to be afraid of. Certainly there was a whirr and clatter each time the bucket was sent on its journey to bring up water from the cool depths, but the birds seemed to take this as a matter of course, preferring the safety of the garden to the risks of a home on the common or higher up on the braes that fairly blazed with whin flowers in early summer. As it happened, their confidence was not misplaced, and when the nest was discovered the well was used as seldom as possible. There were a good few nests in this particular garden every year, but such lively little birds as Linnets had never before chosen any of the bushes or ivy-covered outhouses for building purposes. A deal of fashioning their nest took, loosely and roughly contrived though it was; that is, if you would compare it with the neat bowl put up by the pair of Shilfas in the apple tree of a neighbour's garden, or with the perfect mud-houses of the Martins under the caves at Sunny Cottage. All their material was carried from the fields and common behind, and the Linnets chattered away at their work, till there was hardly a boy worth his salt at nest-finding but who guessed at the secret held by the yellow broom bush flaunting on the well-head. The main part of the nest was composed of stems of once green herbs, eked out with dried grasses, minute twigs, and rootlets, all woven together. More than three days were taken in the construction of this feature of their home, and for the remainder of the week the birds busied themselves bringing the down of various plants and tiny feathers to make the lining upon which the eggs and later on the helpless chicks would lie. The Sparrows toiled only half the time taken by the Linnets when engaged upon their nest under a rhone, but then they gathered their material from the gardens, making little or no selection. And they worked from morning till evening, whereas the Linnets seldom carried a particle after the middle of the day.

The cock Linnet seemed the most faithful bird in the world to his mate, and while she busied about the nest, smoothing out a hard bit of grass here or tucking in a rootlet there, that would persist in getting loose, he would sit on a branch of the apple tree and twitter any amount of small talk. Each Leghorn hen cavied in the corner of a neighbouring garden never omitted to let all and sundry in the vicinity know when an egg had been laid in the cheese-box placed there for that purpose; but the morning that saw the first egg, a pale blue red-speckled shell, in the Linnet's nest, was as quiet, as far as the song-birds were concerned, as any of its predecessors. So the old well also kept the secret. And on the four succeeding mornings, before ever the bucket rattled on its first journey to fetch up the cool water, an egg was deposited among the down, making a total of five. Up to this point both birds had paid repeated visits to their treasures during the day, possibly to see that nothing had happened to them; but after the fifth egg was laid the hen Linnet disappeared entirely from view, although if you could have peeped into the heart of the broom bush you would have found her sitting cosily on the speckled eggs, busily warming them, and thus bringing to pass that mystery which, so far as a bird is concerned, means birth. This was in the start of June, when all around was bright with colour and birds were singing on almost every tree in the long line of sweet gardens. Butterflies frolicked over the flowers favoured by them, and bees, wild and hive, paid their visits to the snapdragons and other blooms containing the nectar or pollen suited to their tastes. The apple trees covered themselves with a splendour that had not been equalled for years, and by the time their pink petals had strewn the ground there were five blind and naked young Linnets in the nest that had been so well and jealously guarded from ill. What a proud chap the cock Linnet seemed as he hurried from a near tree to the abode where his hopefuls lay, and how fussy he looked when he began to make journeys to the common for small caterpillars and insects to stay their hunger! For they never gave the two parent birds a minute's rest when once they began to thrive and prosper.

The Flight of the Young Birds.

A nestful of mavises had fallen victims to some prowling cat or other, even although the site looked secure enough from the human point of view; but it is difficult to gauge the climbing abilities of a hungry tabby with such a rich prize as young birds at the journey's end. And it seemed quite possible that the Linnets in the broom bush would be the next sacrifice. Luck favoured them, however. On the fifth day after the eggs had changed into the helpless mites, so queer-looking as they sprawled together, they seemed to be trying to open their eyes. On the eighth day, if you had parted the vivid green twigs and peeped into the nest you would have found them squatted there with a very wise look about them, and no longer opening foolish beaks at the rustle over their heads, as though they expected your finger would be a good thing to swallow. It would be about six days after this, on almost an ideal summer morning, that the five Linnets took heart of grace and fluttered on to the protected well-head. As a bucketful of water could not be done without at the time, the beam went whirling round, and as a consequence the fledglings adventured successfully to the boughs of an apple tree. Here they remained till near sunset, and the last glimpse the owner of the cottage had of them was in flight towards the sun-drenched common. You may see the old-fashioned flowers in this garden still, though the well is gone, but I cannot learn that Linnets ever made their homes there again.

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Budgerigars: Their Management and Breeding.

By T. A, BOWES.

The management and breeding of Budgerigars can be taken up as a hobby which offers even less difficulties than the breeding of Canaries. Besides being pleasurable, the hobby is a profitable one, and the breeder of Budgerigars has always the possibility of producing the exquisitely beautiful Blue Budgerigar, a pair of which would command a price of ten pounds or more.

THE Budgerigar, on account of its beauty, convenient size, hardiness and prolificacy, cannot fail to commend itself to the lover of foreign birds. In suitable surroundings great pleasure can be obtained from the study of its habits, health, and ailments.

Having bred them for some years, and met with nearly every disease they are subject to, I shall endeavour to give the result of my experience in this paper. The subject falls into three main divisions:—(1) General management, (2) breeding; (3) diseases.

Cage breeding is not advisable, as there is insufficient room for exercise, and it is therefore unlikely to be successful. The best arrangement is an inner shut-in enclosure, say six feet square, communicating with an outer wire netting one (of same size or larger) by means of a pigeon hole, fitted with a slide.

The Outdoor Aviary Described.

The inner enclosure should have single walls (double ones harbour mice) and a cemented floor. It should be 7 ft. high, with plentiful access of light.

Artificial heat is not required, as the birds stand the cold very well. I have had naked young in the nest when there has been frozen water in the inner inclosure; and young the first night out of the nest will roost in the open with ten degrees of frost on the ground.

The outer flight need only be of wire netting, ½in. mesh, with a sanded floor. The inner enclosure should be fitted with perches, branches, and the nesting arrangements.

Both should be easy of access, and have double doors, as the birds are very quick to escape over your head on entry through a single door. With the aid of a net, the slide and hole can be used for catching purposes. All gaps must be carefully blocked, as an adult hen can escape through a hole three-quarters by one-and-a-half inches.

Keep the birds for a week or two at first shut inside, to teach them where to roost, as in severe weather they may be frozen to death if they roost, as is not uncommon, hanging on to the outside wires.

If this outer and inner arrangement cannot be managed, an ordinary shed with wire front will serve for all practical purposes. The size I have mentioned is amply sufficient for six pairs.

There is a choice between aviary-bred specimens and imported Australian birds. The former are more ready to start nesting operations than the latter.

The birds should be young adults, that is, at least twelve months old. If you obtain them in their nest feather, and keep them till fit to breed, you are certain of their age. With Australian stock there is less likelihood of acquiring constitutional disease.

As a general rule, Australians nest from about August to January, and aviary-bred birds from April to July, when moulting supervenes. It is best to start with two or three pairs, as they stimulate each other to breed.

They are not greedy birds: two meals a days, when not breeding, early morning and late afternoon, answer well. You will notice that young birds just off the nest fill their crops very full at the latter meal.

The Budgerigars' Simple Menu.

The chief item is canary seed, with a small proportion of white millet. Spray millet is readily taken, but red more often refused. Oats are useful when there are young to feed, but not otherwise, as they are fattening.

They drink sparingly, except when feeding young. I know of aviary birds being deprived of it for a week without hurt, and to be kept in a cage for two months without it, the owner thinking it the right and proper treatment.

As green-food mine prefer groundsel, chickweed, grass, and sprouting canary seed, in the order written. Green-food is harmless enough, but may cause diarrhœa if given in large quantities after long abstention from it. It is beneficial during the breeding season.

Grit should take the form of sea sand, and, for assistance in egg shell production, old mortar, cuttlefish bone, and ground-up egg shells may be added. I have not found that the latter induces egg eating.

Soft-food, if given at all, should be sopped bread squeezed dry, when young are in nest. It is not necessary, and if dropped while feeding the young, dirties the nest. It is stated to save labour, but a Budgerigar shells seed very easily and rapidly, and the young do well without it.

Pair up the birds by a few days' confinement, in pairs, in separate cages. This is quite sufficient if the hen shows she is ready for nesting by the change in the colour of the cere from bluish white to brown. This will save much fighting, as if all are turned down together two cocks often show a partiality for one hen, and waste a deal of time in constant quarrels for possession.

It is advisable to have a spare bird of either sex, more especially a hen, in the event of loss. Should a bird die, at once remove the one left, for if a hen she will often try to turn out other hens from their nests, or entice away their partners and cause the hens to leave their nests, and if a cock he will evince an undesirable propensity to enquire into the welfare of his neighbours' young.

Usually, however, the bereft cock bird is content to spend his energy on feeding an upright branch, and appears very happy that his "love's labour's lost." More hens than cocks are lost during breeding, and chiefly from egg-binding.

Two Nesting Arrangements.

For nesting purposes, two methods are probably the most employed, namely, coco-nut husks or upright logs with several holes bored into them at intervals, at the ends of which the birds scoop out a nesting place.

Unless the logs be of just the right consistency the birds find it difficult to excavate. My attention has been drawn to a good method of obviating this difficulty by splitting out large pieces of the log with saw and chisel, gouging out the nest place, replacing the bark exterior in position by wire, and boring a hole to reach the hollowed out nesting place. This allows of the young being inspected, but it requires time and a good deal of carpentry.

With the husks (on the market ready prepared) they simply have to hang up facing the light, and not too near each other, and the birds soon clear out the fibrous interior to their liking. If husks are used, two for each pair should be allowed, and they should be so hung as to easily take down for examination.

Two kinds of husks may be had, one with entrance hole at the end (old style) and the other with entrance hole on the upper surface (new style). Much discussion has taken place as to which is the better of the two.

I have tried both, and putting aside the fact that they are the more expensive, for they do not last so long as the new because of certain technical considerations, my reasons for preferring the old style are: there is more room for the young birds, and they have never fallen out; the plumage of the hen is not disarranged or destroyed; the birds prefer them to the new style: an important consideration.

On the whole the husk is at present the most satisfactory nesting appliance to use. One disadvantage is the wiring is so stiff that it cannot be opened to allow one to get at the young birds to ring them.

To Identify the Young.

I am in favour of ringing the young with aluminium numbered Canary rings, which pinch on. By this method identification is easy, and there is no fear of in-breeding.

To obviate the difficulty of opening the husk I use a pair of padded forceps to draw out the young, when half fledged, to apply the rings. Lay hold of a leg and gently withdraw each bird; apply the rings and put them back again. Eggs can be removed, if necessary, by means of a teaspoon on a handle.

Do not attempt more than three nests in the season. Eggs are laid on successive or alternate days, incubation begins with the second egg, and the young hatch in sixteen or seventeen days, flying from the nest in four to six weeks later. They show a tendency to want to nest when even three months old, but should on no account be allowed to breed for from nine to twelve months.

As a rule, the Budgerigar is a long-lived, healthy bird. Its more serious ailments are met with during reproduction and the rearing of the young.

Frights may be produced by a sudden light or noise at night, which starts the bird flying about and dashing its head against any obstacle. Concussion of the brain and death ensue.

Fits arise from rupture of a blood vessel in the brain, fright, excitement, and exhaustion in fat birds. From fright I have seen a young bird have an immediately fatal fit. If the first is not too severe it may recover, though perhaps with permanent paralysis of a limb.

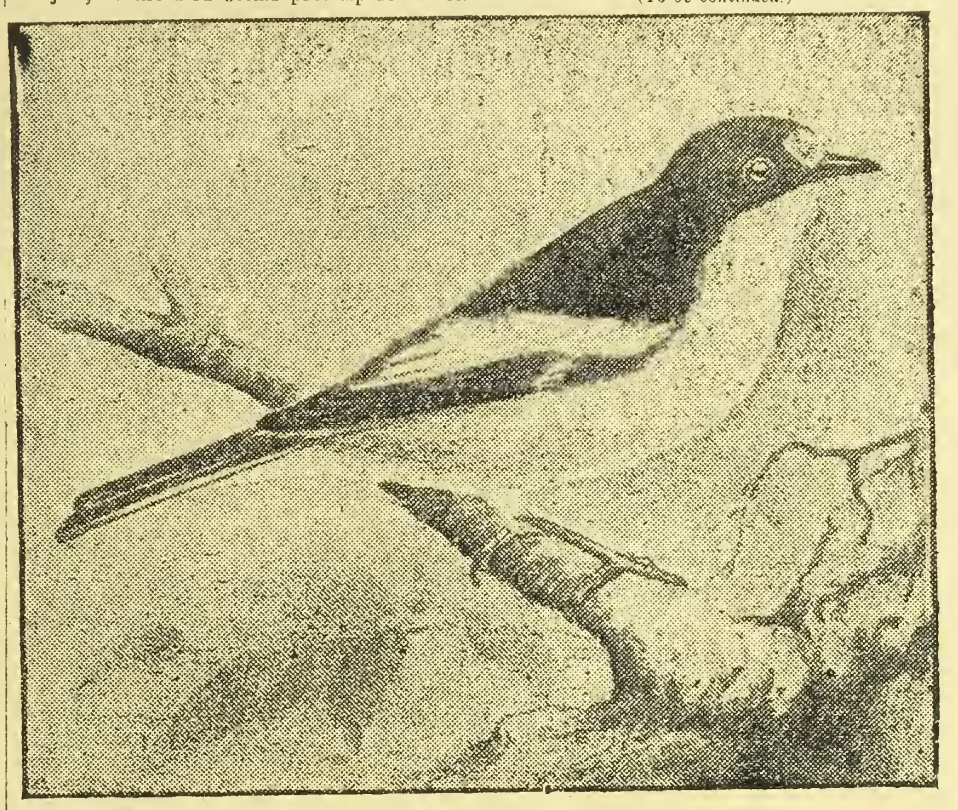
Diarrhœa is rare, and is cured by withholding green food. Constipation is not common, but I have met with one severe case. Castor oil by mouth from a quill relieved it in a few hours. A bird with laboured breathing is probably old and worthless, and not likely to improve.

The diseases in connection with reproduction are those affecting the hen: egg-binding, or prolapsed oviduct; those affecting the young: congenital deformities, French moult, or acquired paralysis.

Egg-binding forms an important part of our subject, as the bird seems pre-disposed to it. The causes of it are: a weak or immature bird not having sufficient strength to expel the egg; accumulation of fat forming an obstruction; or a shell-less egg giving less purchase for forces of expulsion. Additional factors which count are laying out of season and excessive laying.

When a hen is about to lay she may be puffed up, sleepy, and slow in movement. She flies heavily, and there is a prominence of the vent and surrounding parts. Watch her carefully, as she may become egg-bound, and then only by timely interference can she be saved. In a severe case the hen falls to the floor, or remains in the husk with half-closed eyes, breathing hard, and with puffed up plumage.

(To be continued.)



THE PIED FLYCATCHER.

This beautiful bird of black and white plumage is a regular spring visitor to our country, but, owing to its less familiar habits, is not nearly so well known as its relative, the Spotted Flycatcher. It is strictly an insectivorous bird, and is somewhat difficult to keep in captivity, and in its infrequent appearances on our show benches it takes a high place in the mixed class in which it has to be shown.

Hints for the Moulting Season.

By MISS M. A. SIKES
(Melton Mowbray).

AS the moulting season, for free and captive birds alike, is now in full swing, a few words under this heading may not be out of place. I do not presume to address my remarks to the experts, but the novices in bird-keeping, to whom I hope they may be of service

I have been interested in birds and their habits all my life, and at present possess seven, viz.: three Bullfinches, three Canaries and a beautiful Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrid, therefore may claim to know a little about my subject.

The casting of old feathers and the acquiring of new ones is a natural annual event in a bird's life, and therefore need not be viewed with anxiety by the fancier for his captive pets, provided he does not overlook the three points most essential to their well-being, viz., keeping, feeding and cleanliness.

The Importance of Fresh Air.

With regard to keeping. It is advisable that the birds be kept in the fresh air as much as possible, taking the precaution on cold and gusty days to hang them in a cage or cages in a sheltered nook; never hang them in a draught. At night keep them in a cold room and cover up the cages with a white cloth, which, besides keeping off draught, will afford the inmate the necessary warmth which is needed in its partially denuded condition.

It might be said here, that in all cases where a bird is kept in an open wire cage a covering during the night is a necessity, and does much to keep him in health and song. Also, never hang a cage above the gas or put it in a window, unless it is on a table below the draught emanating from the division in the upper and lower sash.

Now as to feeding. In the case of the Britishers, in addition to their staple diet, give them as far as possible their natural food. This is perhaps not always easy to town dwellers, but nearly everyone has a strip of garden in which such flowers as sunflowers and candytuft are grown; these both bear seeds which finches are particularly partial to, and weeds, like the poor, are always with us.

The best known of these perhaps are groundsel and dandelion, and both Finches and Canaries will eagerly devour not only the flowers but the leaves. A little chopped egg or prepared egg food, supplied by all grain dealers, sprinkled with maw seed and given fresh every day, will greatly stimulate the birds and help them to throw off their old feathers. Also at this period a piece of cuttle-fish bone should be kept between the wires, and a supply of gritty sand on the bottom of the cage. Both are excellent digestives.

A Finishing Touch.

When the bulk of the feathers have dropped, and new feathers are appearing on the head, give a little piece of sulphate of iron (about the size of a hemp seed) in the drinking water twice a week for a week or two; this helps to brace up the bird and tightens the new plumage.

The bath should be offered every day, though Canaries are not so fond of bathing as Bullfinches. Cleanliness is always a most important point in the keeping of a captive bird in health and song, and it is more than ever so in the moulting season for the following reason: each new feather is enclosed in a tiny sheath or covering, and as the feather grows this covering is cast. The accumulation of these innumerable little pieces of silvery matter affords a harbour for red mite.

Although I have lost birds from diseases, I have never lost one from moulting sickness, and have had one of my Bullfinches 5½ years, and he was not a young bird then. He still sings, and when not moulting his plumage, like that of the others, is, to use a dealer's expression, like paint.

I would recommend all intending bird-keepers to make a special study of the habits and food of the bird they desire to keep; it is not enough to just buy a bird, put it in a cage, and feed it regularly and expect it to sing, as many people do, for they are sure to be disappointed. An understanding mind on the part of the owner will do much to ensure the happiness of his pet, and it will repay him by its beautiful appearance and song.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, Open Contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept 3. 18 birds sang: 1, T. Ward; 2, J. Chadwick; 3, Chippindale; 4, Condliffe; judges, Hardcastle, Ineson, Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet Singing contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, for quality, Sept. 3. 19 good birds sang for three prizes, given by the landlord, Mr. W. Crowther, who is home on furlough. Some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of a crowded house from far and near, a big price of £8 was bid for the winner, but it could not be bought. The birds were judged admirably: 1, 2, Pte. R. Smith; 3, Pte. W. Crowther. Judges, T. C. Summers and S. Butterfield. —T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Linnet Contest, Sept 3, very poor entry and poor singing; J. Norburn timer; W. Dooley, chalker: 1, Fishwick, 2min. 47sec; 2, Wright, 57sec.; 3, Norman, 38sec. In 4 min. time sing. Members please note last sing until further notice owing to moulting season.—J. Hardman, Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

BURNLEY O.S.

Anual F.F. show July 8, Star Inn; 34 entries. Mr. R. Braybrook (Briefield) judged, and seemed to give satisfaction. T. Lingard won cup with a splendid team of yellows; runner-up, Rushton. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, c, T. Lingard; 2, Eastwood. Buff: 1, Haigh; 2, 3, Rushton; vhc, J. Lingard; c, T. Lingard. Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, T. Lingard; 2, Eastwood; 3, Rushton. Buff: 1, Rushton; 2, 3, J. Lingard; vhc, c, Eastwood; hc, T. Lingard. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Conroy. Buff: 1, 2, Southworth. Brit.: 1, 3, vhc, c, Holden; 2, hc, Conroy.—J. Rushton, Sec.

CANARY SHOW IN TORONTO.

The National Canary Society of Toronto held their summer young bird show in Occident Hall, on Aug. 12, and the event was well patronised. Frank Beers had a great day out, winning no fewer than three firsts with his splendid Yorkshires. Other exhibitors staged grand teams. John W. Hinde placed the awards, which seemed to be well received, but some of the birds were not "fined down," and will probably be higher up later on. The officials all worked hard to make the show a success. Victor Barber, secretary, who was at the head of affairs, showed splendid results. The entry was the largest by far on record, and the quality very fine throughout. As usual, a good display of specials were offered, and exceptional quality was required to win, so keen was the competition.

Yorks., Cl. Buff: 1, Beers; 2, Seon; 3, Smillie. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, Beers; 3, Smillie. Cinnamon, Buff mkd.: 1, Beers; 2, Smillie; 3, Ritter. Yell.: 1, sp, Craigie; 2, Smillie; 3, Given. Green, Buff mkd.: 1, Smillie; 2, Craigie; 3, Mountford. Yell.: 1, Mountford; 2, Seon; 3, Steele. Self: 1, sp, Given; 2, Cottrell; 3, Beers. Nor., Cl. Buff: 1, Mountford. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, Ward; 3, Mountford. Buff mkd.: 1, sp, 3, Mountford; 2, Ward. Yell.: 1, sp, Ward. Self: 1, Ward. Rollers: All to Barber. Best Yorks.: A. Craigie. Best Nor.: A. V. Mountford. Best Roller: V. Barber.

Club Reports.

CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD.

Meeting, Aug. 26, Three Tuns, Eastwood, with a good attendance. Decided to hold our Annual Open Show as usual on Nov. 25. Sec. was instructed to write to Mr. Roe with regard to judging and report at next meeting. Classification and all arrangements will be made at the next meeting, Sept. 23, at Three Tuns, Eastwood, and all members are asked to attend.—Smith and Lees, Secs.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow).

Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Aug. 30, Mr. R. B. Cairns, chair, and a good turnout of members. Twenty specials won by members at First Feather Show were handed out, and the Sec. stated that the entry of 78 exhibits was a record for the club. Decided that admission tickets for Annual Show be 4d., including entertainment tax, and that prize cards as last year be used. Mr. Andrew Forman kiudly consented to see staging erected and taken down free of charge. Mr. Walter Connelly was elected show manager. Decided that no person be allowed inside barrier in hall during judging at Annual Show. A vote of appreciatiou was accorded to Mr. Walter Connelly for having taken 2nd prize in the Canary section with his paper on colour feeding Canaries in CAGE BIRDS' competition. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. Wm. McClymont for services rendered to the club, Mr. McClymont having left Glasgow to take up employment with the Duke of Portland at Wellbeck Abbey. The club's best wishes go with him.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 2, Mr. H. J. Mennard chair. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the advertised lecturer, Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury, the hon. sec. was called upon by the chairman to open a discussion on "Preparing for Exhibition" which was joined in by several members present, and no doubt caused plenty of interest and passed on a pleasant evening.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Sept 2, Griffin Hotel, Mr. F. Heaton, chair, and a good attendance. Arrangements for the Annual Show, Nov. 3, and 4 were completed, and the followiug have kindly consented to act as judges:—Mr. Tomlinson, Newcastle-under-Tyne; Mr. Roebuck, Wakefield; and Mr. Wareing, Tottington. There will be five classes: Champion young birds, novice young birds, champion any age, novice any age, and amateur. The large stock room of the Griffin Hotel has been secured and as the Control Board's meeting is to be held on the Saturday, it only remains for fanciers to give us a good entry to have a most successful show, and thereby give the association a good send off.—H. Best, Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TROUBLE WITH YOUNG (F. K.).—The rape seed of which you sent sample is undoubtedly the cause of the bowel trouble in your young Canaries It is not summer rape at all, but the hot, mustardy winter rape, and is totally unsuitable to form any part of the staple diet of young Canaries The hemp also is stale, but not so bad as to be really dangerous, though it is certainly risky. You should try to get a better sample of hemp, or it would be as well to use none at all, and discard this rape altogether, and get a sample of the small reddish-brown summer rape, which has a mild, nutty flavour when a little is chewed in the mouth. All the other seeds are of good quality. Having attended to these points, feed as follows, and the trouble should soon cease. Give plain canary seed only in the hopper as staple, and in addition to this give separately every second day a small teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on the alternate days give twice a week half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture, and on two other days give a small teaspoonful of egg food, or a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a few plantain stalks or the blooms of marigolds or nasturtiums daily for them to pick over instead of more succulent greenfood. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and after this give five drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

TO BRING ON SONG (Sam).—Strong, healthy young cocks of a singing breed, or strain, if they are ever going to be "worth salt" as singers do not need any special feeding to induce them to commence singing. If caged up separately as soon as the moult is finished that will do much more to bring them into song than any amount of extra feeding. If left together in groups, in flights, or aviaries, they have more to distract their attention, and will naturally be later coming into song, and some of them will not begin in real earnest before January or beginning of February. The following dietary is all that is really necessary. As staple give plain canary only, and give separately every second day about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, or if you fiud this too much trouble you may give a staple mixture of three parts, by measure, of canary to one part summer rape. Then make a mixture of two parts each of hemp and niger; one part each white millet and black rape; a half part each teazle and broken groats; a quarter part each of maw and gold of pleasure; and just a sprinkling of linseed and mustard. Give a small teaspoonful of this mixture to each bird twice a week, and on one or two other days, according to the condition of the birds, a similar quantity of egg food, or the equivalent in bread and milk. If the summer rape is given separately give the last named items on the alternate days, so that one or other of these extras will be going each day through the week. Give a little green salad, or sweet fruit when greenstuff is out of season, three times a week.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

LIGHT THROATED GREEN (W.H.H.).—You would probably gain nothing at all by colour feeding the bird you describe, and might lose much. It depends much upon the shade or tone of green, but in the great majority of cases greens are not improved by colour feeding in the ordinary sense, and it is not usual to so feed them. The best way of moulting the bird is to give it a variety of mixed seeds, and wild seeds, fruits and green food, and, if you can get them, a liberal supply of blooms of marigolds and nasturtiums, for it to nibble at whilst moulting will also be very beneficial. The seed mixture advised to "Sam" in this issue with the proportion of linseed increased to equal that of teazle will make a suitable moulting mixture for the purpose, to which you would add the items named above as opportunity occurred. As regards the class in which it would have to be shown, from your description it seems to be only eligible for a class for "greens," or one for "Self or Broken Greens," and in either case the light shading on the throat would tell against it more or less, according to the keenness of the competition.

A TRIO (T. Rogers).—(1) If you have the greenhouse you can provide ample shade from the sun when necessary, so that you can largely control the fluctuations of temperature which are apt to occur in these structures. I see no reason at all why it should not succeed as a bird house iu the way you have arranged it, and the fact that the birds did well in it through last winter and up till now supports this view. I do not think you need have any fear about the matter. (2) Yes, the young Yorkshire cocks bred this season will be quite all right for breeding with next season, and should be ready for mating in the ordinary course about the end of March or beginning of April: The same remark also applies to the hens. You should not, however, keep the cocks and hens together in the same cage through the winter. Each sex should be separate, but several birds of the same sex may be kept together in a large cage or aviary for the sake of the extra space for exercise. They should be kept separate now until ready for matiug next spring. Sorry I cannot mention any particular breeder to purchase from. You would find a list of the most prominent in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1916, and from these you would be able to make a choice. (3) If you wish to get an improved type of song I should certainly advise you to try the Roller-Yorks. cross, or vice versa, but if the style and type of bird is the thing you aim at, then the pure Yorkshire will be the correct thing for you.

BREEDING NEAR RAILWAY (D. R.).—There is no reason whatever why you should not breed Canaries because you live near a railway. The vibrations caused by passing trains would not be in the least degree harmful to the birds, nor to the young. The idea that the vibration is fatal to the young is mere moonshine. Lots of Canaries are bred actually within a few yards of the metals, and in situations where the vibrations are of a far worse character. Therefore, do not let that consideration deter you making the attempt.

THE ODD UNMATED BIRD (F. E. H.).—It is, of course, too late now to worry about an unmated bird upsetting the pairs that are mated. But to provide for another season I see no reason why your suggestion of mating the odd cock with hen mule should not succeed as far as it is possible to do so in preventing him disturbing the breeding hens by his frequent calling, as you must not lose sight of the fact that in certain cases a cock that is properly mated with a Canary hen will prove just as much of a disturbing element by calling to another hen of his own choice as a cock that is not mated at all. There is no harm in trying your suggestion, and I should be more surprised if it did not succeed than otherwise, and you could also, in all probability, utilise the hen mule so mated as a foster mother for any forsaken chicks. Under such conditions she would be most likely to adopt and rear them in fine style. If you did not mate the odd cock at all, and could arrange to keep him out of sight of the breeding pairs, it would be only in quite exceptional cases that his calling would be any disturbance to the other hens.

SUDDEN DEATHS (G. Hatton).—It is rather difficult to believe that young birds in perfect health would simply drop off the perch and die instantly. In such cases there is usually some insidious cause, not visible externally, at work before the climax comes about in this abrupt manner, and this is why it is rarely of any use to hazard a guess as to the cause of such deaths. It is quite possible for it to be due to an apoplectic seizure, to which birds are certainly liable, but nothing short of a proper post-mortem examination is of any real use in defining the actual cause of death. The canary seed of which you sent a sample is quite sweet and good, and of very good quality all round. If you lose another bird in this way, you should send the body at once to our post-mortem expert, Mr. Yates, with the proper fee as stated weekly in these columns.—(Editor.)

YOUNG BIRD PANTING (Want to Know).—I should imagine that a young bird hatched only in April last that is already in a bronchial condition, as yours seems to be, was either kept under very unsatisfactory conditions, or had inherited the tendency in a high degree from affected parents. In the latter case nothing is likely to be of much benefit to it, and it would be exceedingly unwise to allow it to perpetuate its kind any further. See that it is kept under bright and healthful conditions, free from cold direct draughts, an impure or dusty atmosphere, and do not allow it to hang in or very near a window, over burning lights in the evening, nor high up near the ceiling. In addition to the usual seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and then sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a morsel of greenfood or banana. In the drinking water every second day for a week, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. Only offer the bath twice a week, and on mild days.

BREEDING CROSSED SONGSTERS (Ditton).—(1) Yes, you can certainly build up a strain of good songsters by crossing Rollers and Norwich, and at the same time get a much better-looking bird than the pure Roller, but in the first few seasons you must be prepared for some deterioration of song, as in the crossbreds in the first two seasons at least the song will be of decidedly lower quality than the song of the pure Norwich. As the seasons pass there should be a regular and systematic improvement in the quality of song. If you get the 1916 issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL you will find this subject treated fully therein. and a method of

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procedure given which would be too lengthy to repeat here, but which you will find exactly applicable to your needs. One point that you must not overlook is that you should endeavour to use for stock birds both cocks and hens that come of the best singing strains of Norwich you can command, and always train the young exclusively each season under pure Roller cocks, until your stock has attained such perfection of song as you deem satisfactory. The building you purpose using should be quite satisfactory for the purpose, and if you take care to stock it with only birds that have been bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature, both Norwich and Rollers will thrive in it all the year round. (2) To make up three groups for breeding, including the birds you have available, I would recommend you to mate the 1915 cock with two of the 1916 crossed hens and two buff Roller hens, 1916 bred; then get a 1916 yellow Roller cock and mate with the two 1915 hens, and two of the 1916 crossed hens; and a buff Roller cock to mate with the remaining 1916 crossed hen and three 1916 yellow Roller hens. This will mean introducing two Roller cocks and five Roller hens to make up the three groups you wish to start with. (3) Yes, subject to conditions named in No. 1.

COLOUR FEEDING AND BREEDING (Forest Gate).—No, certainly not. Colour feeding the birds will not affect their breeding capabilities in the slightest degree, much less render them unfit for breeding. I suppose you are able to tell whether the birds you say are very pale are yellows or buffs. Buffs are always much paler-looking than yellows, and you cannot expect to change a buff into a yellow, but either type is materially improved by skilful colour feeding. You should get the brochure on "Colour Feeding," which our manager would send you for 2½d. post free.

FOOT TROUBLE (A. C.).—The chances are that callosities will eventually form under the feet and permanently weaken the grip of the toes more or less, in which case I know of no certain cure for the trouble, but I know a considerable improvement may be made even after the callosities are well developed by careful excision. But this is a case for a qualified veterinary, and should only be attempted by such a person, and it becomes a case of deciding whether the bird is worth placing in such hands for proper treatment. If the bird stands fairly well on the perch and the lack of grip is not very great it would probably only tell against him in strong competition, and the extent to which he would be penalised by it would, of course, depend very much upon the individual judge. To try to prevent the trouble going any further soak the feet well for a few minutes daily in warm water, in a saucerful, of which you have dissolved a small teaspoonful of boracic acid, then dry carefully, and anoint sparingly with Jeyes' veterinary ointment. See that the perches are made of quite soft white pine wood, nearly round in shape, and of such a thickness that the bird's toes would quite encircle them if gripped closely. Continue the bathing for a month if necessary, keep in the small perches for about three months, and then gradually revert to the ordinary sized perches.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING WITH BRITISH BIRDS (T. Rogers).—It would be waste of time to attempt breeding in your small aviary with more than one pair of birds, although it is large enough to keep half-a-dozen of one sex, just for pleasure and song. If you decide to attempt breeding, then you will find a pair of Greenfinches the most reliable. Procure young birds if you can, and keep them as tame and familiar as possible. If you do not care for the Greenbirds, try either Linnets or Goldfinches, but the latter are less likely to reward you for your trouble, although they have occasionally reared young in captivity. (2) In the spring fasten a good big bunch of twigs up in one corner of the cage (heather or gorse answers the purpose admirably, and keeps its foliage). In among the twigs place an old nest, if a Finch's so much the better, but failing that a Blackbird's or Thrush's. Supply plenty of moss and cowhair, and short lengths of grass stalks. After they have pulled the old nest nearly to pieces they generally start re-lining it, so be liberal with building materials.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (Bird Lover).—All crosses between different species are really Hybrids, although in the birdy world crosses between British birds and Canaries are usually called Mules, and crosses between two British birds are termed Hybrids. (2) It is impossible to say within a week or two how long Canaries will take to moult, so much depends upon the health of the birds and the climatic conditions, but giving a rough guess yours should be through about the middle of this month. (3) The colour in the droppings is caused by the colour food; perhaps you are giving it a shade too strong. No use overdoing it. (4) You will find one hen Greenfinch will be sufficient with other birds for your aviary. Keep the Goldfinch and Greenfinch together for a time before turning them in with the others. Greenfinch hens are pretty reliable. (5) If the birds take to each other, the Goldfinch should pair with her, but sometimes in an aviary when a hen calls, the nearest male bird answers the call, although she may not be his proper mate. It is one of those little matters over which you have no control. All you can do is to try to mate them as you wish by keeping them together for a time, and repeating it in the early spring. (6) Mules have been known to act as fostermothers, but they are not certain breeders. (7) I have never heard that colour feeding makes any difference to the fertility of birds, and I cannot see any reason why it should do so. (8) A brancher is a young bird that has left the nest, is feeding himself, but has not moulted.

SEEDS FOR GOLDFINCHES (British).—At this time of the year you should undoubtedly make good use of the number of wild seeds that can be collected in the open. All these should be given liberally to moulting Finches, and many can be collected for future use. The chief of these is the thistle. There are several kinds, but all are good, although the large heads naturally contain the most seeds, and these are large and plump. They should be gathered just as they are about to burst. After collecting, the secret is to see that they are properly dried and ripened. Lay them out thinly in a spare room or shed, and when dry put them back in a bag and shake well from end to end. The seed, being heavy, will naturally fall to the bottom. The refuse should be burnt. The supply of ordinary seed should be continued as usual and, if anything, should be rather richer during the moult. I was told the other day that wild seed was bad for Finches, but my informant was unable to give me any proof that it was so. I fear that if we listened to all these faddy ideas we should have no seeds left to feed our birds with. Maw seed I use, combined with niger; one part of the former to two parts of the latter. If put in with a variety of seeds it sinks to the bottom and gets lost. Our little Nutshell on the Goldfinch is certainly one of the best on the subject, and no Finch lover should be without it.

TO ASSIST THE MOULT (Anxious Boy).—There are many recipes for mixtures to assist birds through the moult, and the majority of them contain saffron. A very good one is the following: Sixpennyworth of saffron, one pint of best rum, 1 oz. of tincture of gentian. Put about 20 drops in the drinking water every other day, or mix a teaspoonful to ten spoonsful of egg food. If your birds are having soft food this is the better way to give it.

BLACKBIRD DOING BADLY (Jessie).—In the first place I would advise you to put your bird in a clean cage by himself, as you can attend to him so much better and keep his cage cleaner than when with another. It appears to me that there is something in the food you are giving him that does not quite suit him, although his partner may be apparently in good health, therefore I would advise you to make a complete change. Give him every morning a cube of stale bread soaked in hot milk, and after he has eaten that he can have his regular food which should be a portion of high grade insectile food (as used for Nightingales and Warblers). This should be made slightly moist with warm new milk. Later on when his motions are normal, you can mix scraped raw carrot or boiled potato with it. Dissolve as much Glauber salts as will cover a threepenny piece in two tablespoonsful of water and add to it three drops of syrup of rhubarb and give him this to drink for one day only, then repeat two days later, and follow this up with a small teaspoonful of chemical food in an oz. of boiled water for a week; then rest a few days and repeat. He should have a portion of ripe fruit occasionally and, of course, insects. Let him bathe on nice warm days, early in the morning, so that his cage is thoroughly dry before night. Keep his cage and perches thoroughly clean. He should now be going into the moult, so be careful to keep him out of any cold currents of air. Have you our little booklet on this bird? If not I would advise you to get a copy.

FINCHES WITH CANARIES (A.B.C.).—Almost any of the Finches or Buntings would live amicably with your Canaries, but as regards tameness Redpolls, Siskins, and Bullfinches would perhaps suit you best. Siskins become particularly familiar in quite a short time, but unfortunately you could scarcely trust them with your Canaries; if the latter went to nest, they would probably destroy the eggs. Redpolls are easily procured and quite easy to tame, and I should think would answer your purpose admirably, the same food that you give your Canaries would keep them in health. The Nutshell on the Canary is being reprinted.

KEEPING GREYPATES (Embryo).—If you are unable to get good sound hemp seed you had better not use hemp at all. Good hemp should be even in colour with the kernel quite full, plump, and white, and sweet to the taste. There is no doubt a great difficulty just now in procuring sound hemp, and even the new crop may be "mixed." If as you say you have plenty of sunflowers in your garden you should certainly make use of the seed. If you shell it a bit at first the birds quickly get the taste, and then if lightly cracked they can manage it themselves. (2) The thistle seed should be useful if it has been properly stored, although you had better feed the Greypates on this season's crop, while you are able to get it; it would be much more digestible than dried seeds, and therefore better for young birds. Feed on these natural wild seeds as much as possible, while you are able to get them, there is no better food. (3) Finches will occasionally eat mealworms, maggots, and small caterpillars, and they are certainly good for them. Mealworms should be squeezed so that the bird can get at the interior without taking the hard skin. (5) As a rule Goldfinch cocks live amicably together. Of course they have their little differences, but nothing to hurt. You must give them grit of some kind. The reason why Siberians must be given it with caution is because they have been kept without it so long, that they take too much if it is freely offered. I fancy the want of grit on the journey has something to do with the great mortality among them when they arrive here.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

SAFFRON FINCH STUCK IN THE MOULT (S. W. B.).—(1) There is not a great deal to do in such case, and except as a last resort I am not a great believer in catching up Finch-like birds and forcibly administering drugs; it causes so much terror and palpitation, except in very tame birds that it almost does more harm than good. Moreover, I think your bird will come quite right by the use of quite ordinary means. Bring its cage into the warmest room you have, put a cover over it at night, and keep it there till it is in condition again. Once a week put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water, and twice or thrice weekly lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. In addition to seed give greenfood twice daily, and also several insects (mealworms, spiders, beetles, etc.); also give a small piece of sponge cake daily, soaked with hot milk and dusted with flour of sulphur. As soon as it is in condition again it must gradually be accustomed to a lower temperature, and finally returned to its usual quarters. (2) There is not much to be done in the case of the Bishop with a stiff toe; left to itself I expect the toe will ulimately drop off. If this is a tame bird, and does not greatly resent catching, then twice a week soak this toe in hot water and after wiping off surplus water paint it with whisky. Do not allow the claw of the stiff toe to become overgrown.

TAMING LOVEBIRDS (E. L. S.).—I am rather at a disadvantage in seeking to give you an answer, as you do not state what kind of Lovebirds they are. I strongly suspect you have a pair of Budgerigars, and I am answering your query on this assumption; if they are not Budgies, you must repeat your query stating what kind they are. In addition to canary and millet, give a millet spray, renewing it whenever it is picked clean; also the flowering and seeding heads of grass, and a tender leaf of lettuce, one of the inner bleached leaves for preference. Grit, water, and cuttlebone must be continuously in the cage. As a change a tablespoonful of kibbled oats or groats may be given them once or twice a week. They would do in a box breeding cage, but one more roomy would be better. They require no nesting material, but will fashion out the interior of the coco-nut husk to their own liking and deposit their eggs therein. As regards taming, this does not come about so easily as with other birds, but gentleness and kindness whenever near them will win their confidence ultimately. Tastes of individual birds vary, but I think you will find the things they will be most eager for, out of their simple menu, will be flowering and seeding heads of grass, and a bit of millet spray, and you must use these as tit-bits. They are not either great bathers or drinkers, but water must always be there—they prefer to take their bath by rolling on a sod of wet grass.

A FEATHER PULLER (Novice).—When a bird becomes confirmed in this habit or vice, too often there is no cure, and as yours is a case of some standing you will need to persevere with palliatives in the hope of ultimate success. Too often a bird takes to feather pulling from sheer ennui and a Parrot, once it is fairly tame, should be kept where it can share in the daily life of the family, and usually there is then little inclination to feather pulling. Again a disordered system, too frequently caused by improper treatment, sets up skin irritation and consequent feather pulling. The normal dietary of a Grey Parrot should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, a little greenfood, and such extras as various shelled nuts, dry biscuit, plain cake, crusts of bread, piece of raw carrot. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must be continually in the cage. Aim at keeping a bird employed, a chunk of wood on cage bottom, and another piece dangling from the end of a chain from the cage top will supply a Parrot with occupation and healthy exercise. Put the bird on a course of magnesia and chemical food for a couple of months, and there should be some improvement if a cure is probable. Give the bird every fourth day one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Spray it once a week with a tepid solution of quassia. You can procure the latter in essence form.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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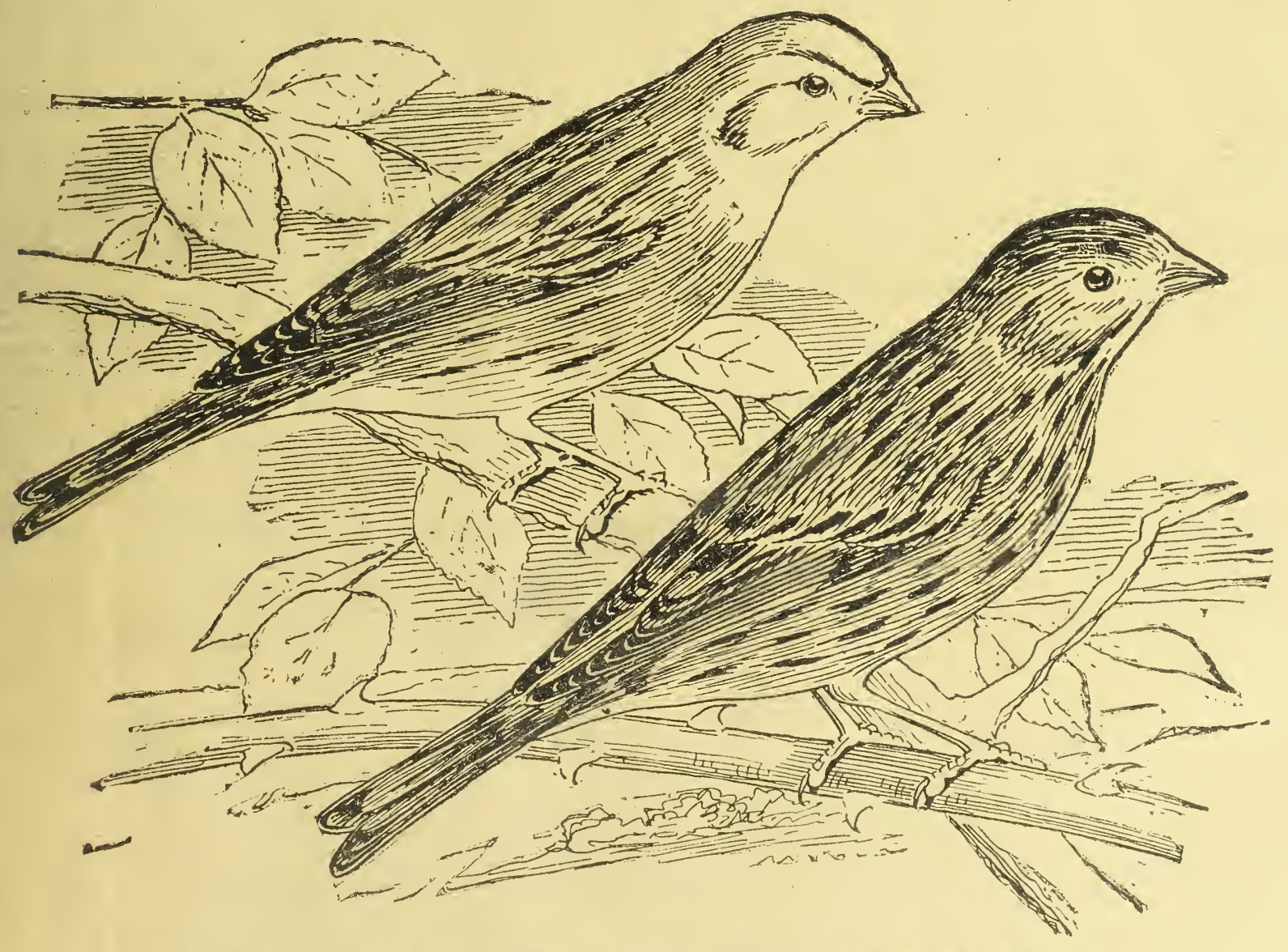
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Club Reports.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Special meeting Sept. 7. Mr. T. Stuthard presided over very good attendance. Decided to hold open show Oct. 14. Six champion and four amateur Norwich classes. Fanciers' support solicited.—Jas. Stuthard, hon. sec., 5, Hollins Lane, Accrington.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High-st., Sept. 7, Mr. Charlton, presided over a fair attendance. A report of the F.S. Show was gone into, and showed a balance which was quite satisfactory. Leith O.S. offer of staging for Annual Show was accepted. Next meeting, Oct. 5.—A. Bell; Sec.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND YORKS. C.C.

Meeting Sept. 6; a good number present, Mr. J. Nixon chair. It was resolved to offer the club's patronage to four shows for members and also for cup competition for best young bird bred 1916 belonging to members of the club.—J. S. Head, hon. sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

Meeting Sept. 4, Deansgate Hotel, with a good attendance, and Mr. J. Raynes chair. A good classification was drawn up for Oct. show, also a good scheme to avoid any cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Mr. B. Clegg was elected as one of the judges. At next meeting, Deansgate Hotel, Sept. 18, Specials will be allotted. If fanciers, members or not, would like to give us a donation or a Special, the same will be greatly appreciated. —J. Green, Hon. Sec.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, Mason's Arms, Sept. 9, Mr. Wm. H. Nelson, chair. A letter of apology was read from Mr. A. Jardine, President. Sec. intimated that he had secured the Masonic Hall for show, Oct. 14, and it was agreed to again get bills and prize cards from Leith. After some discussion it was agreed to again give every penny taken at the door to local lads' comfort fund. Medals were next considered, and the same medal as last year found favour. 12 Specials were promised from those present. Vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting Club Hall, Sept. 9, Mr. W. Marsh chair. Again members turned up badly, only six being present. Decided to hold our annual members' show in November on the best vacant date suitable. Sec. was instructed to gather in specials and donations. Members are asked to try and get as many specials as possible and not leave it all to one or two. Schedule of 20 classes was drawn up. Entry 1s. per cage and full prize money on seven entries. Prizes 6s., 4s., 2s. Next meeting, Oct. 21 at 6.30. All members please attend and try to make our show a success. Anyone within a four mile radius wishing to become a member should attend or send sub. to me. If they do so by our next meeting they will be able to compete at annual show. Subs. due.—W. H. Christer, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 6. Show arrangements the chief item. Decided to have two extra classes for Borders, also a class for dark and light Hybrids, but to cut down Foreign classes to two, large and small. It was also decided, on account of so many members being in H.M. Forces to have members' classes on sliding scale with the addition of specials, and a few extra classes were added. Also decided to fix Sunday preceding show as last date for receiving entries, no extension whatever (other societies please note). Many members have promised specials, and it is to be hoped that all others will do likewise. A few members dip into their pockets every time, and never a grumble, while a few never help at all. Will those members help at this time when outside specials are difficult to obtain.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting 7th Sept., Mr. Jones presiding. Judging by the turn-up it seemed as if all the members had joined the Army or must have been otherwise engaged. It was a poor audience, and surely Mr. Walsh deserved better support. He is an authority on British birds, and dealt with his subject in a masterly way. He is always willing to help a fancier with his advice. Several British fanciers were present, and were highly pleased with his remarks. Mr. Walsh made some important suggestions with regard to the British classes, which have already had the Committee's attention, and something will be done in the near future to carry them out. Several questions were asked, and Mr. Walsh readily replied. Will members let the sec. have ticket money for the N.F.S. Next meeting is a table show, and it is hoped members will do their best to create some interest in the Society.—E. Sisson, assist. sec.

STANLEY EMPIRE F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting Aug. 23, R. Peart chair and a good turn-up of members. We have made up a schedule of 48 classes, so I expect all members will send plenty of entries to give the judges plenty of work and make the show a bigger success than ever we have had.—Robt. Hutchinson, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Meeting Sept. 7, Mr. Hazel chair. Mr. Robson gave his lecture on the general management of Canaries, to the satisfaction of all present, the lecture being a special item for new members covering room, cages, stock, feeding, and moulting. Very few questions were asked, which proves the success attained. Mr. Robson was thanked, and replied. New member elected, and a good evening came to a close.—Geo. H. Maclellan, hon. sec.

N.W. GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, Napiershall-street, Aug. 29, Mr. W. Loan, vice-president, presiding over a fair attendance. Decided to have same classification for annual show as last year, with the exception of the pairs and stock classes. Members and friends, please note that at our next meeting, Sept. 26, a washing exhibition by Mr. A. Crawford will take place, when a full attendance is expected.—P. Houston, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End).

Meeting, Blue Bell Inn, Shield-fd., Mr. Geo. Mac Partling chair. Mr. R. Henderson was proposed a member. Agreed to hold a one day show this year on the original Saturday, Nov. 25, and that Novice Classes be done away with for this year. Part of the other classification was gone into; the rest of the classes will be considered at next meeting. I have not the same facilities as our late sec. for seeing and visiting members, so I will be very pleased if members will forward their subs. to my address, 109, Bk. Heaton Park Road.—Ed. Coltman, Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting held Llwyncelyn Hotel. Members turned up well to make final arrangements re schedule and judges. Mr. S. J. Nicholas (Swansea) has accepted the appointment to judge British and Mules, and we are awaiting replies from others. Messrs. Hollingshead and Edwards kindly promised to guarantee the classes for Clear Yorks. at our open show, Dec. 14, and a few other fanciers are going to give their best help in the same way. Mr. Legg has offered a good special for the best Norwich, and several other specials have been promised. Mr. Legg will give a diploma of merit for the runner up to the 2nd best Norwich. I would like to make an appeal to all members to turn up at every meeting at 7 sharp, so as to give our members who work nights good time to get home. Will those who wish to become members turn up at the Llwyncelyn Hotel, Porth, any Thursday evening?—A. H. C. Legg, assist. sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S

Meeting, Baker's Restaurant, Crane Street, Sept. 9. Mr. D. R. Smith presiding. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. J. Watkins, one of our members whose brother, Sergt. Major Watkins, 6th S.W.B., was killed in action in France. The question of allocation of charity created a good discussion, it being ultimately resolved to devote the profits for the Old Age Pensioners. Mr. Lapping was appointed to see if we could obtain St. James' Hall for our show. Classification for open show was then completed as follows:—Norwich, 11 classes; Yorks., 11; Bord., 3; Brit., 4; Sell., 2; A.V., 1; Mules, 1; Hybrid, 1. Several classes were guaranteed, and many Specials promised. If any fancier would like to guarantee a class, we shall be delighted for them to select the same. Decided to pay full prize-money on 9 entries. Messrs. Wm. Brown, S. Waters and F. Hill, were enrolled members, and we still hope for more.—W. D. Lewis.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting, Sept. 5, at Headquarters, Mr. T. Dawn presided over a good attendance. The business was the open show schedule which was soon settled, and is a great improvement on last year's in valuable attractions. Two classes for yellows were added in Crests, and there was great enthusiasm when a member offered a silver trophy, for best unflighted, to be won three years, the winner also receiving a gold medal, and the runner-up a silver one. Yorkshires are specially catered for, as in addition to the 17 guinea rose bowl, 42ozs. solid silver, for the best unflighted, Dr. Craig offered a silver trophy for exhibitors outside Yorkshire, to be won three years, the winner receiving a gold medal, second and third, silver and bronze medals, respectively. Tickets were ready and two members guaranteed to sell 400 each, and two hundred more were soon taken up, so that the outlook is really cheerful in spite of the gloom which prevails. Schedules will be ready next month, and enquiries for same will receive prompt attention.—E. C. Job, Sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Special meeting Sept. 9, Little's Cafe, Dalton Road, with a large turn-out of members. Schedule for Red Cross show, Nov. 3 and 4, was finally fixed, and with such a classification we should have a rare turn-out of exhibitors. Our Committee and members are very anxious to make a big show for such a noble object, and in view of the same they have guaranteed many classes. We are scheduling 7 champion Yorks. classes and 7 novice, 7 champion Norwich, 5 nov., and 3 Cinn., 13 British, 17 champion Borders and 7 nov., and a selling class. There are twenty-seven classes with guaranteed full prize money. Surely, with a schedule like this, there should be a record show at Barrow, also the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C. should help materially. A very busy evening finished with the presentation of cup and medals won at the N.F. show. The presentation was conducted by the sec., who first called on Mr. G. Large, the President of the Society, and congratulated him on again securing the cup and gold medal for the Border section. Mr. Large, in reply, said it had been his pleasure to win the Border cup nine years ago, and he hoped it would not be so long before he would win it again. Sec. then congratulated Mr. J. Higgin on winning the challenge cup and gold medal with a Yorkshire. Mr. Higgin said he was out for doing his best in the future to win the cherished trophy as soon as possible. Then came Mr. Marello, who won the gold-centred medal given by Mr. Wilson for the British section, and the sec., in outlining this section, said he was very grateful to see that in the past two or three years the British section had become one of the keenest, and had improved to the extent that it demanded a specialist judge to do it justice. Mr. Marello stated his pleasure in securing the medal, but was sorry to say he had had the misfortune to have a visit from a cat, which got into his aviary and killed his 1st and 2nd Linnets, two Goldies, Brambles and Chaffinches. I am sure we all feel sorry at his loss, as they were birds that could stand their own in the keenest of competition.—D. McFarlane, hon. sec.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BLACKSTART OR BLACK REDSTART?

Sir,—I thought that we had heard the last of the Blackstart controversy. I seemed to discern in Mr Astley's recent letter an attempt to disarm criticism by his reference to his editorial mistakes, and, in view of this and of the fact the subject was not of general interest, I decided to meet him half-way and laid aside my pen. I now see that I was mistaken, and that Mr. Astley did not wish the subject to drop. As there was nothing on the subject of nomenclature in his article which had not already appeared in the Avicultural Magazine, either in my own article on this species, or in his own subsequent remarks, I could not understand, when it appeared in the magazine, why he had written it, and in particular I could not understand the paragraphs relating to bird shows and to the "fluting of the Blackbird," etc., but I now understand that it was written for the gallery.

Well, I will not make the same mistake again. This time I will see the controversy through, so that afterwards we can give the subject the long rest which it deserves. Mr. Astley commences his article by a description of the species, and he at once shows us that he does not know the appearance of the bird with regard to which he essays to instruct us, for he describes the two central feathers of the tail as black. It is a singular coincidence that long ago Professor Newton thought he would show how clever he was, and how stupid a well-known writer, who had dared to use the abbreviation "Blackstart" was, by suggesting that the aforesaid writer could not know that the tail of the Blackstart was "as red as that of the Redstart" (or words to that effect. I quote from memory). Like Mr. Astley he came to grief badly, and over the tail; for, of course, the central tail-feathers of this species are brown.

Then we have the old, old argument that "Blackstart means blacktail," to which I will merely reply that, though the derivation of any name is always interesting, from any other point of view it does not matter twopence to us to-day what a word meant in Saxon times. A name is only a mark or sign to denote an object or an idea, and the chief test of the suitability of a name is whether it will be clearly understood by all. To-day the word "Blackstart" means a Black Redstart and nothing else.

"Blackstart" is, of course, simply Blackstart, and those who reproduce the above ancient argument are on the horns of a dilemma; if they say that the word "black," in the name "Black Redstart," refers to the body of the bird and not to the tail, then it must also refer to the body colour in the name "Blaekstart." If, on the other hand, they say it refers to the tail, then the name "Blaek Redstart" is itself wrong and misleading.

Perhaps the most amusing of Mr. Astley's arguments is that "Black Redstart" must be correct because it is the only name used in all "standard books." At one time all standard books stated that the sun revolved round the earth, and that all swans were white. But they were wrong! Let us, however, apply Mr. Astley's test to the name Blackstart. If the readers of this esteemed publication were asked what they considered to be the "standard book" on British birds, probably nine out of ten would reply "Morris's British Birds." Let us open this beautiful and well-known work and what do we find? The article on this species is headed by the title "Blackstart," and this name is used throughout! The Rev. Orpen Morris held a university degree, he was a writer of literary taste, and the author of many standard works. I think we may say without fear of giving offence, that his opinion was as valuable as that of a "country-squire."

Now Mr. Astley has told us that it is very important to be absolutely accurate with regard to nomenclature; that it is "quite as easy to be correct as the contrary," and that he always "chooses the former;" so perhaps he will permit me to call his attention to one or two small matters. I notice that he appends the scientific name of Phœnicurus titys to the Blackstart. No doubt he has seen this in some "standard book," but he does not seem to be aware that those who desire to be accurate cannot possibly use the name. In the first place "titys" is neither Greek nor Latin, nor has it any meaning whatsoever; it was in fact a literary blunder on the part of Linnæus. Secondly, the bird Linnæus described was not a Blackstart at all, but an old hen Redstart; it is indeed doubtful whether the celebrated Swedish naturalist ever saw the former species in the whole course of his life.

I was also pained to come across in his article the meaningless phrase an "insectivorous mixture." What shall be said of an Editor, who loses a contributor because he is irritated by the use of the word Blackstart, and yet himself talks about an "insectivorous mixture"? In another contribution of Mr. Astley's to the September number of his publication I was also surprised to read the expressions "don't think" and "caught him a whack." I am sure that Mr. Astley will, on due reflection, realise that both these phrases are "worse than a mistake; they are common," and I have no hesitation in saying that the last is not English. You can catch a bird, and you may possibly catch a whack (though I am a little doubtful on this point), but it is clearly impossible to catch a bird a whack.

I have alluded to certain mistakes, but we can all make mistakes. My last comment on this article is far more important. Here we have a bird-lover (!) who confesses that he removed five helpless young Black Redstarts from a nest and fed them on raw meat! As Mr. Astley himself describes this as brutal, I need add nothing. He excuses himself on the ground that he was young then; but is he any older now? He has told us that he is naturally more interested in "rarities," and no one knows better than Mr. Astley that the reason that most "rarities" are so rare and so expensive in that their lives in captivity cannot possibly be long. He also knows that I have laboured very earnestly for the past nine years to persuade aviculturists that to spend time and money in dragging over lands and seas these unfortunate little birds is unworthy of avieulture, and does our reputation much harm; also to convince them that the hardy and common birds are generally infinitely more interesting. What I have done in this direction is but very little, not a fraction of what I hoped to do, because I have had to face considerable opposition and have nearly always had to fight alone. Still, I have been able to do something, and the time will come when avienlture will be a cleaner, better thing. I am inclined to think that after the war we shall hear very little of the rarity-hunter, and not much of moated houses.

W. R. Teschemaker.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

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Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

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Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. —**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

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Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Wales.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 68, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) G.F.P., E.H.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

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Twitterings.

Mr. L. Hughes, Penygraig, is down to judge the Mid-Rhondda show Dec. 7. A good classification, and numerous valuable specials will be offered for open competition.

At the bird washing competition of the Hampstead, Highgate C.B.S., Sept. 18, Mr. W. Shakespeare will officiate in the unavoidable absence of Driver W. Knight, R.F.A., writes Mr. F. C. Knight, hon. sec.

I have removed to 26, Penybont Road, Abertillery, writes Mr. A. E. Moule, secretaries kindly note. My outside birdroom at 32, Alma Street, will remain for some time, so any fanciers desiring to see my birds must do so by appointment, which will be quite a pleasure. I have had a fairly good season, breeding over fifty from eight pairs, and some very decent ones amongst them.

Our Weekly Prize for a Letter

IT is pleasant to have again to record the fine response of our readers in so freely giving their experiences for the benefit of others who have yet to learn. Although we have allowed three pages this week for the letters, we have still on hand some exceedingly interesting contributions, all of which will appear in due course. The volume of correspondence has been been so great that we have had to hold over until next week all the letters on "The Pros and Cons of In-breeding," but we hope to be able to return to the subject next week.

The awarding of the prize for the best letter, when all are so uniformly good, is not at all an easy task, but after much consideration we have decided that it shall go this week to Mr. T. Johnson, 111, Heysham Road, Southport, for his informative letter entitled "How to use a three-compartment breeding-cage.

If we might offer a mild criticism, it would be to say that some of the letters are just a bit over long; in fact, they partake more of the nature of an article than a letter. Some of the communications have had to be materially shortened, but we hope that in doing this we have not sacrificed any of their usefulness.

So long as the venture meets with the support which up to now has been given we shall continue to offer the prize of ten shillings weekly. Readers who have ideas to communicate but who do not wish to enter into competition may endorse their letters accordingly, or may have their contributions inserted over initials or a nom-de-plume. No prize will be awarded to a letter unless we are able to publish the proper name and address of the writer.

Sixty-seven classes have been arranged for the Red Cross Show at Barrow-in-Furness, Nov. 3, 4. The British section has 13 classes, and the committee and members are so enthusiastic in their efforts to ensure success that in 27 of the 67 classes in the show full prize money is guaranteed irrespective of entry.

I was very pleasantly surprised, writes Mr. G. A. Harris, to see my yellow cock portrayed in your last issue, and I must congratulate your artist on the really excellent likeness he has secured. The bird has only been out seven times, and has won first on four occasions and second twice. It has twice secured silver medals for best Norwich in show. Very best wishes for the success of "C.B."

The fanciers of the Aberavon, Port Talbot F.A., have decided to hold their first annual show on Nov. 25, writes Mr. P. H. Morris, sec., 20, Arthur St., Aberavon. A very strong committee are determined to carry out same to a successful issue, and they have decided to devote the surplus towards a charitable institution in the town. I would be pleased if any fancier or club would be good enough to guarantee a class. Fanciers of the district will be welcomed at the next meeting at Headquarters, Hong Kong Hotel, Sept 16, at 6.30.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

"The lovely picture of my hen Lizard just arrived. I can hardly express the pleasure the drawing gives me, it is so beautifully done; it is going to be framed and placed by her championship diploma. It is very nice to be able to buy such a charming original, and I should be sorry for anyone who values their birds and who does not accept your kind offer when they get the luck. I can only say I hope I may have another chance with a very handsome Long-tailed Starling 1st prize winner, only time shown last year, and other birds."—(MARGARET BURGESS, Bristol).

Accrington C.B.S. will hold an open show on Oct. 14. There will be six Champion Norwich classes and four amateur. The hon. sec., who will be pleased to forward schedules on application, is Mr. J. Stuthard, 5, Hollins Lane, Accrington.

"British Birds" for September, Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, contains a further long instalment of "Some Breeding-Habits of the Sparrow-Hawk" by J. H. Owen. Three obituary notices and the usual interesting "Notes" complete the issue.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. A. Wright, hon. sec. Coventry Godiva C.B.S., 42 hon. members, and one ordinary member were enrolled and subscriptions paid for one year; I wonder if this is a record. We are making great efforts to interest the public in our fancy here, and I am hoping for a lot more members yet. It was decided to give an exhibition in the collier village of Binley, on Oct. 21, so as to spread out a little interest in the fancy there.

The Cat Nuisance Again.

Mr. F. Marello (Marello and Son), of Barrow-in-Furness, has had the misfortune to lose several of his prize winning British birds as a result of the visit of a marauding cat to his bird-room.

A New Reader Likes "Cage Birds."

I have only just started in the Fancy and have purchased the last nine editions of your paper, writes Mr. Lewis H. Bennett (Plymouth), and I have obtained quite a lot of information already for next season.

Now Then, Newcastle Fanciers.

A meeting of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. will be held at Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Sept. 21, at 7.30 prompt, to elect a new secretary and also to decide if we are to have a show or not, writes Mr. W. Espie, Chairman. Past and present members are requested to attend and see if an effort can be made to bring this society back to its former position.

Red Cross Show at Blaenavon.

We have decided to run our Open Show in aid of the Red Cross Society, writes Mr. G. Broome, Sec., Blaenavon C.B.S., 82, King-st.

We have put on six Border Fancy Classes, and the prize-money for same has been guaranteed by some members of the society. I hope Border fanciers will make a note of this and give us a bumping entry. Schedules ready shortly.—Apply to the Sec.

A Useful Hen.

This year I have been very successful, having bred 23 youngsters, writes Miss F. Shaw. One hen laid 19 eggs and reared 15 birds, and also fed one youngster of another clutch. The other hen has reared seven. I have only the two pairs of breeders, so I am well pleased with the results. They have all been reared in box cages. Cage bird-keeping is a very nice hobby, and it is well worth anyone's interest and patience to try again if they don't succeed the first year.

French Society for the Protection of Birds.

A new society, to be known as the French League for the Protection of Birds, has been instituted by the French National Acclimatation Society. The chief objects are the conservation and propagation of all useful birds, and their protection from destruction or injury. There has been for several years a movement in France in favour of the better protection of birds, espesially of insectivorous species.

What Happens to Rare Birds.

A Mr. J. Whitaker, of Rainworth, who is said to have "a most remarkable and extensive collection of Albino and other colour-varieties of birds," writes to the contributor of "Nature Notes and Queries" to the "Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser," that he got last week a half-grown pure White Blackbird, a cream-coloured Robin with a red breast, a dun-coloured Blackbird, and a mottled Starling. The "most remarkable collection," etc., is thereby made more remarkable, but the country-side is the poorer.

The Wagtail's Narrow Escape.

My wife and I, writes a correspondent to "Country Life," were sitting in our drawing-room at tea one afternoon last month. Opposite where we sat was a long bay-window, the sash at one end being wide open. The window faced a large lawn, the happy hunting ground of many varieties of small birds. Suddenly there was the sound of a rush of wings. In through the open window at tremendous speed came a water Wagtail closely followed by a Hawk. Both came to the floor at the opposite end of the window through which they had entered. The Wagtail was up in a moment; it doubled back, flew out of the open window and was gone. The Hawk made for the nearest sash, which was closed. As he struggled to climb up the glass my wife picked up a light coat and threw it over him. We then opened the window and let him go. The bird was evidently a male Sparrow-Hawk. It was right on top of the Wagtail as both entered the open window; the latter, but for the loss of a few feathers, escaped uninjured.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

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J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Lia. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

C. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Fine Trophies for Yorkshire Canaries.

At the forthcoming open show of the Sheffield O.S., Nov. 3, 4, besides the silver rose bowl, a massive trophy weighing 42ozs., for Yorkshires, there will be a silver trophy given by Dr. Craig, for the best Yorkshire Canary from outside the county of Yorkshire, with a gold medal for the winner, and silver and bronze medals for 2nd and 3rd.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of regret, writes Mr. R. Hutchinson, West Stanley, that I have to inform you of the great loss that has befallen one of our members, Mr. J. Teasdale. He has had the misfortune to lose his only daughter, who was accidently killed by a motor wagon on Sept. 9. Mr. Teasdale has been wounded in France, and was on his last day of leave before returning to the Front when this terrible blow happened. I am suro that all fanciers will join me in extending their greatest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Teasdale in their great trouble.

"Cage Birds" Roll of Honour.

SIR,—It is with sorrow that I inform you of the grievous loss which has befallen the well-known Crest breeder, Mr. Alex. MacFadyean, of Lanark. His son, Private J. C. MacFadyean, Black Watch, who had won the Military Medal for gallantry, has been killed in action. Only a few days before the sad event, his Colonel had presented him with the Ribbon of the Medal. I am sure that all members of the Scottish Crest Club and fanciers in general will extend sympathy to Mr. Alex. MacFadyean in the loss of his gallant son.

J. WATSON.

Thank you for the splendid picture of my hen clear-cap Lizard which a long illness has prevented me from acknowledging earlier, writes Mrs. Burgess. This hen won every time shown last year; in all 12 prizes and specials. She won 1st Glasgow Red Cross show and the open A.O.V. championship diploma. She was bred by Mr. J. Rukin, of Rawtenstall, and I have bred several young from her this year, one young cock looks ready for a place of honour, like father and mother. The father is a broken silver cock, novice champion Lancs and Lizard show 1915 and 1916. I am an invalid in bed still with heart trouble and my birds have been such a hobby and pleasure to me, also CAGE BIRDS, which I look out for weekly, and find it such help and pleasure.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 609.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, which will embrace the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity. The housing, feeding, general management, diseases, breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally, the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

WHILE on the subject of hand-rearing, it may be mentioned that most British birds require a few ants' eggs with the egg food for the first week, after which a little insectivorous food can be supplied in addition.

Although every effort ought to be made to make this food daily when there are young, there are a few lazy souls who prefer some form of food that can be quickly mixed. In giving a substitute for egg food, I am not pandering to their lethargic temperaments; but, as the food about to be described is an excellent one to have always at disposal for feeding up an ailing bird, or as a change to the more fastidious, it is better to mention it here.

A Substitute for Egg Food.

It will undoubtedly rear young birds, and is cheaper where there are numbers to feed; but I think all experienced aviculturists will agree that the freshly-made egg and bread food is infinitely superior. In any case, it is better to avoid advertised foods for the purpose, and, if accidents happen the question of food can quickly be eliminated. Unfortunately I cannot give the name of the inventor, but I can vouch for its excellency.

Procure a quantity of whole wheat flour and make into a stiff dough with fresh eggs previously beaten up. Add a little fine sugar and bake for three hours. It will be found that six to eight eggs are necessary for each pound of meal. On removal from the oven it should be allowed to cool and then grated to a fine powder, which can be stored in bottles tightly corked, where it will keep for years. When used, water or milk is necessary to moisten it.

All sorts of foods are recommended for Softbills, and it would be impossible to enumerate them all here, so a few useful stock mixtures which can be modified according to the taste of the reader will have to suffice.

For the large and hardier varieties, soaked dog-biscuits, barley-meal, and oatmeal all serve as a basis, but some insectivorous food must always be added, and a supply of tit-bits kept up. The following formula will serve for large Softbills: Fine chicken meal five parts, fine crissel one part; ants' eggs one part, silkworm pupæ half-part, grated dry liver one part, grocers' currants, a few.

Dried flies are extensively used, but it is open to doubt whether the evil-smelling variety on the market has the least nutritive value. I have therefore substituted dried liver. This is easily prepared by boiling it quite hard, allowing to cool, and grating finely.

For the smaller and more delicate birds the insectivorous element in the food must be increased. The egg bread mentioned is the same as described previously: Powdered egg bread, powdered biscuit, ants' eggs, and silkworm pupæ 1 part each, fine crissel quarter-part, grocers' currants half-part.

These two formulæ will illustrate the type of foods employed in ministering to the wants of this class of birds; but, of course, birds such as a Starling or a Crow, which have voracious appetites, can be fed much more cheaply. If they are in a state of comparative liberty with one wing clipped, they will supply the insectivorous element themselves.

Where birds are intended for show purposes every effort ought to be made to let them have the very best food procurable, as it is a great mistake to economise in the question of food where a bird may carry off a trophy if shown in good condition.

Although insectivorous food is necessarily an expense to the majority of bird-keepers, green food, on the contrary, can usually be obtained for nothing, and this is fortunate considering its great importance.

Some Useful Green Foods.

Mention has been made elsewhere of the value of dandelion leaves in getting birds into breeding condition. They should be taken just as they appear through the earth, when they are very tender and full of sap, and are generally prized by all birds.

Next in importance is groundsel, the seeding heads of which are greedily eaten. Chickweed, watercress, lettuce, and shepherd's purse are all examples of a milder type of green food, and all should be employed in turn.

Green food should be supplied daily all the year round. In winter, when it is scarce out-of-doors, boxes should be sown with seeds, such as rape, and when the young seedlings appear they will be thoroughly enjoyed. Germinating seed, as mentioned later in the chapter on "The Breeding of Birds," also affords a useful method of circumventing the green food difficulty in winter.

Fruit as an article of diet is almost a necessity. Birds, such as our smaller Warblers, and many foreign species, will live almost entirely on it. For these it should be ripe but not decayed, although birds like the Blackbird and Thrush seem to prefer it in the latter condition.

Many Fruits; all Good.

Perhaps the most valuable food is the apple. Most birds will partake of it, and it is excellent as a means of keeping them in health. Bananas, pears, greengages, plums, strawberries, raspberries, and wild berries, such as the privet and mountain ash, are all easily obtainable and usually appreciated.

Vegetables, such as boiled carrot and parsnip, are often given to the larger Softbills, and are a useful help when liked by the birds themselves. In like manner, boiled potato and grated carrot, either raw or boiled, are two commonly-used methods of mixing the food.

Grasses, flowering and in seed, are an important item in the feeding of many foreign birds, Budgerigars especially being very fond of them, but many British birds also will freely partake of the seeds.

Colour Feeding British Birds.

In this chapter one must also discuss colour-feeding. In colouring birds, such as Canaries, it is admissible, but in dealing with British birds I should like to record my humble protest against its indiscriminate use. A colour-fed Greenfinch, for example, is a travesty on Nature, and does away with the fundamental purpose of colour-feeding, namely, to enhance colour, and not to change it to another of a very inferior type.

The value of colour-feeding in British birds is demonstrated in the Blackbird. Here, if it is resorted to *after* the moult, it greatly improves the natural colour of the eye orb and beak, although, if employed during this period a uniform rusty black plumage would be the result. If an abundance of seeds rich in colouring matter be supplied during the moult, there will be no reason to colour-feed British birds to any great extent.

How to Use Colour Food.

Where, however, it is decided to employ this method of enhancing the natural colour, e.g., in Canaries, it must be commenced a little in advance of the moult. It is when the new feathers are forming that they are most easily impregnated with the colouring matter, so that in the first week of July colour-feeding should be commenced.

It should be given twice a week to start with, giving only one-half the full dose, gradually increasing the quantity and frequency until the feathers begin dropping out, when it forms part of the daily egg food.

All shades of colouring can be obtained by varying the quantity, but three parts of egg-food to one part of colour-food will serve as a guide as to an average amount necessary. For those who wish to make their own colour-food, the following formula is the one in general use: Tasteless red pepper four parts, soft sugar one part.

Although of no nutritive value, grit must always be included in the diet, and cuttlefish is an excellent method of keeping the digestive organs in good working order. This also contains some very valuable lime salts, which are no doubt assimilated.

Carnivorous birds, although not popular as pets, are sometimes encountered, and the owner has usually a good supply of mouse and Sparrow traps. In giving small birds as food, first extract the long tail and wing feathers. A small piece of raw liver will prove a dainty tit-bit occasionally

The Live Part of the Menu.

Of insects, the most popular is the meal-worm. These are readily obtained from most dealers, are cleanly to handle, and are greedily eaten by the birds. Maggots, gentles, cockroaches, spiders, etc., will vary the monotony; if a newspaper is allowed to remain amongst bushes overnight, a varied assortment will be for disposal in the morning.

With the foregoing directions and the special descriptions of the likes and dislikes of particular birds found elsewhere in these articles, the problem of a varied yet adequate diet should not present many difficulties.

From whatever source the birdkeeper may buy his birds, all new stock should be isolated for varying periods to ensure that disease is not propagated. Two or three weeks is quite sufficient for British birds, but freshly-imported Foreigners should be kept apart for six weeks. This will ensure that the dreaded septic fever has not claimed another victim, and in all cases the rule should be strictly adhered to, especially if there is valuable stock which might become infected.

In Quarantine.

By the isolation of birds is meant the keeping of them entirely apart, and the observance of certain laws of hygiene to prevent the spread of disease. They should be put in a separate room, slightly warmed if necessary for newly-imported Foreigners, and attended to after, and not before, the others known to be healthy.

Their food, sand, etc., should be kept entirely apart from the general stock, and all refuse disposed of by burying, or, preferably, burning. If at the expiration of their period of quarantine there have been no signs of disease, they may take their regular place in the birdroom or aviary, but if there have been any suspicious symptoms, a further period should be insisted on.

Freshly-caught British birds are nearly certain to be free from infectious diseases, and there is very little risk in placing them straight away with the others. They should be placed in a quiet part of the birdroom, where there will be the minimum of movement in front of their cages, and yet be in such a position that they can see their surroundings easily. Do not place the cage on a level with the face, but have it three or four feet from the ground.

In dealing with this type of bird the novice first learns the great lesson, the carrying out of which to the letter is imperative if he is to be successful. It is: Move slowly, never be in a hurry, do not indulge in any incoordinated movements whilst dealing with your birds, or even in sight of them. The steadying of birds for exhibition requires unlimited patience, and but little will be accomplished if this lesson is not early learnt and a habit so formed.

There is no royal road to getting a bird steady; in fact, some never become so, and are better liberated; but if the above rule is rigidly carried out and the following procedure adopted, there will be a low percentage of failures.

Steadiness, and How to Get It.

For the first two or three weeks leave the bird severely alone, except when absolutely necessary to go near it for the purpose of feeding and cleaning. By this time it will have been able to take stock of its surroundings, and will be more able to appreciate a few tit-bits given in passing. Thus the emotion of fear will gradually be superseded by a more pleasurable one, and he will associate the presence of anyone in front of his cage with the giving of good things to eat.

Now is the time for the trainer to spend a few minutes each day lifting up the cage and talking to him. The bird will soon be comparatively tame, and, if a steady bird, especially of the same species, is introduced in the cage, the desired result will possibly be obtained quicker, although, unfortunately, this sometimes seems to have the opposite effect.

For exhibition purposes, of course, his training has not started, and a great deal of time will have to be spent on him before he catches the judge's eye.

The first essential is that the pose must be correct. He should be coaxed by all the arts at the command of the trainer to stand in his most characteristic position, and the one in which he shows himself to the best advantage, if only for a second or two.

Great care should be taken never to let the hand rest directly above his head, or he will assume a crouching attitude on the perches, and so lose many marks. As day by day passes he gradually becomes more accustomed to posing, and, if a few tit-bits are given after each lesson he does it all the more willingly.

When he stands quite steady for a few seconds, pass him from perch to perch by a motion of the hand, or, better still, with a pencil, and he will be more used to the judge's pencil when it comes to show day. In training a bird for exhibition, try never to miss a lesson, and take special advantage of the moult, at which time the birds are most amenable to teaching. Steadiness on the perches is supposed to count half marks, so no pains should be spared in getting a really good result. In fact, it is almost quite useless to stage a bird which is at all wild.

The amount of interest taken in the birds will be mirrored in the state of the birdroom. It should be swept out every day, rubbish tins emptied, and everything returned to its proper place before leaving. If the floor be covered with linoleum it should be washed at least once a week, and the wooden table thoroughly scrubbed. On this day also thorough dusting and polishing can be indulged in, and, more important still, the drinkers can be properly washed in a solution of potassium permanganate.

(To be continued.)



THE YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING.

(*Emberiza aureola*).

A beautiful member of the Bunting family, very rare in our country. It breeds in North Russia and Siberia, and winters in the tropical parts of Asia.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. T. Johnson, 111, Heysham Road, Southport.

Enter Early and Often.

SIR,—At our meeting held last week we decided to make the first post on Sunday, preceding our open show, the latest date that entries can be received. With the greatly curtailed postal delivery, and printers being so short handed, it would be foolish to extend time as in previous years. I trust other societies will do likewise, and also that the fanciers exhibiting will help secretaries by making as many entries as possible, and also post them in good time. I think under the present circumstances this is not asking too much. I trust all forthcoming shows will meet with the support they deserve.

O. C. SMITH.
Sec. Reading C.B.S.

British Bird Classes at All-England Shows.

SIR,—Now that the show season is near at hand, and societies are making out the schedules, some of them might be hesitating about putting on certain classes or extra classes for fear they may not fill and would be a loss. Now, I am sure that if all exhibitors who are interested in certain species would be willing to guarantee a class or classes against loss societies would be willing to put on the classes.

We British exhibitors want to see as good a classification provided for British birds at the All-England shows as there is for the Canaries, and it is in the hands of British exhibitors themselves if they will only do their part. I would suggest that a few exhibitors amalgamate and guarantee against loss classes at so many All-England shows where specialist judges are appointed.

I am willing to join 12, or even 6, exhibitors and guarantee the whole of the classes against loss. Let the societies do their part by providing as many specials as they can, so as to induce exhibitors to send as many entries as they possibly can. I should like to see separate classes provided for the following at all the All-England shows: Twites, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Yellow Buntings, Corn Buntings, Hawfinches, A.S. Hen Buntings, A.S. Hen Finch. I trust other exhibitors will let us hear what they have to say on the subject.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

Keep The Flag Flying.

SIR,—It was with great pleasure that I read the letter in your esteemed paper of Sept. 9, over the name of Mr. J. Patterson. At the present time more than any other it behoves Societies to try and hold an open show. I know it will be impossible for some, owing to the difficulty of securing a suitable hall and most of their members being called up, but there are plenty of Societies that are not so unfortunate, and it is up to them to put their shoulders to the wheel and do all in their power to run an open show.

No doubt it will be said that owing to so many fanciers having joined up there will be a scarcity of exhibition birds. Well, of course it is bound to make a bit of difference, but it will be astonishing the quantity of birds that will be put out when the show season starts. It does not follow that every fancier that is called up parts with all his birds; some have wives that can look after them every bit as well, and sometimes better, and there are plenty of fanciers belonging to their society who would be only too willing to look after their birds during the time they are away. Then again, how many members of a society do the working part of running an open show? I think that not more than eight or ten, so that won't be much of a difficulty to overcome.

I suggest that fanciers who can afford it should guarantee as many classes as they can, it would be a great help to their societies in avoiding a loss on the show; in fact, let every fancier do his or her utmost to keep the Fancy going. Once you do away with the shows all interest will die out of Canary breeding, and when that happens it will be years before it ever reaches the same standard as to day.

As Mr. Patterson says, it won't make a bit of difference to the war, one way or the other, by our holding open shows; in fact, it takes our thoughts away from very unpleasant memories. Take my case for instance. I have been rejected for military service on account of heart trouble, not a very pleasant thing to think about, but when I am in amongst the birds I forget all about that, and I venture to say there are others that are placed in the same position. Now as regards the difficulties of the transit of birds. At present it seems to me much about the same as last year. the passenger trains around here are running just the same as before the war, so I fail to see where that will make any difference. At a meeting of the Cheltenham C.B.S. last week we decided to run our open show, and it is up to others to do the same if at all possible, and fanciers should see that they give all the societies that run an open show as much support as they can by making good entries.

C. STUBBS.

The Clashing of Show Dates.

SIR,—Aberdare C.B.S. re-met on Tuesday last after a month's holiday, and the society is now working for the open show on Dec. 7, under the well-known judges, G. F. Payne, Gloucester, and E. H. Davies, Cardiff. The classification has already been drawn out, and schedules will be forthcoming. The classification is of the best, catering for all fanciers. It is rather unfortunate the show clashing with Pontypool, but your date was the only one booked in the Show Dates Fixed columns in CAGE BIRDS. We altered our date so as to enable fanciers to deal with Cardiff and also our own show. I understand that the Pontypool secretary has mentioned that he did not receive a reply from me, but on looking up my letters in copy, I find that a letter was sent to him, and I will be pleased to forward the carbon copy to him if he should require same. We as a committee had no knowledge whatever of their date.

J. M. SHELBY-JAMES.

The House Sparrow as a Cage Bird.

SIR,—In your correspondence columns of a month since, Mr. C. Knight, after a controversy with regard to the identity of a Sparrow, asked if fanciers who had kept Sparrows in confinement would give their experiences, and say how to steady and feed them. As no one has endeavoured to do so, if my little experience would be of any help to any fancier through your valuable columns, I should be more than paid for my trouble.

I am afraid the Tree Sparrow is a very unruly customer to deal with. I have kept two or three, but as they became absolutely untamable, I gave them their liberty, and I must say I have never seen one that would take to a cage, but with regard to the House Sparrow I have quite a different tale to tell.

The best time to take House Sparrows is, in my opinion, when they are very young, say even when they are "yelping" for their parents, or a young bird when he has completed his moult. When you first obtain him put him in a fairly large cage with a deep bottom, and give him nothing only plain canary seed and clean water, in hoppers outside the cage. Don't trouble him any more, with the exception of feeding him and seeing that his water vessel is filled and kept very clean, for a fortnight, and I can assure you he will not trouble you, as you will not see much of him, for when you go near him he will run about the bottom of the cage like a mouse. After this treatment for a month he must be taught to sit on the perch and look at you, which can be done with a little patience. Now you must shift him to another cage with only about an inch rail at the bottom, and a three-hop perch. He will be rather wild for the first day or two, but you must offer him some tit-bits to make him become homely. Get some good fat spiders, pin them to the top perch, and stand close by the cage, and you will see him go up and devour this relish. Then next day let the tit-bit be a mealworm, within a week I have had them take these from my fingers. I may say I have moulted two in captivity in a cage about the size of an ordinary breeding cage, and I find they will not eat any other seed but plain canary seed, but a few live insects must be given, and with this treatment I have had them in full song. I only once exhibited one, and 19 out of every 20 persons that saw him in a cage wondered what bird it was. In conclusion I should like to say I have been a fancier for 16 years, and I do not think I have missed taking CAGE BIRDS any one week during that period.

C. W. LAMBERT.

A Prolific Linnet.

SIR,—I have a hen Linnet which has laid thirty-two eggs this year; is it not unusual? She is a last year's bird; she laid one day, took a rest of three days, and then laid on every other day.

R. HOWARD.

Why Not Even-marked Norwich?

SIR,—Being a breeder of Norwich Canaries for over ten years, my interest is chiefly centred in this variety, but what often strikes me is why it is not bred for with even markings. I know that at present there are no classes for such, but is this not the breeder's fault? I have had a longing for some time to combine good marking in my stock without losing type and colour. Your readers may think this a great programme, but "nothing attempted nothing done."

This season I paired a buff cock which had been bred from clears for three generations to a variegated yellow hen which had brothers and sisters with eye and wing marks. The progeny is six youngsters; clear yellow cock, clear yellow hen, eye and wing marked yellow cock, neck and wing marked buff cock, eye and wing marked buff hen, and an eye and wing marked yellow hen.

As the parents have hit splendidly, I think that I may proceed with establishing an even marked strain. My method will be to pair these youngsters with father, also uncles and aunts of the same strain on both sides. This, of course, will be inbreeding, but as I have an object in view, and this stock is very healthy. I do not think that I can get anything but good from so doing, and may produce what I consider a bird of beauty—an even-marked Norwich Yellow Canary.

I did intend answering "Live and Learn" re the colour question, but as Mr. Bastock has put what I had to say in a nutshell I will leave it at that.

R. P. BINTER.

A Near Thing.

SIR,—In the hope that it may be of some use to beginners I am sending a little of my own experience in Mule breeding.

To begin with you must have yellow hens, and these must be as large as possible, always taking into consideration the size of the British bird you are proposing to use, that is if you want to breed something worth looking at. The British bird must be of good stamp and excel in colour. Take, for instance, the Greenfinch, which is my favourite cross. The Finch must be a yellow, and I pay more attention to the fact that he must have a good head rather than give preference to size of body. A bird of this nature paired to the biggest yellow or marked Norwich hen you can get should produce Mules fit for the show bench.

I have found it a good plan to have a few hens all going down at about the same time, so that if the hen from which you are expecting to get some good Mules turns out to be a slacker, you can transfer her eggs to one or more of the other hens. By this method you are bound to rear one or two. In my experience the biggest trouble has always been to get fertile eggs; I can always manage to rear the young ones if I can only get them, but it is not always that I have so much trouble as with a young Goldfinch mule which I reared this season. I had put up a moderate sized Goldfinch cock to a yellow marked hen. This hen laid three clear eggs in the first round, and only one fertile egg of the three in the second round. After a week's sitting, at which time I always test the eggs, I noticed she was a bit restless, and, as I take no risks, I removed the fertile egg to another hen which had just reared a nest of Norwich and was again sitting on two clear eggs. She hatched the fertile egg at the usual time but she would not look at the young one, so I fed it myself with some egg food made into a paste, and given from a match stick. I kept it going for a day, but at night it looked a bit seedy. In the morning I was up early, anxious to see how it was doing, but found it almost dead. I lost a quarter trying to get it to take something, but it was too far gone to gape. As I left for my work I asked the wife to see what she could do, although I had no hope that she would succeed. However, when I got back I found that she had boiled an egg lightly so that the yolk would just run freely, forced open the beak of the young bird, and fed it with some of the boiled yolk. It revived so much that by dinner time it was able to gape, and as I had at the time another hen due to hatch I put this young bird under her. On the evening of the same day she hatched one of her own young and reared this and the stray mule together. The mule is now six weeks old, and has the making of a fine bird. I should like to say in conclusion that mule breeding is a fascinating hobby, but it needs plenty of perseverance to find the road to success.

P. CARTLEDGE.

A Hybrid Winner in a Class for British.

SIR,—At the Ystradgynlais F. and F.S. Show, Sept. 7, the first prize in a class which read "Any Variety British Bird, Cock or Hen," was given to a Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid. I came second with a Goldfinch, third with Yellow Bunting, and fourth with Lesser Redpoll. I should like to have the opinion of cage bird judges and exhibitors whether the Hybrid that was awarded the first prize was eligible to compete in this class. Surely it is not fair competition if cage-bred hybrids are entitled to compete in a wild bird class.

J. E. JEFFREYS.

How to Use a Three Compartment Breeding Cage.

A Reply to a Query in "Cage Birds" of September 2nd.

SIR,—A useful size of cage for the purpose of running one cock with two hens is one 48 inches long, 16 high, and 10 deep, with two movable partitions at equal distances apart. The breeder will also find two wire slides the same size as the wood divisions very useful adjuncts. This size of cage is also very useful for a stock cage in winter for the hens, as it allows plenty of room for them to use their wings.

About the third week in March a hen may be put in each of the two end compartments, and a cock in the centre; and after a week or so the wood partition may be drawn from the hen which is the most forward of the two, and a wire partition inserted until the breeder can see from their movements that the twain are paired up. Give them a nest pot and some nesting material, hanging it in the hen's side of the cage, and in about a week the hen may be expected to lay. Allow the cock to remain with her until the fourth egg is laid, and then insert the wooden partition, and keep the cock in solitary confinement for about four days, when, if he is a healthy, vigorous cock, he will begin to sigh for new worlds to conquer, and fresh hearts to subdue, and, as in the first case, he may be by degrees initiated into his second matrimonial adventure. The same process is followed as in the first case, and the cock is left to "gang his ain gait" until the first hen is again ready for his manifestations.

When running one cock with two hens, it is usual to allow each hen to bring up the young by herself; but I have had cocks that could be trusted to help feed both sets of young. "Novice" will lose nothing by experimenting in this way, for if he happens to have a cock of this description he will be worth more than his weight in gold, and I should advise him to stick to him closer than he would to a brother. If he cares to try this method, he should allow the cock a few days rest alone, when the wood slide may be replaced by the wire one between him and the first hen (which, by the way, should have her young hatched by this time) and when the young are four or five days' old he may be allowed to have a peep at his family.

If the breeder has a point of vantage where he can see without being seen, it will be to his benefit, and he should keep his eye on the cock bird during the first day. If he starts to feed the young, or even to feed the hen on the nest, all is well, and he will probably slave at his task like any peon; but if he should prove refractory, or should be continually calling to his other spouse, the best way would be to push in the wood slide again and allow the hen to feed alone.

It is only by the initiation of these little experiments that the knowledge of the vagaries of one's stock is accumulated and diffused; and the novice may be sure that if he should meet with a few disappointments through experimenting, he will reap many benefits from watching and studying the little ways and peculiarities of his stock, and particularly of his cock birds. A good feeding cock is a valuable asset to any breeder's room, and only by these methods can a good feeding cock be found.

Occasionally one may have a cock which will pair to no other hen than his first mate. When he is run with the second hen, he will chase her about and give her no peace, especially if he hears his first hen call to him; and if the second hen happens to be a bit plucky, and will fight him back, the interludes between feeding and drinking will usually be taken up with Adamitic struggles for supremacy. So when one has a cock like this, whose code of ethics is above the level of the courtesan, the best thing is to let him remain a Benedict and return him to his first and only love. Canaries are as various in temperament as humans, and much more interesting.

T. JOHNSON.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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A Collapsible Cage?

A Way to Reduce Railway Charges.

SIR,—When in Edinburgh recently I had the pleasure of calling on my friend Mr. W. Allan, of the Fire Station. After a chat on the war, and other topics of the moment, the Fancy came on for discussion. He somewhat surprised me when he said, "You are the very man I wished to see. Come upstairs and I will show you something that will interest you." I found the interesting thing to be a Collapsible Show Cage, suitable either for Scotch Fancy or Border Canaries; the one he had made was the former. He has it made so that he can put it up or take it down in a few seconds, the bottom, back and top in one section, and the front and sides in another. This when put together makes quite as strong a cage as when joined in the usual way.

I am not at liberty to give any further particulars at present, not knowing whether Mr. Allan intends taking out a patent or not. One thing I know, I have not been so much impressed with anything else in the way of improvement, and as a help to the Cage Bird fancy in general. All of us are aware that we are simply skinned by the charges made by railway companies at present; we pay through the teeth for every ounce of wood and wire which they handle. If Mr. Allan can bring the cage to a success, fanciers will live to bless him, that is to say if show committees will take the matter up and provide such cages for benching the birds. Fanciers would then be in the same position as poultry and Pigeon fanciers, and we could send our birds in small boxes with sliding partitions, and the birds could be run into cages numbered corresponding to the one in each section. The railway charges would be less than a third, and to a fancier who could attend the show it would cost little or nothing to exhibit. That the high charges made by the railway companies are ruining the Cage Bird fancy no one can deny, and I heartily wish Mr. Adams' idea every success.

J. PATTERSON.

Some Bird Notes from Salonica.

SIR,—In whatever part of the world one travels one is struck by the quaint ways of the people and the peculiar characteristics of the country in which one finds oneself. Here in Salonica there are many happy hours for the geologist and the ornithologist. Strange birds appear at every turn. Around the city walls thousands of Jackdaws, Hooded Crows, and Storks make their nests, and keep up a continual chatter, but it is up on the Eurenyik road that you see bird life at its best, here, where the game-keeper cometh not, and the clapnet is unknown, there is a great variety of birds of prey and other wild birds. Getting a few hours from duty a week or two ago, I got possession of a pair of good field glasses, and by the aid of these I was able to observe the White-headed Eagle, with its rich brown colouring of neck and body, circling and soaring in the air. Another species has a grey head and back, and, looking through the glasses on what appeared to be only a speck in the sky, I found it to be a golden eagle. There are also any quantity of Ravens, as black as jet.

We can easily tell when there has been a death among the beasts of burden around the camps, as the Greeks skin them and leave them unburied; then the birds of prey have their feasts, and they assemble in their hundreds. As for the Greeks, they are such thieves that they would steal a cross off a donkey's back if they had the chance. Kestrels are very tame here; one I was watching was hovering only ten yards away from me, so close that its beautiful colours were easily seen, the crimson beak and blue-grey wings and tail, and the black bar at the end of its tail feathers were conspicuous as it swooped down and rose again with an animal, probably a field mouse, in its talons. Rooks and Jackdaws find food in plenty around our camp, and make themselves thoroughly at home. Among them are Carrion and Hooded Crows. Each night the Rooks, in a long, straggling line, fly to their resting places in the North-East, reminding one of the proverb, "As the Crow flies."

Jackdaws as tame as fowls seem to replace the Sparrows in the villages, where the spacious eaves give them shelter. Round Karrissa Plain a large bluish-white Hawk, probably the Goshawk, hunts over the ground, flying very low, as if about to alight at any moment. The bird looks white in the sunlight, but on near inspection shows its black wing primaries and dark grey head. A great Owl with conspicuous white patch above the tail is often out in broad daylight, but only when the oblique rays of the sun throw shadow on the hillside. Up in the hills above our camp there are great numbers of birds, rare Buntings, Goldfinches in thousands, Stonechats, Whinchats, Jays, Wheatears, and, of course, the ubiquitous Magpie. Goldfinches are a speciality here, and make one long for the proverbial pinch of salt, but when you compare the thistles of this country with our own at home we cannot wonder at their being so much bigger. I am sending you herewith a small sample of thistle seed just for comparison with the English seed.

A pair of Brown Owls have nestled under the bridge close to our camp, and their hootings during the night are enough to move the dead. There are some beautiful coloured Buntings, and I have seen one cheeky Robin with his red breast. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, and hope soon to be at home when this war is over.

SERGT. J. H. HARRISON, R.A.M.C.

Salonica.

[With this very interesting letter from our soldier reader there came a small sample of the thistle seeds mentioned; they are nearly as large as safflower seeds. Half of the grains have already been sown in our garden, and the others will be sown in the spring. If the plants will grow in our climate there will be a treat for some British birds next autumn.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid with Four Legs.

SIR,—I thought perhaps my experiences with a Redpoll cock and a Greenfinch hen may be of interest to some of your readers. Although somewhat disappointing to myself, it has produced something which is exceptional, but very interesting. The Redpoll is four years old, and the Greenfinch was hatched and reared last year by a Canary. My father gave me the birds, which were kept together in a large cage during the winter months, and in early April were turned into an outside aviary. The pair were very sociable, and showed signs of good results. A wicker travelling cage and some half cocoanut husks were hung about the corners, and a quantity of nesting material supplied. In May the first clutch of eggs were laid, some broken on the floor, and others in one of the husks. Two were saved, and were placed under a Canary, but proved unfertile. The Greenfinch at first showed no signs of going to nest, but after some days a nest was built in the wicker cage and five eggs were laid. Two were placed under a Canary, but proved unfertile. The other three were left to the Greenfinch, and she sat undisturbed for 18 days. When the nest was taken down and the eggs examined one was seen to be fertile, but as there seemed no signs of its hatching it was opened, and inside was found a fully developed chick which had died very shortly before it was due to hatch out. The dead bird had four legs and feet, and all were perfectly formed. Two were in their right position and the others situate underneath the wings. I have heard of various freaks, but never of a Hybrid with four legs. Some friends of mine have seen this, and say it is very unusual.

The chick has been preserved, and can be seen by anyone interested. I am 13 years of age, and like to look through CAGE BIRDS, which my father buys every week.

WALTER HOWES.

Luck in Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and have read in its pages from time to time the experience of others in the breeding of Hybrids, so I have thought that perhaps my own experience might interest other fanciers. I have been a breeder of Canaries for some years, mostly of Yorkshires, and I have bred also a few very good dark Mules; this season I have had the luck of breeding three Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids at the first attempt.

In January, 1915, I got a hen Goldfinch in a trap cage, and as the bird was very steady from the time it was taken, I thought I would keep it as a call bird. Somewhere about April of the same year a friend of mine who was having a look at my birds asked me if I would sell this hen to him, as he wanted to mate her with a cock Bullfinch which he had, but as I would not sell her he asked for the loan of her for the season. To this I agreed, and he took the bird home and paired her with his cock Bullfinch. Soon the hen showed signs of nesting, laid three eggs in a nest basket, but made no attempt to sit; then he put the bird into a small outside house about 4ft. long 3ft. high and 2ft. wide, with a half-inch mesh wire-netting in front, and which contained a cock Greenfinch, a cock Bramblefinch, as well as a cock Bullfinch. She soon went to nest again, this time laying five eggs; she sat her full time, but the eggs were not fertile, and my friend returned her to me at the end of the breeding season.

I built a small outdoor aviary, 5ft. long 2ft. wide and 3ft. high, standing on four legs, so as to be about 2ft. from the ground, 2ft. at the end of this was boarded off, with a small pane of glass at the top, and the remaining 3ft. covered with half-inch mesh wire, with a 2in. strip at the bottom for cleaning-out purposes. Then my trouble was to get a suitable mate for my hen Bullfinch. I tried everywhere locally, but failed, so I sent to Hull for a Goldfinch, and got one for which I paid 4s. 6d. When I saw the bird I was disappointed with its appearance, so I wrote to a catcher at Bristol who was advertising show specimens at 5s. each, and got one of his birds, which was certainly a very nice bird to look at.

During all this time, which was in the winter, I was using the Bullfinch hen for a call bird, and when April arrived I decided to pair up my birds. I decided to put what I thought was the best Goldfinch with a nice cinnamon hen, with the object of getting some Mules. My thoughts of getting Hybrids were very small, so I decided to put the other Goldfinch and the hen Bullfinch with a common hen Canary into the aviary to do as they pleased. In the meantime the cinnamon hen went to nest, and sat her full time, but the eggs were all clear, and she had a second nest with the same result.

While relating this occurrence one day to a friend, he told me he had a very fine Linnet which he would lend me to pair with the cinnamon hen, if I cared to accept it. Instead of putting him with the cinnamen hen, however, I paired him with the common hen from the aviary in a breeding cage in my birdhouse. She soon went to nest, and laid three eggs, and at the same time the Bullfinch hen began to lay, but without going to nest dropped her first egg on the floor. As soon as I saw the broken egg I covered the floor of the aviary with about three inches of grass, which saved the next three, and these I placed under the hen which was paired with the Linnet. She left the nest two days before they were due to hatch; two of the eggs were fertile and one was clear; it had been the same with the Linnet and Canary, and from these results, although they had not been actually successful, my hopes for Hybrids went up with a bound.

The next time the Bullfinch laid she went to nest and laid in a lined nest-pan. This time I left nothing to chance, for, as luck would have it, my best pair of Canaries had gone to nest the very same day, so I put the eggs from the Bullfinch under the hen, and she brought out three, there being one clear egg and one addled. The three young birds were on the perch at thirteen days old, and they are five weeks old to-day, August 21, and well on hard seed. I might mention that the Bullfinch sat her time out on some clear eggs I gave her, and appeared to be very disappointed because they did not hatch out. The young birds have been reared on the same diet as my Canaries, viz., hard-boiled eggs, bread crumbs, crushed hemp, and summer rape, and plenty of lettuce.

Readers will see that after all hand-reared and cage-moulted birds are not always the best for Mule or Hybrid breeding, as the Goldfinch was a fresh-caught bird, which had never had a cage moult, and the Bullfinch also was wild caught and had moulted once. I had never taken any particular care of the hen Bullfinch, as she had been used throughout as a call bird. I am inclined to gather from my experiences that Hybrid breeding is more luck than a careful selection.

S. F. SIMS.

How to Catch Linnets.

SIR,—In answer to the question how to catch Linnets, I have pleasure in sending you a few short particulars of the method I adopt myself. Before I go out I make sure that I have everything ready. I usually carry three call birds; these are either three Linnets or two Linnets, and a Linnet Mule. Birds used for call birds should be well through their moult; some adopt the method of forcing an early moult, but this is unnatural, and you would probably not care to have the particulars of the process. Anyway, the birds used as call birds must be in full song or they will be of no use.

Having the birds ready, we must look to our twigs. I use young Elm twigs about 7 inches long. I get some short sticks from Elder trees, cut into about one inch lengths, sharpen the ends of the twigs and push these into the Elder sticks. I always pack my birds up over night, and get to the catching place just before daybreak so as to have everything ready just before the birds make their first flight. Everyone knows the old saying:—"The early bird catches the worm," but in this case the early catcher catches the bird. The bird lime used must be of good quality, and the Elm twigs are smeared with this, and placed in the vicinity of the call birds' cages. If one can find a stone wall which is covered with ivy, then the call birds cages can be placed along the top of this wall, and the limed twigs inserted into any convenient place near them.

As soon as the bird is caught, its plumage should be rubbed with a little paraffin oil which will quickly take off any portion of bird lime which may have become attached to the feathers. The catcher should never neglect to clean in this way any bird that he may take which he does not wish to keep. It is said that some catchers either kill unwanted birds or throw them away without taking the trouble to clean their plumage. This is a cruel method and helps to bring disrepute upon bird catching. I am pleased to say that since my letter appeared giving a few remarks on how to keep the Linnet, I have had several letters from readers of CAGE BIRDS, thanking me for the notes.

W. COWARD.

Owls and Water.

SIR,—I saw in an article in CAGE BIRDS that the Tawny Owl does not drink water. I was very much surprised, and rather horrified to read this, as I had a splendid specimen which would come and bathe and drink like any other bird, and shake and preen out its feathers no matter who was standing by. I am sorry to say I had to part with him and most of my birds last year. I would tell anyone who wants to keep an owl in good condition to give it a large bowl of water, and let its staple food be a side of "lights" fresh twice a week, and, of course, a small bird or a mouse if it is to be had.

They need a dark place to rest in during the heat of the day, and will soon become quite tame. This one would perch on my head or shoulder, and would never fail to answer if spoken to, even when it was too lazy to put in an appearance.

They are very cleanly birds for their size, and considering the nature of their food. I kept the floor of his house covered some inches thick with plain earth, and I noticed that he always rubbed his beak in it till it was quite burnished after he had had a bath. I think I told you before he often had a visitor at night time, and this was at the bottom of a good deal of trouble which I occasionally got into over him. People are so foolishly superstitious over them, believing their cries portend death and all manner of trouble.

One friend had about 150 birds from me; he lost 19 at first, but only one since, and he has asked me a question about over-growing beaks, and if anything can be done for them. I wonder if any of your correspondents could tell him how best to cut them. My old birds were never troubled in that way, and those whose beaks have overgrown must have been amongst the quite young ones. I only left myself the two nests; three young were reared, one cock and two hens, and I have now eight young ones and three Greenfinch Mules from them.

(Mrs.) E. M. SARGEANT.

Bullfinch Hens for Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—As promised at the commencement of the breeding season, I now send a few lines as to how I got on with my three Bullfinch hens.

Siberian cock and British hen: This hen laid as follows: May 29 one egg, June 12 one, June 29 one, July 8 one, and July 16 one. The egg laid on June 12 was the only one fertile, and I have succeeded in rearing the young bird up to the present time. All the eggs were dropped from the perch, and the hen did not offer to sit. I kept this pair in a cold room in my house.

Cock Canary and British hen: Although the cock continually fed the hen from the end of May to the last week in July, and I saw her carrying nesting materials about, she did not lay or offer to make a nest. The cock is two years old, was in good breeding condition, and from the time it could pick up has always been with hen Bullfinches, as I was informed I should stand a better chance of getting fertile eggs if the cock Canary had never paired with a hen Canary. I think the hen is too old, or I give my hens too much hemp seed and so make them too fat. I hope next season to get a fresh young hen and try again.

British cock Goldfinch and British hen Bullfinch: This hen paired with a cock Bullfinch which was flying with her, and laid 19 eggs, so I ran the Goldie with one of my hen Canaries, and as he filled eggs I shall try again next year with him. Both the last pairs were out of doors.

If any of your readers will give me a few hints as to where I was wrong with my Canary-Bullfinch pair I shall be much obliged. Also I should like to know if Bullfinch hens can do without hemp seed if I give sunflower seed instead through the moult and winter. Might I suggest a letter or article on "Greenfinch hens, and how to feed and get them into condition for breeding," by a well-known fancier? I believe, from what I have read in CAGE BIRDS, that I should have reared some of the young Bullfinches from my pair, if the Greenfinch hen I had would have laid or nested.

CANARY-BULLFINCH.

(Correspondence continued on next page)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 543.)

A Great Surprise.

Sir,—Please allow me a small space in our most valuable paper Cage Birds to thank you sincerely for the great surprise I had when I received my Cage Birds on Friday, Sept. 1, on seeing the portrait of my ticked Norwich, which won 1st and special at the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. show. Great credit is due to Mr. Norman for the way in which he drew the picture. I have had a fancier up to see the bird and he picked it out from the picture on the front page of Cage Birds. We must all be very thankful to have such a weekly journal from which we can obtain so much knowledge and information. I take two copies every week, one for a friend and one for myself.

I have had the best of breeding seasons this year. From six pairs of Norwich I have bred 29 young ones and all are doing well, and from 10 pairs of Yorkshires I have bred 29, and I hope they will give a good account of themselves when the show season opens. I wish Cage Birds and the Fancy the best of good luck. W. Gilbert.

A Tame Sparrow and a Clever Greenfinch.

Hopes of Greenfinch-House-Sparrow Hybrids.

Sir,—A few weeks back one of your correspondents asked if anyone could tell him something about Sparrows in confinement. I have one, hand-reared, which a friend brought to me, escaped from the nest at about three weeks old (it is now about three months old). I fed it on the same food as my young Canaries, egg and biscuits, also crushed hemp and soaked bread. It is now very strong and healthy, though very ragged and short of feather, though I suppose it will be all right when it moults. It will eat almost anything I offer it now, but its staple food is mixed bird seed. It is very intelligent and tame, and takes great notice of me. It lives with a young Greenfinch about the same age, which I also brought up by hand. He will stand on my finger, and peck off my hand, and will let me do almost anything with him. He is great pals with the Sparrow. I have seen them feeding each other, but they sometimes have a few words, and then the Sparrow has to go under as it is a much smaller bird. I think it is a hen, but I am quite sure the Greenie is a male bird as he begins to warble nicely, though if he moults all right he will be mostly yellow. He is a fine bird now. He imitates the Canary's song. I thought perhaps if I can keep them alive till next season they might pair and have young, if such a thing could happen.

The Greenie, which I call Jimmy, is very clever; he has learned to lift the catch of the door, he then pushes it open with his beak and steps out on to the threshold, or invites the Sparrow to do so. When I tied the door with string, he tried to untie it, and when he found he could not do so he went to the end door of the cage and undid that, and I found him out in the room. They are in an old breeding cage. I find Sparrows very easy to keep. I have had two, one of which lived for six years, but I did not hand-rear that one, as it was left with me. I find they eat anything, including peas and beans, and mine is very fond of a piece of plain bread. I also have a few Canaries, about which I must tell you later on. I have just got a baby Canary two days old, the last of ten nests, and the only one living. I had bad luck this year, so if this one dies it will crown my misfortunes, all the young dying in the nest at a few days old. I take Cage Birds every week, and find it a useful help. I should advise every bird-keeper to take it weekly.

(Miss) C. Farrow.

Breeding Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

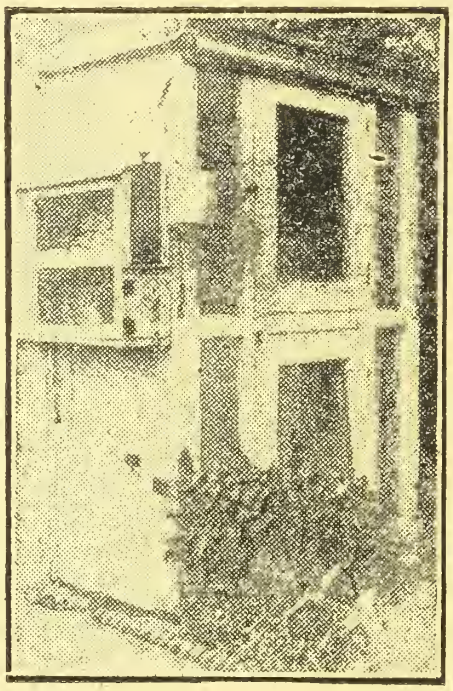
Success in a Converted Meat Safe, After Two Failures in an Aviary.

Sir,—Three seasons back I made up my mind to try and breed the Goldie-Bullie Hybrid, so I bought two hen Bullfinches, as I had several cock Goldies by me, and in a long outdoor flight I fixed up two nest pans and put in two pairs of birds, separating them with a sliding shutter. During the season both Bullies laid, never in the nests but always from low perches on to the sawdust. The eggs never came to anything, so towards the end of the season I took away the cocks and let the hens fly together. Between them they laid seven eggs, some in the nest and some on the floor. I put them all in one nest and they both sat on them, more often than not cross-ways on top of each other.

I rode out to a farm to find a nest of Bullfinch eggs, but failing in this I brought home a nest of Linnet eggs, took away their own, and gave them the Linnet's; these they hatched out and reared until eight days old, and then left off feeding, and the end of first season came with no birds.

The next year I gave the whole of the flight to one pair, and the other pair I put in a large outdoor cage. The hens laid some 10 or 12 eggs each, more often than not on the sawdust, and these I gave to various sitting Canaries. I only had one fertile egg, and this I broke thinking it had gone past the time. End of second season, no birds.

I don't think I should have tried again, but I had to go and look at a house of furniture a gentleman wanted put on rail, and in the garden among a lot of odd timber was a large meat safe which had been used as a shelter for plants at night. As the safe was not worth paying carriage on to London, it ended in my buying the lot cheap, and I set to work at night and converted the safe into an aviary. When I had it finished and fixed up, early in



MR. BURROWS' MEAT-SAFE AVIARY.

the year, I liked the look of it, and thought I might be able to breed the Hybrids in it. First, the contrivance had been a meat-safe; next, it was used as a packing case to convey a piano from London to Stratford-on-Avon; next, it was a sort of greenhouse to protect plants at nights, and now it was an aviary.

By this time I had sold one of the Bullfinch hens and the two cock Goldies, leaving myself with one hen Bullie only, but previous to this I had bought and moulted a fine large cock Goldfinch, and this I put in the aviary with the Bullfinch. The Bullie was not long before she laid five eggs, all in the nest, and I took away the Goldfinch and left her to sit them out, which she did all right. Two hatched out and three were unfertile. She started to feed, and all went well until the third day, when she flew off the nest with one under her wing and dropped it on the floor. I was not at home, but if I had been the result must have been the same, an early death. She went on feeding the other until it was eight days old, and then, wanting to go to nest again, left it.

I put the Goldie back with her again and she laid another five eggs and hatched the lot, though one of the youngster only got half out of the shell and one died in the nest at three days old. At this stage I put in the aviary a Roller hen Canary which I knew to be a good feeder, and, strange to say, the two hens agreed, the Bullfinch allowing the Canary to brood and feed them at the same time as she was feeding them herself. This working all right, I put back the cock Goldfinch, and he was not long before he was feeding the young also, and between the three of them two fine large birds were reared which are now on colour-food. The third was a very small bird and remained in the nest long after the other two came out. On August 3 she started to lay again, and by the 7th had laid five eggs, but these proved to be all unfertile. To-day, as I write, August 31, she is again nesting, and in the meantime the Roller hen has gone to nest and is now sitting on four eggs.

Amongst the food I kept a good supply of nice dry gentles always at the disposal of the Bullfinch, and this was the chief food she used in rearing the young. Amongst the many kinds of green food supplied, shepherd's-purse was a favourite. Nearly all the seed supplied I put through one of Walsh's mills, and sunflower seed was included. Blight or green-fly was discarded so long as gentles were to be got at, and I only kept these away one day. Chas. Burrows.

Wake Up, Show Committees.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Sir,—I was interested in reading the scathing remarks of Mr. Patterson on the above subject. What a pity his conjecture was not addressed to the Forder F.C.C. If he could only wake them up, I think he would have no cause to whine at committees being asleep. On the contrary, they are very wide-awake, and only cater for those clubs whose support is worth having. Last year Sheffield O.S. was allotted the Border Fancy C.C. patronage, having given a satisfactory classification and provided a suitable judge. The prize-money was 10s., 6s., 4s., and 2s. (half under eight entries), and three handsome specials for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, most points. The railway facilities are second to none, and the treatment of exhibits equally good.

What was the result? A miserable forty-six entries in eight classes, an average of less than six per class. Does such a patronage tempt any society to make an application when they have once been bitten? Not likely; and when other societies seeking something to improve their schedule notice our catalogues, they will not risk the chance of paying something for nothing.

Societies don't seek patronages for philanthropy. They want support, not sympathy, and if specialist clubs do not send good entries along, they naturally are left out the following year. I wonder if Mr. P. is really such a benefactor to the cause he so volubly advocates. If he has the courage of his convictions, let him devise some means to make more fanciers exhibit, and I assure him Mr. Smart will have more applications for patronage than he can cope with. W. Craig

How NOT to Breed Canaries.

Sir,—I have read a good many articles and letters in Cage Birds on "How to Breed Canaries"—the wording may have been different but the ultimate object of the article was as I have put it. Now, it has struck me that there is another side of the picture, and, as I started this season as a very ignorant novice, and have paid very dearly for my knowledge, I propose to give away a great deal of very valuable information on "How *Not* to Breed Canaries."

My initial mistake was that I left the purchase of my breeding stock until too late; it was not my fault, but I started to buy in March. I now know that you should purchase your stock about the end of October, when the birds will be all moulted out—at least, those that are to be of any use next breeding season.

Don't buy late hatched birds, and don't buy second-year hens unless you know them. Get your birds early, and get used to them; also get them used to you, your feeding, and general management.

Don't buy cheap birds; pay up to every penny you can afford, and get the best birds you can for the money. Don't buy birds with weak heads, that is another point worth remembering if you are going in for "Norwich" (I don't know anything about any other variety).

Purchase your birds from one breeder, and purchase all your birds from him; his birds will probably be line bred, and belong to one big family or strain, and it is a much shorter cut to success on the show bench than buying cocks from one man and hens from another. You are much more likely to get type and quality in your youngsters by the former method than if you buy indiscriminately.

Don't buy your stock and then join a cage bird society. *Do it now*, and attend the meetings. You will be surprised what a lot of information you will pick up, what a decent lot of men the working-men members are, how anxious they are to help you, and how "bucked" they are when you toddle round on a Sunday—by invitation, of course—to look at their stock. Don't talk too much, let your host do all that, but don't be afraid to ask sensible questions.

Having fairly started, don't be too anxious to put your birds together; wait until the weather has absolutely settled and the nights are nice and warm. This has been a most treacherous season, and I buried over forty youngsters in one week owing to inclement weather.

By mating early you get unfertile eggs, and you are sapping the vitality of your birds, particularly your hens, and you are only laying up trouble for yourself at the fag end of the season, and running the risk of losing your birds in the moult.

When the hen is laying don't be always poking her off the nest to see if she has laid "another one"; she'll come off to feed all right, and that's your chance. When your hen is hatching, don't worry her; exercise patience, and look to see what is going on when she comes off; leave her severely alone, for many hens "chuck work" through too much grandmotherly attention.

Don't forget to keep everything scrupulously clean, and, a very good tip to keep down vermin, prevent septic fever, and generally keep up the tone of your birds, old and young, is to spray them with a twenty-five per cent. solution of Sanitas and water on warm days. You can use it on the tiny youngsters in the nest—in fact, anywhere. Being non-poisonous, it does not affect the food. On the floor of the room, too, it acts as a perfect germicide, and keeps everything sweet and clean. Beejay.

P.S.—Since I penned the above letter I note that Mr. Bastock has somewhat cut the ground from me, but I hope it contains sufficient information of value to justify its publication.

Wild Seeds and How to Store Them.

Sir,—The sound of the reaper is to be heard on every hand in the country just now, and when the farmers start their harvest then is the time for the bird fancier to start also, as the seeds which are of such value in the keeping of British Hardbills are ripe at the same time.

I am a Canary breeder as well as a British and Hybrid man, and I am never without a good stock of wild seeds for my birds, for I find them of the very greatest assistance in getting the birds into proper condition during the show season. In the spring I gather all the dandelion heads I can find, as I consider this the finest of all wild seeds. With a sharp pair of scissors I cut off the top part as close to the seed as possible, spread the pods out on a sheet of paper in the sun in my bird room to open out and dry, which they do in a few days' time, and then I put them through a sieve which allows only the seed to pass through. After sifting, the seed is again left on the paper to harden off.

Shepherd's purse is the next seed I start to gather, and this I treat in the same way as dandelion. This plant can be gathered for months as it is continually springing up, both by the wayside and in turnip fields, and is therefore always easy to get. Then comes the thistle. In gathering these I hold an open bag under the seed heads and snip off three or four of the top heads on the stem, letting them drop into the bag. I only take the three or four top ones, as I find the others mostly have immature seed in them which is of no use. To get the seeds out of the heads I place a few in a canvas bag, and either put them in the oven or on the top of stove; the heat will open them out in a very short time. I then give them a few good raps with a stick, turn them out on to a sheet of stiff paper thinly, and set fire to them. The fluff is gone like a flash of powder, and the seed is not harmed in the least. Then I put it through a sieve and put it on the sheet the same as dandelion.

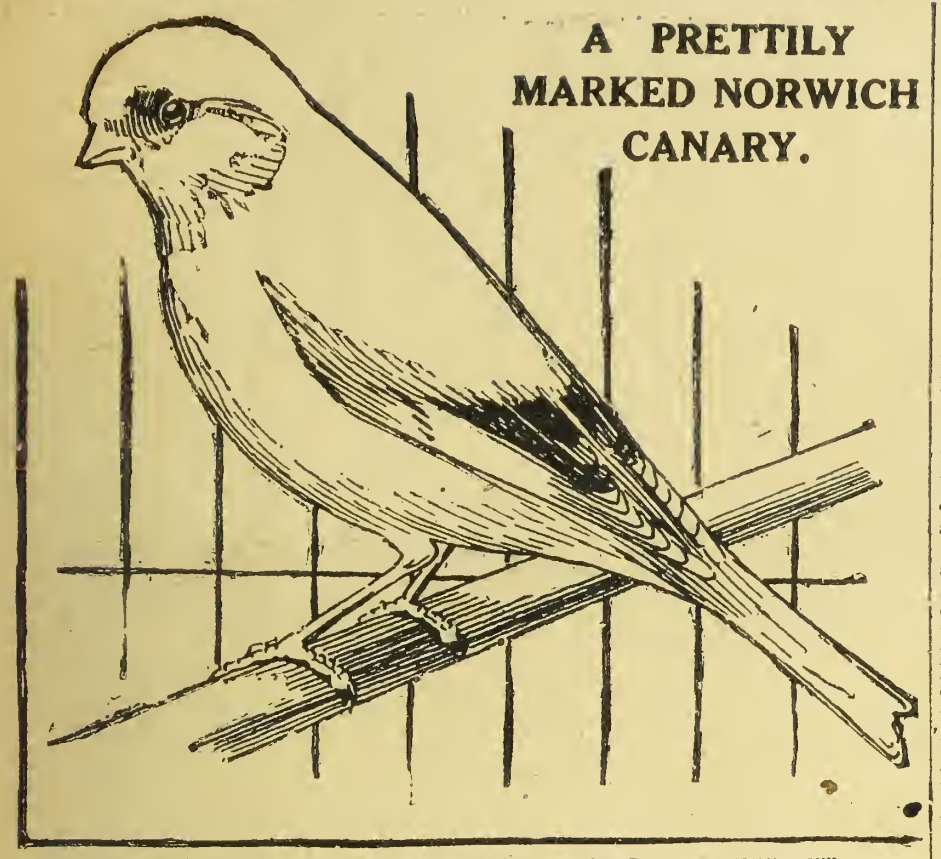
Next comes plaintain or rats tail; the seed of this is easily extracted, as all you have to do is to leave them until they turn brown, run your hand down, and the seed will fall out. Put these through the sieve and store away. Knapweed or hard heads comes next. As with dandelion I always get as many of these as I can nicely store, but unlike the others I leave them on the stems and let the birds hunt the seeds out for themselves, as they make very little dirt in so doing. When the threshing season starts I get a supply of charlock, lady thistle, sow thistle, and a host of other wild seeds which grow in the corn, and which are to be had for the asking, as the farmer is always glad to get rid of them, and even if you cannot get to the thresher the farm lad will always save you some for a very small trifle.

I should like to say that I have kept Linnets, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, Bramblefinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, and Yellow and Corn Buntings, all in the pink of health and condition through giving them wild seeds as tit-bits throughout the winter and early spring. I would, however, impress upon all who store wild seeds to be certain to get them perfectly dry before putting them away, or trouble will follow.

J Marwood.

(Many interesting letters held over.)

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My First Attempts at Bird-keeping, and the Sequel.

By "BEENI," Sonning.

I HAVE become acquainted with a gentleman whose practical knowledge of wild bird life is, in my judgment unequalled for variety, detail, and truth. I have spent many happy hours with him in the woods, and he has opened before me a page in the book of Nature which has for long been sealed to me—a page moreover, which, for sheer fascination by the knowledge revealed, would be difficult to equal. It is no falsehood when I state that from him I learnt more in an hour than my own erratic efforts could teach me in a year.

As a specialist in the keeping of wild birds in captivity he is, I firmly believe, without peer. I have seen birds which, to the layman, would seem impossible to tame, under his care and treatment become so amenable that one would hesitate to believe that those same birds had ever lived anywhere but in a cage.

A Wonderful Collection.

Nightingales, Warblers of every species, Wagtails, Woodpeckers, Wrynecks, Wheatears, in fact every kind of insectivorous bird could have been seen in his admirable aviaries at some time or other, and for condition, appearance and song these birds could not be surpassed. This result has only been obtained by painstaking observation of birds under their natural conditions of life. By studying their habits, and by a careful consideration of their foods, he has been able to achieve results little short of marvellous.

But as the gentleman is well known to many who read these pages he will not, perhaps, thank me for unsolicited publicity, so I will get to my subject.

Catching some of his enthusiasm, I became infected with a desire to enter the ranks of the Fancy, and having a love for nature and her creatures, nothing would suffice but that I must keep a bird-room. The extent of my previous experiences in this direction was keeping a Greenfinch which I purchased six years ago in Gloucester for threepence. Not knowing of the existence of CAGE BIRDS at the time, I was without the valuable information to be obtained from its pages, and did not even know that suitable cages could be purchased for a moderate sum.

Accordingly I set to work to make my bird a home, and evolved a weird and wonderful contrivance of wood and wire into which I placed my bird. For some time he was mopy, and one morning I discovered that he had pecked all the toes off one foot in the endeavour to remove the lime with which he had been caught, and which had caked solidly on his foot. I have learnt one lesson from this. I always wash a bird's feet directly he comes into my possession, and when they are dry I paint them with a mixture of equal parts of iodine and Friar's Balsam. This I find saves them from sore feet, a trouble to which birds in confinement are liable.

My pet's foot healed in time, and although it is now merely a stump, it seems to inconvenience him but little, for he hops and perches without difficulty. I am never without a little bottle of tincture of iodine and another of Friar's Balsam, and whenever I see signs of foot trouble an application of the mixture generally settles the business.

An Ambitious Commencement.

But to continue with my experiences. A few months ago I decided to extend my efforts. My friend gave me a start with a Tree-Pipit and a Yellow Wagtail. The Pipit was without doubt a perfect bird. Reared from infancy by hand, he had passed through his first moult, and had come out of it with markings absolutely perfect. With his beautifully marked breast and his delicate shape he was a picture. I was indeed proud of him, and he soon settled down in a large box cage of my own construction, (a proper one this time). The Yellow Wagtail was also a fine bird. He became very tame, and his perky manner soon made him a favourite in the home.

But now I come to my woes. I determined to have more birds, and, stupidly enough, without confiding in my friend and asking his advice I sent off to an advertiser for some Linnets and Greenfinches. Being new to the game I did not specify how the birds were to be packed. A post-card arrived informing me that they were to be sent by a certain train on a certain day.

Making allowances for the length of the journey, I met every possible train by which they could arrive that day and the two following, but no birds arrived. A second postcard informed me that the dealer was sorry, but he had missed the train and the birds would be sent off by the mid-day train on Saturday. Ye gods! And this with a journey of well over 100 miles before the poor creatures, including transition across London from one terminus to another.

Would I "meet the trains on Saturday evening to ensure the birds not being left over Sunday!" Of course, I again haunted the station until the porters got tired of my repeated enquiries. To do these men justice, however, they expressed anxiety for the birds and sympathy for me.

On Sunday I was early at the station, and by good luck the parcels office was open. In answer to my enquiries a cardboard box about three inches in depth and nine inches by six inches was handed to me. Into this had been crammed 4 Linnets and 3 Greenfinches—a veritable "Black Hole" in bird history.

On reaching home and opening the box two of the Greenfinches and one Linnet were dead, and had been for some time. In the restricted space thus remaining the other birds had survived by a miracle for 24 hours without water, but they were in sorry plight. A Linnet and the last Greenfinch died in the night, and out of the seven birds originally sent me but two Linnets remained. These two looked like making fairly decent birds, but one morning when cleaning them out one of them slipped through my fingers and was out of the open window of the bird-room before I could turn round.

A Pious Wish.

My chagrin can be imagined, but I carry in my mind the note of joy with which the poor chap hailed his freedom, and my only wish is that he may find his way back to where he was caught, and there gather together all the wild birds he can, acquaint them with his experiences, and tell them to beware of the nets of the snarer who sent him on a long journey in summer, packed with six others, without water, in a cardboard box.

Now for further woes. One night, when sleeping in a room adjacent to the bird-room, I heard a commotion of fluttering in the cages. As it quickly subsided I took no further notice, and dropped off to sleep. In the morning I found to my disgust that my lovely Pipit had gone. The cage was empty, but how he had got out is a mystery. It must have been he that I heard fluttering around the room in the night. The window being slightly ajar for ventilation he, too, had found freedom and left me forlorn.

And now for the finishing touch of my run of bad luck. A few days ago when visiting the birds I noticed that my one remaining Linnet did not hop about as he usually did when I went near. Instead, he was against the cage front looking very miserable, and I soon found out that he had got one of his legs caught between the bottom of the wire front and the bottom rail. In his endeavours to struggle free he had broken his leg beyond all hope of recovery. He did not survive the injury, and thus passed away the last of the ill-fated seven.

My woes may seem largely of my own making, and it is because of this that I have deduced therefrom some lessons of value to me. I am not discouraged, and hope shortly to have more birds to replace those so unfortunately lost. These lessons may possibly be of some benefit to a beginner, and I here place them on record:—

Some Wise Maxims.

Buy your birds from a dealer with a reputation to maintain. Don't be tempted to purchase a crowd of birds because they are offered at ridiculously low prices.

Insist upon them being sent in a wooden box with plenty of head room. If necessary, be prepared to pay a trifle extra for the box. Reputable dealers, however, are sufficiently solicitous of the welfare of the birds they dispatch to see that they are well prepared for a journey of any length.

Give your address carefully, and where this differs in respect of the postal address and the address as to route and nearest station, make it clear as to which station they are to be dispatched, and the method of subsequent delivery. Never allow birds to be forwarded so as to arrive on, or near, Sunday. An unexpected delay might lead to incarceration in the parcels office during Sunday.

Seek the advice of an experienced fancier before purchasing any birds. It is cheaper in the long run, and may save many disappointments.

As a final suggestion it seems to me that readers of CAGE BIRDS might unite through the medium of the journal, and "black list" those dealers whose only aim is to rake in profits without any regard to the quality of the birds they sell, or the cruelty they inflict upon them in disposing of them to purchasers. Surely the fair and honest dealers who advertise in such an admirable medium as CAGE BIRDS would not wish to be judged as to their business methods and humanity from the experiences of such as myself, who answer advertisements in all good faith, and then have to feel that they have unwittingly given suffering to the very creatures they love.

The Border Fancy Canary and Its Origin.

A paper by Mr. J. PATTERSON, Chirnside, read before the members of the Border Fancy Canary Club.

PREVIOUS to the year 1890 the Border Fancy as it is now called was known and exhibited as the Common Canary here in Scotland, and in the North of England as the Cumberland Fancy.

I well remember a very heated discussion carried on in the Fancy Press about the home of the Border Fancy, and when it was first bred, English fanciers holding out that Cumberland held prior claim while we on this side of the Border were quite as emphatic that Scotland had the right to the honour. My own opinion then as it is to-day, was that Langholm Fanciers were the first to take up the variety as a show bird.

A Name That Did Not Fit.

That they were not fortunate in selecting a name for their bird we all admit, and whoever first called our wee favourite a common Canary was a little out of the common himself, and just like a canny Scotchman, not much veneer. There is nothing common about them unless it is that we as breeders have always striven to have a perfect bird, much as nature formed the wild Canary. Many of our Canaries may be termed fanciers' monstrosities. The head feather of the Crest, the long legs of the Yorkshire, the high shoulder of the Belgian, the long neck of the Scotch Fancy, etc., all have been bred for, and one cannot but say that the breeders of such had plenty of pluck and perseverance before they established them. However, at the same time we must admit that nature never intended any one of these points to be found in a bird.

The Border Fancy is a perfect little gentleman from the tip of his bill to the tail. You cannot find in an ideal bird the slightest flaw to mar the exquisite and charming outline, finished as nature intended him to be. Hence his gay and jaunty manner, he is all free, with nothing to hamper his movements.

I daresay I have now said enough about the merits of the birds, and now give you some idea how the Border Fancy has grown in popularity since the year 1890, when the Border Fancy Canary Club was formed. I would strongly urge all who are lovers of the "wee gem" to join. Our Secretary, Mr. W. Smart, High Street, Loanhead, will be delighted to give all information, the annual fee is only 2s. 6d., and each has the chance of three open medals; and if a novice you have the opportunity of competing at a number of shows where the novice medal is granted.

When the Club was formed, some 40 members gave in their names, and at each show then only two classes were inserted in the schedule, one for cock and one for hen, any variety. Now the club has by far the largest number of members of any club or society in existence, and the great number of handsome birds bred by the members enables them to exhibit at all shows held in their locality, and therefore forces show committees to give the best classification in their schedule. From the entries received in the Border section one can judge how well the introduction of Border classes has made the shows pay.

The Men at the Helm.

The Border Fancy Canary Club since its formation has done useful work, and placed the bird on the lofty pedestal it now so proudly occupies. Further, the rules and the handsome model so well brought out on the cover are the admiration of the cage bird world. I have, therefore, the greatest admiration for the record of the club, which has been so well looked after, firstly for three years by the late Mr. Thos. Arnot, Hawick, then by Mr. M. Jamieson, Hawick, for some sixteen years; since then by Mr. W. Smart, Loanhead, as secretaries.

That the members have been fortunate in their choice of secretaries has never been doubted, as their good work all through is a lasting testimony of their devotion to their duties, while the able help given by the other officials and members has carried the club from one success to another. I have never found the slightest flaw in its yearly alterations, which have always been for the benefit of the members in general.

The first meeting was held in Hawick on July 5, 1890, at which were drawn up the rules, standard of points, etc., and the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting disapproves of the names Common Canary and Cumberland Fancy, and that on and after this date the bird is to be known as the Border Fancy, the definition being applicable to both sides of the Border." Our late President, Mr. Richardson, Dumfries, was the member in whose name the resolution stands.

I have followed the career of the bird ever since, and I have entered into all discussions with heart and soul. The Border Fancy held the same delightful charm for me then as it does at present, and each stage has had my most careful study. I have given you the history of the birds, and that of the club, as I thought it would be interesting. If any member wishes any question, or a number of them answered, I will be delighted to give answers for another meeting.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

ABERAVON PORT TALBOT F.A.—Sept. 16, Hong Kong Hotel, 6.30. Fanciers invited.—P. H. Morris.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER C.B.A.—Sept. 19, St. Thomas's School, 8. Business of great importance to make final arrangement *re* Open Show.—A. E. Thorpe.

BEAMISH C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Bird Inn, 6.30. Confirm schedule for annual show and other business.—J. H. Elliot.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.—Sept. 19, Ablett's Café Room, Market Street, 8. Schedule for old show, and important business. Friends invited. New members may be enrolled. Subs. due.—A. E. Lloyd.

BURNLEY C.B.S.—Sept. 16, 75, Lindsay Street, 8. Continuation from last week's "Disclosure of the Hat," "The Value of Inbreeding."—W. Broxup.

CARDIFF C.B.S.—Sept. 19. The Carlton Hotel, 8. To decide if we shall hold our annual open show; it is every member's duty to attend.—E. Thomas.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.—Sept. 19, 8. Annual show business; very important.—T. J. Hose.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Open show business.—Smith and Lees.

COVENTRY O.S.—Sept. 20, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8. Open show.—J. Kent.

EAST ARDSLEY.—Sept. 16, Black Swan, 7. Lecture on "Moulting," by Mr. E. Norton, of Leeds.—A. Walton.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Report of F.F. show. Arrangements for October show, and annual show in Nov.—J. C. Charlton.

GARSTON B.B.A.—Sept. 20. Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Confirmation of schedule for annual show. Elect judges and specials for annual draw, etc. Most important.—R. T. Lonsdale.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Selection of judge for annual show and other important business.—G. Vipond.

HIGHGATE AND HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. 8. Washing competition. Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare. Members earnestly requested to attend, bringing birds if possible. Silver medal for winner.—F. C. Knight.

IRVINE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Good Templar's Hall, Bank Street, 8. Annual general meeting. Appointment of officers and other important business. New members invited.—J. Paterson.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.—Sept. 19, The White Swan, 8. Special show business.—Day and Roberts.

LEIGH C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Fixing date and judge for old bird show.—R. Charleson.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.—Sept. 16, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Shakespeare, and competition for members. Mr. Shakespeare final judge. Members kindly bring birds. Friends welcome.—W. Gilbert.

LONDON P. AND O.S.—Sept. 21. Meeting arranged for Sept. 21 postponed.—G. A. Harris.

MAESTEG C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7. Report of committee meeting *re* show. General business.—O. Cozens.

MANCHESTER AND N. COUNTIES O.S.—Sept. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 8. October show business, etc.—T. Wilkinson.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Shield's Café, Bigg Market, 7.30.—W. Espie.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.—Sept. 19, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Important business *re* Nov. show. Subs. due.—A. Colley.

PENY GRAIG C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Butcher's Arms, 6. Particular business to fix date for show. A few new members are coming. Subs. due.—G. Padfield.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.—Sept. 19, Oddfellow's Hall, Morley Street, 8. Important show business.—J. E. Rowe.

SOUTH MOOR SOCIAL.—Sept. 17, Club Room, 6.30. Stewards and other important business.—G. Lane.

STANLEY VICTORIA F.F. AND C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Club Room, 7. Very important business.—R. Hutchinson.

WANSTEAD F. AND F.S.—Sept. 21st, Cambridge Park, 8. Arrangement for young stock show.—H. J. Maynard.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Open Linnet Sing Contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Sept. 10, and some good singing was heard. 14 birds sang:—1, 2, Binns; 3, Wigfield. Judges, C. Ward and W. Rayner.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville-green, York-road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing Sept. 10; 18 birds sang. 1, J. Sellers; 2, Chippindale; 3, T. Ward; 4, Stead. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S.

Fourth Annual Nest Show, July 29, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, with a fair entry, but the gate results were not up to expectations. Mr. Bladon judged and gave full satisfaction. Amat. Yorks., Yell. (5): 1, vhc, Etchells: 2, 4, Gilbert; 3, Green. Buff (5): 1, Green; 2, 3, Etchells; 4, Gilbert. Nor., Yell., Cl. (6): 1, 3, Chilton; 2, vhc, Richards; 4, hc, Peters. Tkd. or Var. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Peters; 3, hc, Richards; 4, Chilton; c, Green. Buff, Cl. (10): 1, 4, c, Richards; 2, Peters; 3, Chilton; vhc, hc, Green. Tkd. or Var. (5): 1, 3, 4, Green; 2, Peters; vhc, Richards. Nov., Yorks., Yell. (4): 1, 4, Alderson; 2, Beddall; 3, Torkington. Buff (4): 1, 3, 4, Beddall; 2, Torkington. Nor., A.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Alderson. Bord. (7): all, Newton Brit. (4): all, Newton.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

EFFECTS OF COLOUR FOOD, ETC. (G. V. S.).—(1) No, colour feeding as it is understood and practised in these days is not in the least degree harmful to the health of the birds, neither does it in any way impair their breeding qualities, whilst the suggestion of cruelty, provided only that the process is properly carried out, without the deprivation of the ordinary seed diet whilst moulting, is purely the outcome of an ignorant prejudice. (2) Tameness does not spoil a bird for breeding, though it is not unusual for a very tame bird to lose some of its confidence in its owner when mated up for breeding. This, however, will generally return after the breeding season is over, if the bird is given a little extra attention and encouragement, so there is no reason at all why you should not breed with the bird. (3) A few drops of syrup of saffron, or an infusion of "hay saffron," as the raw material is termed, in combination with a few drops of sweet spirit of nitre, is very useful to help birds with the moult when they have any difficulty in casting their plumage freely. But so long as the bird is moulting freely and doing satisfactorily let well alone. The use of any drugs without a real cause is not to be commended. (4) For green food give half ripe stalks of plantain, seed heads of shepherd's purse, seedy chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, lettuce or watercress, daily, unless the bird appears too relaxed, in which case give a morsel about three times or substitute the blooms of marigolds or nasturtiums.

SILENT YORKSHIRE (Lincoln Imp).—It might encourage the bird to resume its song if you could manage to let it hear a good songster for a few weeks. In the first place see that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts, and do not allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling, where the air is always more or less irritating and vitiated. In addition to the staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape give separately every third day for a month half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days give one day a morsel of banana, and the next a spray of watercress and just a pinch of mixed seed. Every third day, instead of pure water give the following decoction: Place a small teaspoonful of linseed in a teacup, add a piece of liquorice the size of a hazel nut, and a pinch—about a saltspoonful—of powdered grain of paradise, fill with boiling water, stir well, and allow to infuse by the fire, stirring occasionally until the liquorice is quite dissolved. Then place aside to become cold and strain off the clear liquid, add a teaspoonful of lemon juice, and give the mixture in the drinker instead of pure water.

YOUNG NORWICH DYING (Ubique).—The bird seems to have been troubled with intestinal trouble, and the state of the bowels might have thrown much light on the real cause of the mischief, but, after all, guessing at the cause of deaths after the event and on

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

incomplete information can never be satisfactory, and the reply to "G. Hatton" in last issue is applicable to all such cases. If the items you name as the dietary are all that you gave then you might have been a little more generous with variety to the advantage of the birds. A little summer rape at least every second day is always a valuable item with young birds, who can always negotiate it easier and earlier than they can the canary, so that when the parents cease feeding them whilst still young, they can much easier supply their own needs than when rape is not given. You should also see that your hemp is sweet and sound in the kernel, as if it is not this may easily account for the bird's death, and the others would be likely to follow it sooner or later, according to their respective degree of vital resistance. Therefore you should see to this at once. Feed as follows: Give a teaspoonful of egg food to the two birds every morning for some weeks to come. In the afternoon throw out any that may be left, clean the vessel, and give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp (only if sound), niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats. If you have to drop the hemp, you may use as a substitute the same quantity of chopped sunflower seeds. Give a few half ripe plantain stalks, or seed sprays of knot-grass, for the special benefit of the Finch, and the blooms of marigolds and nasturtiums daily, and occasionally give a little soaked or boiled summer rape, being careful to see that the former does not remain in cage until it is sour. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Keep seed-box regularly supplied with good sound canary seed, on top of which place a pinch of summer rape daily.

LOSS OF SIGHT (S. W.).—The remedy you have been trying is not suited to the case of your bird. As regards looking for white specks, it is not spots on the surface of the eye that you have to look for, but a kind of milky-white disc occupying the centre inner part of the eye normally occupied by the black disc, known as the pupil. Have another look, and if you find this condition the bird is suffering from cataract, and nothing will be of any avail in restoring the sight. If there is no sign of this you may try the following remedy, but I fear there is little prospect of success. Get from a chemist an ounce of rose water, and ask him to add to it five grains of sulphate of zinc. Catch the bird and drop two or three drops of this on each eye morning and evening, holding the bird with the eye upward so that the fluid can work around and under the eyelid. Meantime keep up the bird's condition by giving every second or third day for a few weeks a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the intervening days give a morsel of banana or green food.

FAILING CONDITION AND SIGHT (E. V.).—(1) The bird is no longer young, and the moult is probably affecting him more than usual. It would certainly be a good thing to confine him, and keep him in a cosy corner, rather on the warm side, until he has got over the process. You may, of course, allow him a fly round for a short time daily if you wish, but there will be no advantage in allowing too much liberty. If he seems to have any difficulty in casting his feathers add to the water five drops each of syrup of saffron and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight, and when he has cast them all, and you can see the new plumage coming on the head and neck, dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the water and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for two or three weeks to tone up the system again. Give a sufficiency of green salads to keep the bowels free, but not too relaxed. (2) The in-breeding, especially if it was at all close, is much more likely to be the cause of the bird going blind than the fact that the eggs were cooled before being hatched. As regards treatment for the blindness, if there are no signs of the whitish discs characteristic of cataract it is just possible that the following treatment will do good, and in any case it will do no harm. Get from a chemist a few camomile flowers, place eight or ten in a teacup, fill with boiling water, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour, then strain off the clear liquid, add thirty drops of tincture of opium and as much sulphate of zinc as will cover a sixpence, stir until latter is dissolved, and when cold bathe the eyes with a little of this liquid for a few minutes every evening for two or three weeks as may seem necessary, using a little fresh liquid and a fresh dossil of wool for each eye, and burn at once that which has been used. If there is no improvement in, say, three weeks, you may as well give it up as a bad job.

WHY SOME DIE (F.H.E.).—I'm afraid there must be a screw loose somewhere in your management, or some fault with one or other of the foods you supply, which gives rise to intestinal trouble. The reason some of the young thrive on the same treatment to which the others succumb is quite easy to understand, when you reflect that all birds are not equally susceptible to disease or unhealthy conditions, and those that thrive are just those that possess the greatest amount of vital resistance, whilst those in which the resistive powers and stamina are low naturally go to the wall. See that your egg food is always pure and fresh, and especially that any hemp you use is quite sound and sweet in the kernel. Crack a little of the hemp, and if the kernel is brown or discoloured reject it and get a sample in which it is of a nice milky-white colour. Continue to give a little egg food daily for a few weeks after the young are separated from the parents, mixing it rather on the side of dryness, and allowing a small teaspoonful for each bird. Give this in the morning, and in the afternoon throw out any that is left and give in its place a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. As a change the latter item may be varied now and again with a teaspoonful of boiled or soaked summer rape, but in the latter case you must be careful to see that it does not remain to become sour, and the morning ration of egg food may be varied occasionally with a similar quantity of bread and milk. In addition to this, there must always be an unlimited supply of good sound canary seed in the seed-box on top of which you should place a pinch of dry summer rape daily. Keep cage and perches perfectly clean, the cage floor well strewn with clean gritty sand, and see that they always have a supply of pure fresh water, and your losses should cease. If there is not an immediate improvement under this treatment, and you have more losses, you should send one of the bodies at once to our post-mortem examiner, as per instructions under that heading, so that the cause of death may be definitely known. In all other respects you may safely go on treating the birds as advised in the handbook: "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

A VALUATION (Kate Govey).—The young can only be described as cross-breds, and the song will undoubtedly be of an inferior quality to that of the pure-bred Roller, and it would be quite impossible for anyone to give you any correct idea of the true value of the birds without seeing them and hearing their performance, as their value depends entirely upon their proficiency in song, and the freedom of the song from faulty notes. As they have the advantage of the tuition of the Hartz cock they may be reasonably expected to at least make up to the average in song abilities, but the nearest I can say is that somewhere about 10s. 6d. each for cocks when trained, and from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d., according to type, for the hens

would be a fair price to ask for them. If not good average songsters it is doubtful if the cocks would command more than 7s. 6d. each. The tameness would count for nothing in marketable value, though one having knowledge of the birds and desiring a pet might add something for sentimental reasons.

A BAD EFFECT. (Bird Lover).—As I read your letter it seems to me that in bathing the bird in the red mite killer you must have handled it unskillfully and broken the leg, up in that part next the bordy which is covered with short feathers, and the subsequent re-handling simply aggravated the mischief. I see no other reason to account for the condition of the leg when examined the second time and the subsequent developments. Assuming this is correct, and the bird is still unable to place the foot on the perch, it would, in view of its age, be about the kindest thing to put it out of its misery, as any treatment of the crooked toe would prove ineffectual and only add to the misery of the bird. The best means of doing this is to take the bird to a chemist and ask him to do the job with chloroform. Properly managed this is quite painless, and the work of a few seconds only, and for a few pence the chemist will do it more certainly and speedily than you are likely do it yourself without experience. Had the leg been in a normal condition and the foot gripping the perch, apart from the one curved toe, the best remedy for such a deformity as your sketch shows would have been to tie the centre toe alongside the strongest outer one with two separate "ties" of thin ice wool or something soft and thin, one "tie" near the end of the toe and the other just inside the first joint from the junction of the toes, and leave these on for a few months to make sure of the toe having some strength of grip before they were removed. By the way, were you working according to instructions in bathing the bird in the red mite killer? This is certainly a very extraordinary treatment for this pest, and would be very unavailing too. You might have seen the proper treatment for the pest in this column quite recently.

A FRACTURED LEG (S.W.B.)—Judging from your description I should say the leg is certainly fractured, and if it dangles limp and loosely from the joint it would have been much the best thing to get a veterinary, or your medical man to amputate it. Failing this, the portion of the limb below the fracture will probably slough off in the course of a few weeks, which will come to the same thing except that the process will be a longer one for the bird to undergo. After this lapse of time, however, I should advise you to let things follow their own course. You did quite right to place the bird in a small cage, and keep it quiet and undisturbed, with low perches and food and water easily accessible, and if the bird could hold the leg up without dangling loosely this was quite the only thing that should have been done, and by leaving the bird quite to its own resources until it resumes activity of its own accord you will find that nature has made a tolerably good job of it.

CORRECTION.—BREEDING CROSSED SONGSTERS (Ditton).—In the first part of reply to this query in last issue, a line of M.S. was left out by the printer. The ninth and tenth lines should read: "The song will be of decidedly lower quality than that of the pure Roller, but of better quality than that of pure Norwich."

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

STORING THISTLE HEADS (W. A. Vaughan).—Kindly look up last week's query column and read the answer to "British" under the heading of "Seeds for Goldfinches." That refers to keeping the seeds of thistle after they have been separated from the fluff, but there is no reason why you should not keep the heads intact if you prefer to do so. But, and this is a big "but," you must be extra careful to dry them thoroughly, or they will mildew later on. Fanciers as a rule prefer the seeds separated because of the mess the fluff makes in the bird room when used in the head. Of course, the heads amuse the birds, and if your bird room is outside it does not matter so much. There is no difficulty in storing the heads, if, as I say, you dry them thoroughly and keep in a dry place. In collecting be careful to take ripe heads, only those on the point of bursting; in the others the seed has not properly matured, consequently when dried they shrivel up and are of very little use.

ABOUT YOUNG GOLDFINCHES (Ubique).—I am sorry you lost your young Goldies. My experience is that birds taken as yours were invariably act in the same manner. Food is plentiful and quite to their liking, consequently, like other young things, they do not know when to leave it, they overfeed, and trouble follows. An aperient occasionally is the best remedy, and a cube of stale bread soaked in hot milk and dusted with caster sugar, if given now and then in place of soaked seed or soft food, assists in keeping them healthy. (2) Your this year's bird will be fit to breed with next season, and it is quite a matter of choice as to which bird you use. If you select the healthiest and largest you cannot do wrong, and the one that is in the best condition when pairing time comes. (3) Yes. Nearly all the hen Finches have bred with cock Canaries in captivity, but this way of crossing is not so reliable as the usual way; Finch hens do not go to nest so readily as Canaries.

TAMING A BUNTING (Kent Boy).—Birds differ very much in disposition; some become tame and confiding in quite a short time, others you can do nothing with, they are constitutionally nervous, and their training is a question of much time and patience. I fear your bird must be one of these. Keep him in a box cage which is deep enough from back to front to allow him to retire when strangers are present. He will in time recognise that no harm will come to him from visitors any more than from his master. If you find he is particularly fond of any special kind of food, make a point of giving him some whenever you approach the cage. As a rule mealworms answer this purpose with Buntings admirably. I once tamed one with the very smallest portions of meat; he got the taste and could not resist it, eventually taking it from my fingers. Perhaps you can hang his cage in such a position that he secs every movement of the members of your family. It should be hung quite low, not at a level with the face, and if necessary a portion of the front might for a time be partially covered over with a thin piece of muslin. Patience will do much with all birds, but in spite of every care and attention it seems impossible to get some of them as steady as one could wish.

MANAGING A CHAFFINCH (Pink-Pink).—As a rule Chaffinches are not at all difficult to get on to hard seed; many of them take to it at once, as though they had fed on it all their lives. Crack the sunflower seed at first, and give him a mealworm now and again if he will eat it. Use the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle 2 pints each, summer rape, charlock and linseed ½ pint each. To this add ½ pint of sound sunflower, or give the sunflower in a separate dish, say half a dozen grains daily. Wild seed mixture or finch mixture as put up by some well-known firms can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads gathered from the garden when full of seed, thistle, hard-heads, seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel should be freely offered. They are particularly fond of house flies and other small insects, and, of course, mealworms. If your birds will eat a little insectile food it is very helpful during the moult.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREENHOUSE AVIARY (A. Grice).—A damp greenhouse is, of course, an unsuitable place for keeping small birds in, but still birds are kept in such places, but the glass roof over the aviary is usually covered with roofing felt on the outside, both to tone down summer heat and to make it more comfortable in winter. Of course, your ventilation must be very thorough, and this must be accomplished without draught. I should be glad if you would state whether you can meet above condition, and to what extent, also whether you supply any artificial heat in winter, also the average summer and winter temperatures registered in it. If you will supply the above information I shall then be in a position to give a helpful reply. I am keeping your query by me for further reply.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (J. W. F.).—It is rather difficult to be definite in such cases, as the symptoms you describe can apply either to a temporary indisposition or to something more serious. Of course, where one has bought a newly-imported bird on approval, and it becomes ailing before the appro. period has passed, it is a safe plan to get it exchanged. It evidently has the making of a good talker and a tame bird, and so one does not care to let such a bird slip unless it is really diseased. If the period does not expire for another three weeks, treat it for a couple of weeks as under, and then if there is no improvement insist on an exchange. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days put a little chemical food in the water. Grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood should be continually kept in the cage. Cease giving the bread and butter, and in lieu thereof give biscuits and a little plain cake, also a piece of raw carrot and nuts. The other items of the dictary you mention can all be maintained. Keep its cage where it will get light and air, but it must not be subjected to draught. If time permits report progress in a fortnight and I will then try and be more definite.

ALTERING AVIARY (Esperance).—Yes, remove the partition, but do not increase your stock, or you will lose at once any advantage gained by the change; neither do I advise increasing the number of occupants by putting in Waxbills or the like. Your birds are certain to breed sooner or later, then if two broods leave the nest almost simultaneously, your place will be overstocked till such time as they are able to fend for themselves and can be sold off. I am afraid your accommodation leaves very little probability in breeding blues from greens and yellows. To have any hope of doing so, one must have a good number to chose the bluest birds from, and to pair these up properly, and suitable housing so that they can be kept from direct sunlight. The Blue Budgerigar is obtained by eliminating the yellow from its plumage. It is too large a subject to enter into in this column. Have sufficient twiggy branches for the accommodation of your birds, but you must leave an open space for flight. For three pairs, as I have advised you more than once, there should be six husks. An imported green hen should, of course, introduce strong natural blood into your stock, but the best course would be to wait till you can hear of a good breeding hen, either yellow or green, but of course the value of such a hen would be the top price of its variety.

A GOOD SONGSTER (B. S. P., Parmenter).—I am assuming that you are not averse to a Softbill. To meet all the conditions you name the Shama about "fills the bill," unless we are at variance as to the meaning of "reasonable price." It is hardy, easily tamed, and very soon can be allowed a fly about the room. It may be easily enticed back to its cage by placing a mealworm therein; it will also soon come to the hand for the dainty. Its value is about three guineas for a newly-imported specimen, running up to five for a good acclimatised specimen. The Cardinals, as a rule, cannot be accounted tame birds, nor yet continuous singers, their melody being mostly confined to the breeding season. The cognomens Pekin Robin and Pekin Nightingale refer to the same bird, while Virginian Cardinal and V. Nightingale are also dual names for one bird, a larger and very different bird to the Pekin Robin. Some small seedeaters with good song are: Grey Singing Finch (soberly coloured), Alario Finch, Cape Canary, Foreign Siskins, all the Serins, etc. A gorgeous bird is the Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, but it has to be fed on milk-sop, fruit, and an occasional insect; it readily becomes tame, and is usually quite accomplished in mimicking the songs of other birds; value about three guineas. If I have not met your need, repeat query and I will try again.

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WHAT BIRD? (S. Porter).—It is a Crimson-crowned Weaver (*Pyromelana flammiceps*), and its home is Africa. Millet, canary, spray millet, greenfood, and an occasional insect about meets its simple needs; of course, grit, cuttlebone, and water are also essentials.

AILING ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO (R. W. Cockburn).—Add to your dietary such extras as ripe fruit, nuts, biscuits, little plain cake, and raw carrot. It should also have continuous access to grit, cuttlebone, water, and a chunk of wood, the latter for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Seed mixture: Two parts each canary, white millet, oats, and sunflower seeds, also one part each hemp, saffower, and maize; well mix together, store in dust-tight tins, and keep in a dry place. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, and on other days add a little chemical food to the drinking water. Encourage the bird to take plenty of exercise—this is easily done by hanging pieces of wood at the end of a piece of chain, and by giving it cotton reels, etc., to play with. Also keep it where it will be able to share the family life, yet not where it will be scared by rushy movement. It must not be kept in either a draughty or stuffy corner. Continue above treatment till a cure is effected, then gradually, not suddenly, cease giving the drugs.

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J. NELSON.—Death occurred from pneumonia consequent upon the recent variable weather conditions.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

WHAT SEED? (Sam).—Ordinary lawn grass. There are many species of these grasses, and we are unable to name the particular one you send. Kindly see our rule as to names and addresses of enquirers.

FOOD FOR BLACKBIRDS AND THRUSHES (S. J. Nelms).—The sample you send is quite a good one, but it should not contain hemp seed. Leave out the hemp, and it will be perfectly satisfactory, although you could improve it still further by omitting the dried currants. Grocer's currants are good food for the larger insectivorous birds, but they are somewhat relaxing, and are therefore better given separately, so that the proportion may be regulated according to the state of the bird's bowels. Further, it is better to soak them overnight than to mix them in a dry state with the food. The smell you mention is due to the crissel, and is not at all harmful. Of course you will give your birds mealworms, smooth caterpillars, snails and other creepy things, as well as the stock food, and a little ripe fruit now and then as obtainable.

IDENTIFICATION OF WEEDS (Ubique).—A. Red Valerian, Centranthus ruber; B. Common Ragwort, Senecio Jacobaea. Gararde tells us that in his day country people called this plant St. James his wort also Staggerwort and Ragweed. It was formerly used medicinally. The leaves yield a good red dye; and if the flowers be gathered open and used fresh they will dye wool of a pale green, but the colour is apt to fade. If the wool be boiled in alum water and afterwards in a decoction of the flowers it takes a beautiful yellow. C. Greater Fleabane, Inula dysenterica. This plant is sometimes called the wild marigold and Job's tears by the Arabs who have a tradition that its bruised leaves were applied by Job as a remedy for his grievous diseases; and it is still held by them in high repute as a cure for wounds. Dr. Withering states that the Russian soldiers in the Persian expedition were much relieved from dysentry by the use of this plant. Though so common a plant in many parts of our island, it does not appear to have ever been used by British herbalists. D. Wild Carrot, Daucus Carota.

PRIZE-WINNER WITH DEFORMED FEET (Bert).—It certainly seems strange that a judge should award 1st and special to a Canary which is deformed in both feet. Of course, it is possible that the "deformity," as you term it, was so very slight and the bird so far in front of the other competitors that the judge thought himself justified in awarding it the prize, and it is possible also that the judge did not notice the "deformity" at all; such things have happened. Anyway, the decision of the judge is final except in cases of fraud subsequently discovered.

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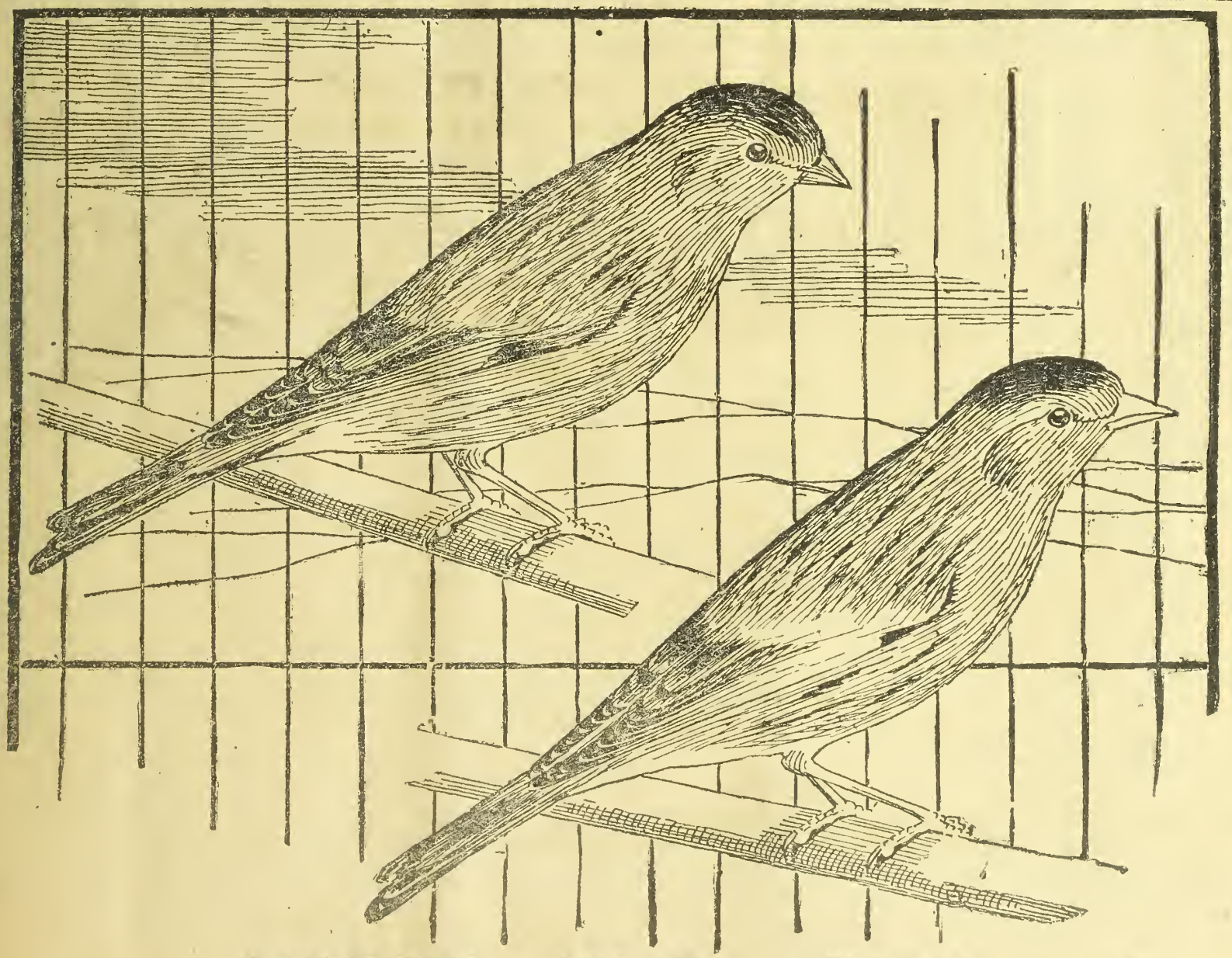
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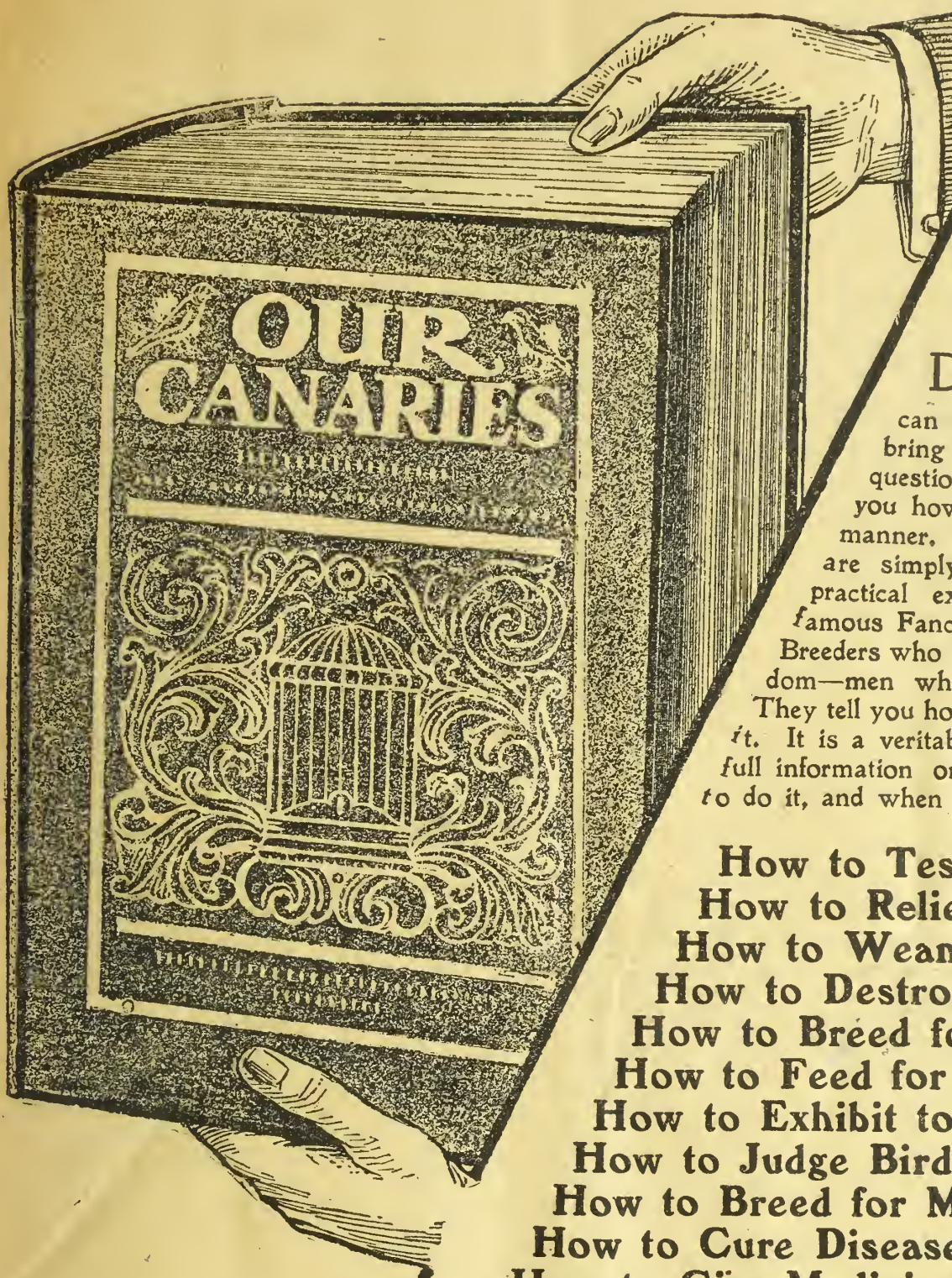
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ABERTILLERY C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Special meeting. Open show business.—W. Newell.

ABERDEEN AMALGAMATED C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Trades' Hall, Belmont Street, 8. Arrangements re show, and other important business. Fanciers cordially invited.—R. J. Robertson.

ABERAVON, PORT TALBOT B.F.A.—Sept. 23, Hong Kong Hotel, Aberavon, 6.30. Drawing-out schedule.—P. H. Morris.

BURNLEY C.B.S.—Sept. 25, 75, Lindsay Street, 8. General meeting. Appointment of a new Sec.—W. Broxup.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS C.B.A.—No meeting Sept. 23, owing to the holidays. Special meeting Little's Café, Oct. 11, at 7.30.—D. McFarlane.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.—Sept. 23, Flying Dutchman, 7. Special meeting. Important business.—W. Helliwelll.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.—Sept. 25, Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8. Border judging competition. Critic and final judge, "G.G."—F. J. Martin.

DUBMIRE WORKMEN'S CLUB C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 11 a.m. Special business; all members must attend.—G. T. Lynn.

DERBY C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Normanton Hotel, 7. Paying up for nominated birds. Annual members' show, Nov. 18, at Derby. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham.—F. W. Jordan.

DONCASTER C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Black Bull, 7.30. Members' show. Important business.—H. Lumby.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Sec.'s residence 8. Schedule of open show and other special business.—J. Alderslade.

EAST HAM F.S., Young Stock Show, Central Liberal Club, Oct. 7.—Additional special, 2 quarts of best canary seed for best mule 1916 bred.—W. A. Harwood.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A.—Sept. 30, Graham's Road, 7.30. Important business. We have been fortunate in securing Mr. Geo. Arnott, Sinclairtown, Fife, to judge our annual show, Dec. 9.—W. Clarkson.

FALKIRK, GRANGEMOUTH, AND BANNOCKBURN.—Sept. 30, Oddfellows Hall, 7.30. Make final arrangements for show.—D. Aitken.

HEBDEN BRIDGE C.B.F.A.—Sept. 26, Big Café, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—A. E. Ismay.

LARKHALL C.B.A.—Sept. 30, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Reports from judges; show business. Hat night. New members invited. Subs. due.—T. J. McGregor.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 28, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Important meeting. Show business. Lecture by Mr. Twigg on "The Training of the Roller Canary."—J. W. Thomson.

MAESTEG C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 6.30. Discussion re show. Selecting of stewards, etc.—O. Cozens.

NEWCASTLE EAST END C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Shop, 161, Shilton Road, 7.30. Classification and general business. Members please note place of meeting, kindly lent by Mr. G. Armstrong for the evening.—E. Coltman.

OPENSHAW GORTON C.B.S.—Oct. 11, A Room, back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Annual show business. Amalgamated show special; important.—A. W. Newton.

POPLAR C.B.S.—Sept. 28, All Hallow's School Room, East Indian Road, 8.30. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. T. G. Hunt. Friends welcome.—H. Priseman.

RICHMOND (SURREY) C.B.S.—Sept. 25, St. John's Hall, 8. Paying out prize money for young bird show. Prize winners please attend.—C. Brown.

SWANSEA C.B.A.—Sept. 23, Elysiun, 8. Open show; printing, etc. Important.—J. H. Ford.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE B.F.A.—Sept. 27, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Classification and nomination of judge for Nov. show.—W. Stafford.

ST. QUINTIN PARK F. AND F. S.—Sept. 28, St. Traders' Institute, Portobello Road, W., 8.15. Canary judging competition and Cage-bird debate. Visitors invited.—A. S. Tarrant.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.—Sept. 23, South Moor Hotel, 6.30. Schedule annual show and other special business.—G. F. Bates.

SHEFFIELD O.S.—Sept. 26, Rotherham House, 8.15. Special committee meeting for open show arrangements.—E. C. Job.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.—Sept. 28, 8. [Place not stated.—Ed.] Special general meeting; annual show business; important.—F. Tottle.

STRATFORD AND E. LONDON.—Sept. 27, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for young stock show.—A. Wasey.

SACRISTON AND DISTRICT P.R.R. AND C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Room, Front Street, 7.—Taking subs. etc. Subs must be paid at this meeting to exhibit at open show at reduced fee.—W. Dodd.

TONG C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show and meeting. Birds staged, 3. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford.—W. Walker.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.—Sept. 26, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Annual show arrangements; Hall etc.—A. H. McLean.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Show business.—H. Warburton.

WEST STANLEY GARDEN HOUSE F.F. AND C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Club Room, 7. Confirmation of classes for annual show and other business.—T. Nicholson.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Lecture on staging and exhibition canaries.—P. T. Cowley.

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KING CHARLES spaniel dog, 20 months, a beauty, healthy, pedigree, £3 10/-; exchange gramophone and records; approval: Shuttleworth, 7, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancashire. (586)

IRISH Toy and Airedale Terriers, Pom., Retrievers, pups, and adults for sale; cheap; state wants; dogs bought, sold, or exchanged: Standard Kennels, Newton Heath, Manchester. (584)

Mice.

PAIR tame Japanese mice and cage 1/6: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (512)

DORMICE, 3/6 pair, coloured mice, cavies, rats, wanted for cash: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (585)

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Pheasants

ONE pair of Golden Pheasants for sale, in good condition, £2: Randle, Matlock Bath. (584)

PAIR magnificent Kalige Pheasants, sacrifice 25/-; pheasantry, three partitions, stamp particulars: Rattigan, Caersws, Montgomeryshire. (382)

Rabbits.

FOUR Belgian Hares, 8 weeks, 2/6 each; one English buck, 4 months, 6/6; one English doe, 5/6: Gennef, High-st., Leigh, Tonbridge, Kent. (585)

LARGE selection of tame pet rabbits, 3/-, 4/6, and 6/- per pair; cavies, same price; sent any distance:—Princess Rabbitry, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (584)

CHAMPION Belgian buck, Palace prize-winner, only rabbit left, will take 15/-: Write for particulars, etc., stamp reply, J. Heaven, Bristol-rd., Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. (584)

Various.

GENT.'S silver watch chain, and swimming medal, 12/6: Gibbons, 95, Peel-terr., Stafford. (577)

TWO Rhesus, two African, and one Bonnet Monkey for sale, £2 each; will sell separately: Randle, Matlock Bath. (584)

NEW single-barrel breech-loader gun, .12 bore, top lever, sacrifice 22/6; approval, deposit: Young, Netmaker, Misterton, Somerset. (551)

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SALE, gramophone, in good order and tone, with large horn, 30 double-sided records, £2 lot; bargain: Great Oak, Rogerstone, Newport, Mon. (584)

GENT.'S solid silver lever watch, by Kendal and Dent, perfect, £1; coral brooch and earring, very rare, £1: Barron's patent pipe-filler and case for 12 cartridges, 5/-: Mrs. Layton, 82, Nichol's-square, Hackney-rd., London, N.E.

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Club Reports.

SHETTLESTON, CARNTYNE C.B.S

Meeting, Co-operative Hall, Visalins St., Sept. 16. Decided to hold annual show. To arrange for this, also to decide a very important matter affecting the Society, a special meeting of all members is requested on Sept. 30, at 8.—Jas. Dalling, President.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

In place of the usual monthly table show for September, a members' whist drive was held at Headquarters, Sept. 13, and a pleasant evening was spent by a fair number. Messrs. A. Fellows and G. B. Absolom kindly offered the prizes. Lady, highest score, 168, Mrs. Robinson. Gent., highest score, 168, Mr. Robinson. Hidden No. (154), Mr. C. Pearson, 155. Refreshments were served during the interval, and the evening's enjoyment finished just before 11 o'clock.—Will H. Gibb, Sec.

WIGAN ROLLER CLUB.

Meeting Legs of Man Hotel, Sept. 9. Mr. Kay presided over a record attendance. Decided to hold a point competition amongst members at our annual contest held Dec. 15 and 16, a member to win only one prize in the same competition. A special effort is being made to raise a silver cup, the winner to hold it for 12 months only. Decided to hold meetings every second Wednesday in each month instead of every second Saturday. Members please note. Will fanciers and friends who promised specials please communicate at once with the sec., P. Greenall, 581, Ormskirk Road, Pemberton, nr. Wigan.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready)

Meeting Sept. 6, Hunt's Shop, Ocean-road, Mr. J. S. Dixon presiding. Show arrangements the chief item. Decided to have the following classes: Norwich 13, Crest and C.B. 6, Cinn. 4, Yorks. 13, Bord. 14, A.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 1. Members were asked to try and collect as many specials as possible. Decided that every member shall nominate a bird to compete for specials collected, the best bird to have the best special, and so on; there will be an extra special for best bird in show, also one for most points. Entries must be in not later than Nov. 15. Next meeting Oct. 4.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C

Meeting, Sept. 2, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Mr. Harrison presided over a fair attendance. Mr. Greenford, Kennington, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Dyer for suggesting the outing of Aug. 6, and to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert for the arrangements. Decided to make the Ramble an annual event. Mr. H. Bell in a lecture on Norwich Plainhead, entertained the members for a good time. Questions were asked from all round, and the lecturer suitably answered. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Bell. Vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting, Club Rooms, Oldham, Sept. 3, a goodly number being present. Letter read from Ardwick Society giving us two classes for Lancashires and four for Lizards. Also classes at Manchester, four Lancashires and six Lizards, Mr. B. Clegg judging our section. There will also be classes in connection with Rochdale Good Intent. The first of our two club shows will be held at Oldham, Oct. 14 and 15, Mr. E. Lowe, the well-known Lancashire and Lizard breeder, judge. Decided in regard to our first club show that we have two adverts in "C.B." a week before the show, one under Lancs., and one under Lizard section. The Kingswai challenge cup for best 1916 Lizard will be competed for at Manchester. The winner will be presented with a medal by Mrs. Burgess, the donor of the cup. Decided to have a pool (not compulsory) of 2s. for each of the five shows, or any part of same; the member having most points with four highest birds to take the pool. There are already three names down for same, and members who would like to take part should write me as soon as possible. Entrance fee for club show to be 1s. 6d.—3d. for working expenses, 3d. for a special for best bird in each class, and 1s. prize money on sliding scale. Classes: Lancashire Coppy, Plainhead ditto, Hen bred 1916, also ten classes for champions and four for novices in Lizards. Birds can be kept over till Monday by letting the sec. know before close of show. I should like to hear from anyone who would like to give any specials, either for the club show or any of the others. It is hoped that our members will do their best to support all the shows we are interested in, as it is a case of keeping our varieties on their feet during these troublous times. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman (Mr. Jos. Hampshire) for his services.—J. Rukin, Hon. Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Sept. 13. Mr. Foxen, chair, and a good attendance. Five new members applied for membership; room for more. Three silver cups, medals, and specials at annual show, Nov. 10. Join at once. Mr. H. Norman gave us a surprise visit and helped us by answering a lot of questions which were put to him. An instructive evening was spent.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

W. BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH

Meeting, Aug. 26, with a very good attendance, Messrs. Loach and Jiffer elected members Decided to have young stock show Oct. 21, Mr. Baker judge; also an inter club show in the place of open, Nov. 18, when we hope the members of City of Birmingham and Wolverhampton will do their best to make a success. Next meeting Mr. H. Collier has kindly consented to give a lecture on staging and exhibiting Canaries. Members and friends in the district are invited.—P. T. Cowley.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Headquarters, Aug. 31, Mr. Eckersley, chair. The Chairman read a communication from E. Harper, of the K.O.S.B., one of our members, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany, for 12 months. It was decided that we send him three or four parcels at intervals, sufficient cash being handed to the Sec., to enable him to do so. Sec. was instructed to write to the several societies within easy distance to try and arrange a combined show in Warrington sometime in November. A further discussion to take place on the subject at the September meeting.—H. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

N. YORKS. & S. DURHAM FED.

Meeting Sept. 13, Little Regent Inn, Stockton; all societies represented. Final arrangements made for open show at West Hartlepool Nov. 4, to be followed by another open show at Darlington Jan. 1. We have obtained patronage of N.B.B. Mule and F.B. Club for Hartlepool, and trust same will be granted for Darlington. Judges for Hartlepools: Canaries, Messrs. Wright and Simeson (York), British, etc., Mr. Waters (Sunderland). Full particulars will be duly advertised in "C.B."; in the meantime we appeal to fanciers to support our efforts to keep the Fancy going during war time.—B. Smurthwaite, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A good muster attended the meeting to hear Mr. A. Howard (son of the well-known "Jimmy") lecture upon colour-feeding. Mr. Howard pressed upon his hearers the necessity of rubbing the pepper well into the food. Birds should be sheeted down, and not kept together in large numbers or they invariably damaged their flights and tails. Linseed mixed with the canary seed, should be given daily. He considered it wrong to use hot pepper before the young birds had started well into the moult. Mr. Howard was bombarded with questions, which he readily answered. The lecturer was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the instructive lecture.—F. J. Martin.

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

General meeting, Station Hotel, Sept. 13, Mr. Simpson presided over a good attendance. A great amount of show business was gone through, and it was decided to give 5s. towards each class, to be divided out with the entries in the classes. We have received a few specials for each section, also a cup, presented by Mr. McQuillan, for best young Border Green, bred by a member. New members elected, Messrs. Peacock, Sunderland; Russell, Sunderland; Johnston, Blyth; Morgan, Preston; Moir, Walkerville; Shortt, Gosforth; Crass, Winlaton; Crawhall, Newcastle; Wakenshaw, Newsham. Members please attend next meeting, very important show business. New members joining at next meeting will be able to compete at show; subs. due.—Geo. Greenwell, Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting Sept. 14, Mr. J. J. Smith chair. Sec. read correspondence and pointed out that satisfactory progress had been made in obtaining new members. A committee had been meeting weekly for the purpose of drafting the general rules and the results of their labours were prescnted for further consideration. Members present were very satisfied with the committee's poposals, and though all important points were freely discussed very little improvement could be suggested. Twelve of the proposed fifteen rules were agreed to, and the remainder, which will no doubt raise considerable discussion, will be considered at next meeting, Oct. 12. Decided that alterations may be suggested at the next meeting in any of the rules already considered, and if agreed upon embodied in the rules in question.—R. Tomlinson, Hon. eSc.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

General monthly meeting headquarters, Reindeer Hotel, Peckham. Members turned up in good numbers to hear Mr. Cole's lecture on the "Production of Colour." Many thanks are due to Mr. Cole for the very able manner in which he dealt with this most important subject, and for the discussion which arose from his remarks. The evening in every sense proved most instructive and enjoyable. Four new members elected: Messrs. G. Sands, W. Pavey, Richards, and Andrews. Mr. Clarke very ably occupied the chair.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec (pro tem.).

SOUTH MOOR SOCIAL CLUB.

Meeting, Sept. 17, Mr. Taylor chair, and a good attendance. The main business was to have a working committee for our show, 4th and 5th Nov., and we decided to select Messrs. T. Taylor, Thos. Hodder, and H. Roxboro'. These men will be paid for their work. Stewards were also picked, and it was decided that the two delegates who went to Consett the last time should go again. We passed a vote of deepest sympathy with Pte. J. J. Teasdale in the sad loss of his little daughter, who was killed by a motor lorry. Pte. Teasdale has been home on leave and is going back to the Front for a second time. The members all wish him a safe return home.—Geo. Lane, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 9, with a good attendance. Letters were read from several specialist clubs re granting us their patronage at our fourth annual show. Up to the present we have received the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire, Open Norwich, Green Border, Northern British, M. and F.B.C. Messrs. F. Laidlaw, T. Almond, Dan Hamilton, and C. Waters, are the judges appointed. Decided to add a class for breeding pairs, any variety, also to pay prize money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d., members 1s. At next meeting a discussion "Canaries versus British, as a Hobby." Mr. Maddison, the well known judge of British and mules, takes the latter, and the sec. the Canaries. A hearty invitation is given to fanciers and members to attend, and to take part in the discussion; for date, keep your eye on club notices; fanciers invited to join. Members elected: Messrs. J. Thomas and Ward. Subs. due.—W. Curry, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C C

Committee meeting 9th Sept., Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair. Messrs. C. Thornton and F. Myers (Thornton and Myers) were elected members. The prize list for 1916-17 was arranged as follows:—Open competition: 1st, Sheffield O.S. challenge trophy (presented by Dr. Craig), value 10 gns.; 2nd, Club challenge trophy, value 5 gns.; 3rd, Challenge trophy value 3 gns., presented by L. Dykes, H. H. Towers, and J. Chambers. Medals value 20s., 12s., and 8s. to go with above trophies until won outright. 4th, Special value 10s. 6d., presented by W. A. Cowgill; 5th, Special value 7s. 6d., presented by J. Chippendale. Amateur section: 1st, Special value £1 1s., presented by J. T. Sharpe; 2nd, Special value 15s., presented by L. C. Casey; 3rd, Special value 10s. 6d., presented by J. Bailey. Jun. novice competition: 1st, Special value £1, presented by club; 2nd, Special value 15s., presented by club; 3rd, Special value 10s. 6d., presented by P. Mason. Cash specials for 4th and 5th birds as last year.—J. Chambers, hon. sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Sept. 12, Cock and Lion Hotel, Wigmore-street, W. The president, Mr. Lester, was only able to pay us a short visit, but joined in with Mr. Fisher (chairman) with his able comments on song. After the minutes of the last important meeting had been read and passed, the sec., Mr. Norris, informed the meeting that the Bacup Roller C.C. had already signified their adherence to the parent club, and would therefore have nothing to do with the proposed Board of Control. Further notices of adherence will be notified in the mouthly reports. There was a good attendance, several old birds were brought, and a pleasant and very instructive evening was passed. Many tours were named and their qualities discussed, variations explained, and faults demonstrated. Prominent among the tours difficult of apprehension, and of which we had examples in the birds, were bell tour as compared to schockel, glucke roll, and a tour in koller form. Hollow roll, of course, and glucke camo in for their share, a nice slow form of the latter cropping up in a young bird, the only one exhibited. In faults we had a nasal bass, aufzug, and, needless to say, high bell. Hearty thanks were voted to the chairman for his interesting lecture. At the next monthly meeting birds will again be shown, and every member who attends will kindly bear this in mind and bring along one or two birds if he can; if not, let him come and learn.—Hy. W. Gutierrez, Reporter.

A BARRED ROOK.

The "Field" of Sept. 2 publishes a beautiful drawing by the well-known artist Mr. F. W. Frohawk, of an abnormally-coloured Rook which is accompanied by the following interesting details. The drawing is from a specimen obtained by Mr. E. W. H. Blagg at Cheadle, Staffs.

"The circumstances in which this curious bird was obtained are thus detailed by Mr. Blagg in his letter to me dated July 31: 'This bird flopped down from a nest in the rookery here on May 18. I sent it off to Messrs. Rowland Ward at once. On May 20 a precisely similarly-coloured young bird did the same. This one I tried to rear to send to the 'Zoo,' but it was thin and weak and died. I have presented it to the Stafford Museum. Of course it is 100 to 1 both birds came from the same nest. We kept a good look out, and could not find another grey one. We have only about thirty nests this year, quite close to the house, so if either of the parents had been similar in colour I should easily have spotted them. There is a strong inference that the old birds took objection against these two young ones and ceased to feed them on account of their peculiar colouring, for no other young birds flopped down from the tree tops this year, the weather being calm at perching time. I have a strong suspicion that a bird I saw last year on the wing, a quarter of a mile from here, during the middle of May was a blue-grey rook; the bird puzzled me much. It flew from tree to tree; the flight of a young rook, but not a rook. I could not get very close to it, and finally lost trace of it.

"The following is a description of this remarkably-coloured specimen: The head and neck, which are the darkest parts, are dull purplish-brown with faint dusky bars; back and rump drab-grey; wing and tail light ashen-grey tranversely barred with purplish-brown, forming broad sub-marginal bands on the primaries and secondaries as well as on the primary and secondary coverts. There are also indistinct narrow median bars on all these feathers and on the mantle and scapulars also; the tail and upper tail-coverts are conspicuously barred; the rump is less distinctly marked. The ashy-grey ground colour of the under parts is also mottled with dusky bars. The bill is deep horn-brown, the legs and feet are black, and the irides hazel. It proved upon dissection to be a male."

Tree Creepers Build in the Jaw of a Whale.

SOMETIMES there visits the larger of our woods a wee brown bird with silver-white under plumage, active and alert in all its movements, yet so fearless of your presence that it may be watched at work from a few yards away. This is the Tree-Creeper. Summer and winter finds this bird searching the trunks of the trees for insects or their grubs, and doubtless after autumn the best opportunity is given for observation of its habits. A short song in summer, something like 'tit, tit-titter-zee," is the first indication if you are basking in a particular corner of the wood that friend Tree-Creeper has put in an appearance there for something in the way of comestibles. After some minutes' careful scrutiny the brown bird may be distinguished half-way up a near stem, climbing round and round with the silent persistence of a mouse. A bare spot on the gnarled bark shows the earnest forager up quite distinctly, the slender, downward curved bill probing each likely hiding-place for insects; and one finds some difficulty which to admire most, the fawn plumage fading away to silver on the breast or the bird's adroitness at work. Arrived near the top of the tree, down it drops, only to begin a similar ascent of the next. Adapted for climbing, the claws are long, very slight, and sharp as needles. Although not a bird of passage, the Tree-Creeper dearly loves a change of feeding-ground, and it will often vanish entirely from a favourite wood for some months without regard to season or weather. The first time this bird's nest came under my notice the clutch of seven tiny grey eggs spotted with brown was a puzzler. Situated in the hollow of a whale's jaw set up as a fantastic gateway some distance from trees, the parent birds had too good a view of the approach to be at home to callers with no matter how honest intentions; but if the Cuckoo discovered its identity to the blind man by reason of its voice, so the peculiar grasping claws of the baby Tree-Creepers when they arrived made known their parentage. There were plenty of hollows in the trees of a wood to which the Tree-Creepers adjourned for the grubs to feed their offspring, but the space in the whale's jaw apparently suited as a position for their nest, and hardly a year passed in which a brood was not successfully hatched out there.—"Greenock Telegraph."

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Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camherwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. —**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersycban, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) G.F.P., E.H.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

Ireland.

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Twitterings.

White Swallows seem to be more than usually numerous this year. Another has been reported from the vicarage garden at Bramford, Ipswich.

Arbroath C.B.S., writes Mr. D. Forsyth, hon. sec., are to hold an open show on the third Saturday of November, and trust that in taking this step to keep the Fancy alive they will have the support of fanciers generally.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. will hold an open show, Nov. 10 and 11. Judges: Canaries, R. S. Bewick, Newcastle; British, Wm. Rutherford, Crook. There will be a good classification for British, writes Mr. Ainsworth, Sec.

In the club report of Accrington C.B.S. in your last issue, writes Mr. Jas. Stuttard, I am inadvertently shown as secretary of the society. The secretary is Mr. A. Noble, 40, Lodge Street; Accrington. My position is that of corresponding secretary.

Having been offered several judging engagements lately, writes Mr. E. J. Davies, Cardiff, I should be glad if you would kindly make it known that I cannot possibly entertain any more while my son is away in the Army, owing to the difficulty of getting away from business.

Kindly intimate, writes Mr. J. Stewart, that I have resigned the position of secretary to the Whitehaven Yorkshire C.B.S., and any communications respecting the society should be addressed to J. McLaughlin, 37a, George St., Whitehaven. We intended holding a Red Cross show.

We have received the Rule-book of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club. Besides the rules of the club, it contains the show standard for the Norwich Canary and scale of points, particulars of the various challenge cups and specials of the club, a list of patronage shows for 1916-17, and tho names and addresses of members.

Kindly allow me through the medium of our valuable paper good old CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. McClymont, Caithness, to thank the sec. and members of Queen's Park C.B.S. (Glasgow) for their good wishes for me in my new situation. At present I am only a few miles from John O'Groats, and 12 miles from a station or village, and yet I get our favourite paper every Friday night as usual.

Societies wishing to have the patronage of the Northern British, Mule, and F.B.C. should apply at once, writes Mr. W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle. Patronage will be allotted at a meeting, Sept. 30, in Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market; please state number of classes and judge. The following societies have been granted patronage: Hartlepool, Nov. 6; Gateshead, Dec. 9. Fanciers invited to join, annual subs. 2s. 6d.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for September, the journal of the Avicultural Society, opens with "Nesting Notes from the Zoological Gardens," by Mr. Seth-Smith. The Editor, Mr. H. D. Astley, contributes "The Black Redstart and its Breeding Haunts," and "Miscellaneous Notes from Brinsop Court." A very interesting article is "Bird Song," by "Birdlover," and among the other items are "Some Firefinches and other Gambian Birds," by Dr. E. Hopkinson, "Five Little Waxwings," by G. G. Phillips, etc.

Your readers will be glad to hear, writes Mr. J. Bastock, City of Birmingham C.B.S., that our secretary has obtained his ticket to stay at home, so there will be no change in management. The committee have decided to hold our open show as usual, and we hope fanciers will give us all the support possible, as we give a good classification. I am guaranteeing a class for natural colour Norwich. If fanciers would like to guarantee any classes I am sure our committee will be pleased to meet their wishes in every way possible.

In sending the article entitled "How I Began Canary Breeding" Mr. Craven writes: "Since the photograph was taken I have secured another cup, so that I now hold three silver cups won by my birds this year. I have reared birds which have won for me eight first prizes which they have won at their first time out. I have now over 70 youngsters nearly through the moult, and, as these have a good percentage of green blood, they are showing good colour. After a few more weeks to fix feather and colour I shall be ready to put more on the show bench. Your advertisement pages have always done me very good service, and this week I am forwarding two more advertisements.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

A Correction.

Mr. J. Patterson, Chirnside, writes that his paper on the Border Fancy Canary, published in our issue of last week, was read before the members of the Blaydon C.B.S., not of the Border Fancy C.C. as stated.

Keeping the Flag Flying.

The North Yorkshire and South Durham Federated C.B.S. will hold two open shows during the season; at West Hartlepool, Nov. 4, and Darlington, Jan. 1 (see Club Report). The secretary is Mr. B. Smurthwaite, 4, Harland-place, Norton-on-Tees.

Glasgow Show to be Resumed.

After a lapse of two years it was agreed at a recent meeting of our members, writes Mr. J. Young, sec. City of Glasgow O.A., to hold a show in Glasgow on Jan. 3 and 4 next. The show will be held under the auspices and for the benefit of the Princess Louise Fund for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers.

Rough on the Editorial.

It seems to have been a good idea, says a reader in a letter received this week, to offer a prize weekly for the best letter, as so many interesting letters are now appearing. Ever since I first took CAGE BIRDS, now about ten years ago, I have always looked at the Correspondence page first, and next in order I have read the Answers to Queries.

Gateshead Fanciers; Please Note.

An interesting letter was received from our vice-chairman, Rev. C. R. Appleton, C.F., on active service, No. 8, Stationary Hospital, British Expeditionary Force, Boulogne, writes Mr. W. Curry, Sec., Gateshead C.B.S., and we were glad to note that he was in the best of health. He wishes members of Gateshead C.B.S. to write him, and for this reason I ask you the favour of letting them know his address through CAGE BIRDS.

Swansea Show for the Red Cross.

The members of the Swansea and Dist. C.B.A., writes Mr. J. H. Ford, Sec., 83, Norfolk St., Swansea, have decided that the profits of their forthcoming show, Nov. 16, will be given to the funds of the Red Cross Society. We hope that exhibitors will favour us with their entries, and give us a bumper show. We are giving 58 open classes and a gift class, birds only to be sold by public auction; cages will be returned. Should be pleased to receive any bird for this class.

A Curiously Marked Blackbird.

There is at present in this neighbourhood, says "W. A.," in "The Scotsman," what is certainly the most curiously plumaged Blackbird that I have ever seen. The head and neck feathers down as far as the wings are mottled brown, somewhat like the plumage of a young female, while the remainder of the bird's plumage is a dead, unrelieved black. The dividing line between the two shades of colour is as sharp as if each had been cut out of a separate piece of cloth and hemmed before being fitted together. The effect is very striking. I cannot hazard even a guess as to the sex of the bird, as it is evidently out of a this year's nest. The colour of the bill has not yet developed.

Bird Protection in North America.

Mr. Lansing, the American Secretary of State, has formally announced the signature of a Treaty with Great Britain for the protection of migatory birds. It will apply mainly to the migration of game and insect-eating birds from the United States to Canada, and provides that no bird important to agriculture because of insect-destroying proclivities shall be shot at any time; that no open season on any species of game birds shall extend for a longer period than three-and-a-half months; and that game birds shall not be taken during the breeding season. The Treaty means that 1,022 species of the birds of North America will be protected, from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Pole, and is of prime importance to farmers, forest owners, and fruit growers. It is computed that nearly 300 species of birds pass through or make their homes in the Province of Quebec alone.

Even a Parrot Strafes the Kaiser.

Poor George Bull, publicity expert, author and wit, who was buried at Highgate this morning, had an extraordinarily keen sense of humour, says "The Evening News." His pet possession was a grey West African Parrot named James, who was, and still is, a fluent conversationalist. On the outbreak of war, anxious to keep the bird topical, George taught it to say "What about the Kaiser? Wretch!" and ever since James thus anathematises the chief of the Huns countless times each day. On the night of the Zeppelin raid of last October, Bull, who had left the Parrot at his office, was much afraid that it might have stopped a stray bomb, and together we jumped into a taxi, and hastened to see how James was getting on. The first sound that greeted us, as we opened the office door, was James's execration of the Kaiser. "He's a stop-press bird, isn't he?" remarked Bull.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich: terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Lia. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Goldfinches Around Manchester.

At Chorlton this week, says "W.G." in the "Manchester Dispatch," four Goldfinches were seen feeding in a stubble field—quite an unusual number of these Finches to be congregated so near a town. I have this week seen several odd birds following in the wake of Redpolls, near Stockport, though near Malpas a few weeks ago a good many Goldies were feeding on the thistles in the old pastures.

A Funny Attempt to be Funny.

Referring, presumably, to the article on "The Chaffinch and How to Keep It" in our issue of Sept. 9, a correspondent writes as follows:—"Re Chaffinch feeding in last issue, the person does not say what would be the best place to have some packing cases made to keep seed in if you were keeping more than one finch, or whether a bird would be likely to die if taken away from the district (change of air might affect its breathing). I should advise him to have a special man to look after them while he is at work, and keep a few nice chickens that lay brown eggs so as they could have one fresh every day. If I ever go in for keeping them again, and I have kept a few, I will buy a few fields to grow those seeds he advises."

To all of this we can only say that if our correspondent thinks that the proper keeping of a Chaffinch involves the use of packing cases for the different kinds of necessary seeds, and fields in which to grow them, we are sorry for the Chaffinches he has kept in other times, and we hope he will not start again.

In the Courts.

At Lincoln Police Court, Chas. Claxton, foundryman, and bird dealer, was summoned for unlawfully, and wilfully having in his possession five Goldfinches, recently taken. A witness said he visited the premises on Canwick Road, and purchased five Goldfinches at 5s. They were recently caught, and two of them died later.—Inspector Allen, R.S.P.C.A., spoke to seeing the birds. There were three alive, and in consequence of a complaint being received he saw defendant, and he denied catching them at first, or having sold them. He later admitted taking them. He was a notorious bird catcher, and caught many of our favourite birds and starved them.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and the magistrates said there was no doubt that defendant knew that these birds were protected the whole year round. Defendant could be fined £1 a bird. He would be fined 20s.

The Scientific Breeding of Canaries.

By R. L. WALLACE.

(Continued from page 525.)

THE one I first bought was a hen, and as I could not find a Crested partner for her, I bought a big bird which had a lot of the old Dutch blood in its composition. I bred from them, crossing the produce of the two pairs, and then went on breeding from double Crests, at the same time doing my best to make the breed popular among the fanciers in the North of England.

I found after a time that the crests began to get larger and fuller, but much rougher and wayward, so I again introduced Plainhead blood to improve the form of the crest and make it smooth. Then it occurred to me that it would be well to put the Plainheads bred from a Crested parent on one side only, to Crested birds, and this proved to be satisfactory.

Awhile afterwards I found a fancier that had bred a Plainhead cock from two Crested birds. This bird I bought to run with a Crested hen, and the produce of this pair I considered an improvement on the parents and relatives to them, and I must say I prefer a bird so bred to run with a Crest occasionally to increase the size of crest and density of feather.

The continual breeding of double Buffs is likewise a great aid in the attainment of this object; as the introduction of Yellow blood has an undoubted tendency to shorten the feather both in length and quantity, but it improves the quality.

Another objection to double Cresting is, that it produces bald patches at the base of the skull of most birds so bred, which is most objectionable, and difficult to breed out, in addition to many wayward and unmanageable feathers that stand erect in defiance of tooth brushes, etc.

How "Toppined" became "Crest."

A few years later on we held a splendid show, on a most liberal scale at Sunderland. With the exception of one we held a few years earlier in the same town, and which proved a failure, principally owing to very inclement weather, it was, in fact, the first early open show I had heard of, barring that held at the Crystal Palace, which was established about four or five years previously.

I acted as Secretary to this show, and made all the arrangements, including the schedule of prizes. In the programme we issued, I described the "Toppined" birds as Crests, although one or two of the old-fashioned members of the club objected to this change of title, and insisted that "Topknots" was the proper designation. However, I ultimately got my own way, and this variety has been scheduled at all shows since as Crested birds. The word Crest appealed to me as a more appropriate and refined title.

At the show referred to, we had some excellent specimens sent from Nottingham, Northampton, Norwich, Birmingham and Manchester, as well as Coventry, Derby, etc. In fact, we had in attendance Richard Mackley, the father of Jacob and William, Howarth Ashton, Esq., from Manchester, and other fanciers from Birmingham, Leicester, and elsewhere.

The Foundation of a Strain.

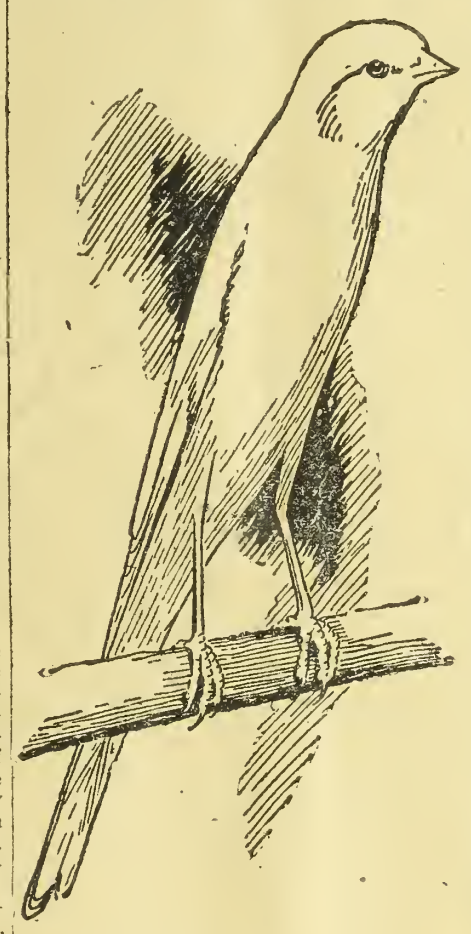
At this show I purchased some of the best specimens of Crests from Mr. Walters, of Winchester, who, in this variety was the most successful exhibitor. They were much superior to the birds I owned at that time, being pure-bred Norwich. Shortly afterwards I removed to Berwick-on-Tweed, and decided to make Crests one of my special fancies. I procured from the towns before-mentioned the best specimens obtainable, and I had a few good birds from a noted Norwich breeder of this variety.

From these birds I commenced to work up a strain of my own. I am a great stickler for quality, and have a keen eye for the artistic and refined. So I began to breed Evenly-marked and Crested, and clear-bodied birds with Dark Crests, and I was very particular about the formation of the crest. I liked a well-formed centre to begin with, and placed as near the middle of the head as possible. I also preferred a "close centre," and the radiation even and regular in all directions, and lying flat on the head.

There were very few, if any, really round crests at this time, but, occasionally, one bordering nearly on this description would put in an appearance, and was highly prized. The Crests in those days were mostly oblong and the majority of them were curtained very artistically behind the head and half-way down the neck. This was, in the days prior to the introduction of the Coppy blood, which has so greatly altered the breed.

I went on breeding until I obtained one or two birds marked in the wings and crests only. These, if good in other respects, I kept as a foundation for producing this variety, and I kept some of the Plainheads from this strain, and paired these with birds having clear bodies, and with clear or grey crests, until I could breed with certainty clear bodies with dark crests. Then I continued, by careful selection and crossing, year by year, until I obtained, with unfaltering regularity, the particular varieties I cared for.

I may say that I did not value heavily and unevenly variegated birds, however good the crests might be, nearly so much as I did the evenly-marked and clear-bodied birds, but, if I bred an extraordinary good Crest, possessing the disadvantage of bad markings. I ran it with one of my clear-bodied dark-crested variety.



YORKSHIRE HEN CANARY.
1st Prize at the Lambeth Baths Show for Mr. W. J. Frisby, Staines.

So soon as I got a few good birds of the kinds described, I began my system of in-breeding, on similar lines to those mentioned in breeding Cinnamons, and I found it of the utmost benefit in establishing and perpetuating the creatures you most desire, after once obtaining them.

I remember one year at the end of the breeding season, more than two-thirds of my young birds were either evenly-marked and crested, or clear-bodied birds with dark crests. None were really objectionably marked, such as neck and breast markings, and with foul tails; some were marked on one wing only, and others much more heavily on one wing than the other, but none were really Piebald specimens.

A Tribute to Inbreeding.

I exhibited my birds at most of the shows in the North of England at that time, and at the Crystal Palace as well, and took first and second and third prizes against all comers, and had no end of exhibitors writing and wishing to purchase my winners, many of which I sold. I have bred and sold several first-prize winners to noted exhibitors in their day, including several Crystal Palace winners, and I attribute my great success to careful selection and in-breeding.

It was my original intention to have written considerably more on the breeding of Crested Canaries, as the method of using the Lancashire Coppy in the production of that breed has considerably altered the method. At any rate, I have said sufficient to show that the best and most efficacious method to establish any particular feature is to resort to Sib. breeding, but it must not be overdone, or it will weaken the constitution of the birds.

I would advise the breeders of any variety of fancy Canaries to adopt this method, and I am sure the result will prove satisfactory. With regard to the production of "Sib" hens for Mule-breeding, you cannot well over-do the in-breeding, but unless the hens selected are of the right stamp to begin with, and have actually produced variegated Mules, the result will be utterly disappointing, as you may be propagating qualities that are the very opposite to those required.

It is not a difficult matter to an experienced breeder to detect a hen that is truly sib-bred, as such hens get very thin and slender, as a rule, in a few years, and sparse of feather, and the voices of such hens, if well in-bred, become weak and squeaky. I prefer hens with Cinnamon blood in their veins for this purpose, and either clear in body, or light variegated. The eyes should be pink, not a dark reddish-brown, which some fanciers term pink-eyed.

My Australian Rose-Breasted Cockatoo.

By W. LIDGETT, Hon. Sec., Newark C.B.S.

ALTHOUGH at present foreign birds of any kind are more difficult to get hold of than before the war, there are no doubt hundreds of this once freely imported and hardy Australian Cockatoo in the hands of bird keepers in this country; hence a short article on the one I have had in my possession for over thirteen years.

The Fascination of Foreign Bird Keeping.

Several years ago, when I first kept birds, British were my fancy. Then, after meeting the lady who is now my wife, and whose father was an enthusiastic foreign bird fancier, I started in the foreign line, by keeping Budgerigars and Java Sparrows. Being persuaded to put the "Budgies" into the local show with, of course, great expectations, one can imagine my feelings when visiting the show at night to see the coveted red ticket on the cage of my father-in-law's Rose-Breasted Cockatoo. My disappointment must have been very noticeable to him, for shortly after he made me a present of this bird, it then being about six years old.

How proud I felt the day I brought him home, he seemed so large after my small foreign birds, and his colouring was so rich, the only thing that marred his beauty was the old cage I had to put him in, as the cage he used to live in was wanted by his late owner for an African Grey.

Still, he did not have to live long in the old cage, for I bought a very large new one as soon as funds would permit, and then I thought I had got all I wanted in this world, or rather in the bird world, but, alas, as my wife often says, I shall never be satisfied; no matter how many birds I possess, I shall still want more.

Rosgate Cockatoos are as hardy, perhaps the hardiest, as any of the Parrot tribe. They can stand any amount of cold, provided they are not subjected to draughts. Mine is kept in his cage in my outdoor aviary all the year round, with other foreign birds, British birds and Canaries, and the aviary is entirely unheated even in the coldest of winter weather. Many times his water has been frozen hard in his drinker, and yet he is and always has been, with one exception, in the best of health.

His food consists of oats, canary, hemp (in small quantities, as I find this seed tends to darken the red colour of the breast), and sunflower seed. In addition he has nuts, fruits, biscuits, and occasional feeds of green-food.

Danger in New Cages.

I hope this paragraph may prove a warning to those who may at any time change a Cockatoo or Parrot from an old cage to a new one. When I bought the new cage for "Joey," of course, in it he went immediately, and for the first day everything seemed all right. Next morning, when I went to look at the birds, I thought he looked a bit thick, but thought perhaps he had not got over his night's rousting. However, at dinner-time my wife said she was sure something was wrong with the bird, and persuaded me to put him back in his old cage; because, as he had not eaten any food that day, she thought perhaps he was sulking in his new home, and did not like the change of cage.

I did so, but he was no better at night, simply sitting with his head under his wing, and refusing anything that was offered him. Then I noticed a slight froth at his mouth and nostrils, as though he had got a cold, and I thought perhaps he had either eaten some enamel or other substance off the cage.

My next-door neighbour, a plumber by trade, at once solved the puzzle, he said no doubt the drinking or feeding vessels were the fault. The soldering perhaps had been done with the aid of spirits of salts, and the bird had got the poison into his system through the food and water vessels not being thoroughly cleansed before using. I thoroughly washed the cage all over with hot water in which a small piece of common soda had been dissolved, and the seed and water vessels I boiled in a saucepan. The next day the Cockatoo certainly seemed a little better; he just roused himself up a little, but still he was very poorly, and refused his seed.

Being away at work I had to ask the wife to try and tempt him to eat at various intervals, and during the afternoon of the second day she was successful in getting him to eat a few mouthfuls of banana, this she continued to give him several times a day, and then a little dry biscuit.

For nearly a week he lived on these two foods, and then he gradually began eating seed again. With this one exception he has been extremely hardy, but I nearly lost my pet through really no fault of my own, or rather, shall I say, perhaps a little thoughtlessness. Still many may have done the same thing inadvertently, as one does not usually trouble to cleanse a new cage. With Parrots of any kind one cannot be too careful, as these birds are continually walking on the wires and food vessels, and if there is anything left about they are almost bound to find it. Thus a word of advice may perhaps save the life of someone else's bird.

Deceiving the Dog.

Roseate Cockatoos can easily be tamed with a little care and attention, and they soon become greatly attached to their owners. The bird I possess is never happier than when perched on my hand or shoulder, and if I am appearing to take more notice of another bird in my aviary he quickly lets me know of the fact by his loud voice.

They are not usually really talented talkers, yet they can be taught many words and short sentences, and although their articulation is not so clear perhaps as the African Grey or an Amazon, still, talk they can. Mine can say distinctly several words, and six or seven sentences. In fact my dog is often deceived when he calls "Nip," and always answers with a quick look and a wag of the tail

Another thing in favour of this bird is that the price for a newly imported specimen is not large, which is a point in their favour for anyone wanting to start keeping the larger foreign birds.

A good large, well-plumaged specimen also stands a fair chance on the show bench, if it does not happen to meet any of the rarer Parrots. Mine has beaten the African Greys, Amazons, and Indian Rocks in open competition, and in local shows he has once beaten my Lemon-Crested Cockatoo, and won the cup for best in show the same day. He has 11 first prizes, besides other honours to his credit, and has appeared before thirteen different judges.

The one great drawback to sending the larger foreign birds to shows is, that, although the prize money is usually a few shillings more per class than others in the schedule, one mostly drops in for the half-prize money scheme, and what with the entry fee and the heavy cost of railway travelling, even if a first prize is taken, one is usually on the wrong side of the bargain financially; so that unless one has a deep pocket one's birds can only go out now and again.

How to Avoid Waste.

As a final word, to anyone keeping this or any other bird of the Parrot tribe, I would advise mixing one's own seed, and not to use the so-called Parrot foods sold by many dealers. Besides being so much cheaper, more variety can be given, by changing the food a little each day, and the waste will be found almost nil. Half the concoctions in many of the packets of Parrot foods are wasted, as the birds throw them out. Then, if one happens to see a lot of seed on the floor of the cage, the bird may be left to eat some of that he has thrown out before replenishing his tin; and perhaps the bird would rather starve than eat such things as marrow seeds and chillie pods.

Another thing one sometimes hears is that no Parrot needs drink. This is a mistaken idea, for although they are not great drinkers they need water regularly, and one has only to give them a fresh supply to see them immediately partake of a short drink.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. F. Groom, Gaddesdon Place, Hemel Hempstead.

"Cage Birds" Prizes as Specials.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque value 10s., being the prize won in last week's letter competition. If the Newcastle C.B.S. decides to hold a show this year I intend to hand the 10s. over to them for a special prize.

I may say that I have taken a great interest in the subject of in-breeding, and the correspondence in your columns, and I hope it has been of value to many of your readers also. The subject, though not new, has not of recent years been given vent to in your columns, and as we are continually receiving new recruits to the ranks of the Cage Bird Fancy, it may have given them some food for thought.

Thos. C. Crawhall.

Old Fanciers Return to the Fold.

Sir,—Who said the Fancy was declining? It is very pleasing to us to have elected, as a member of our society, the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., that good old fancier, Mr. Geo. Sands, and to hear that he is again taking a keen interest in the Fancy. I understand he has gone back to his old love, the Yorkshires and Norwich. Another old fancier of the Norwich, Mr. W. Pavey, was also elected a member. There is no fear of the Fancy declining when we find good fanciers like the above still keen on producing the best. The members of the D.P.C.B.S. give them a hearty welcome, and wish them the best of luck.

W. Hodson, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)

The Other End of the String.

Sir,—Kindly allow me through your column to thank Mr. G. S. Packer for testing my method of sexing birds and for his courtesy in writing to give the result of that test. I had intended writing to give "H. W." further information, but as Mr. Packer has been good enough to do so in Cage Birds of Sept. 9, I need only add that all it requires is to take one end of the thread between the fingers of say, the left hand, and the bird in the right, not both in the same hand as his question implies. Will more readers kindly experiment and give their views? That the needle does move in different directions with the different sexes I have proved in innumerable cases, without the shadow of a doubt, but I cannot understand why; perhaps someone will be able to enlighten me.

J. R. Williams.

Earwigs as Red-mite Destroyers

Sir,—Don't laugh; but I am going to tell your readers of a novel way to clear any bird-room or aviary of red-mites. It is no use cleaning cages and using all sorts of spirits, for the mites are not only in the cages but all over the room. As you know, I am a bit of a gardener, and I have studied all insect pests that have come in my way. I have found that many of them which even professional gardeners seek and kill are most valuable, as many of them chiefly exist on fungus and fly.

Among them is the Earwig. I have seen people who should know better consider this their worst pest when it is one of their very best friends, and only eats flowers when it cannot find any fly or fungus. A year or two ago I imported a few into my bird-room, and when I came to clean and wash my cages I could not find a single mite or sign of them; my earwigs had cleared them all out. As further proof of their usefulness, a gentleman friend I was visiting was troubled with a kind of a red spider in the two windows of his drawing-room. There were millions of them, so many that they looked like so much red sand on the windows. He thought they were some foreign insect which had come in the wood, and he had used all sorts of spirits, but nothing would touch them. I advised him to find some earwigs, which he did, two of them, and in less than a week he could not find a single insect. The earwigs are still there keeping the place clear. Now is a good time to get earwigs, and a few will soon clear any bird-room, either indoors or out, no matter how badly infested. Of course, if your cages are so close that they cannot get under them, you must raise them a little with a bit of wood.

J. Bastock.

Cheltenham "Carrying On."

Sir,—It has always been the aim of the Cheltenham C.B.S. to assist and uphold the Fancy generally, and to provide a conprehensive classification at its annual show. This year we intend to "carry on" and hold our open show as usual, in spite of all the difficulties we have to face.

Last year we handed over a very nice amount to the Red Cross Society, and this year we hope to be able to do the same to our two local hospitals. We trust that exhibitors who are still at home will do their utmost to help, and will make as many entries as possible, so as to make up for those who are unable to send their usual quota through being with the colours. I feel sure that nothing will give our absent fanciers greater pleasure than to know that societies at home are doing their best to keep things going.

A. S. Treasure,
Hon. Sec., Cheltenham C.B.S.

A Hybrid Winner in a Class for British Birds.

Sir,—In the correspondence columns of Cage Birds of Sept. 16 I notice that Mr. J. E. Jeffreys raises an important question in respect of the awards at Ystradgynlais Show. I have no doubt that Mr. Jeffreys' own experience as a British bird exhibitor is quite sufficient to justify his own conclusions in the matter; nevertheless the question is worthy of careful consideration by other exhibitors and judges. There are, no doubt, some, judges included, who are of opinion that if a bird is the produce of two British bird parents it has a right to compete in a class for any variety British, but there will be many others who differ from this opinion, and if a proper and definite understanding were arrived at once for all it would be much more satisfactory for everybody concerned.

Might I ask Mr. Jeffreys to give us the benefit of his own opinion? For a start, in my opinion, the class was only open for distinct species of British birds. How a bird which combines the characteristics of two distinct species of British birds can be termed a British bird for competition with naturally bred species I entirely fail to understand. It is quite obvious that a bird which combines the blood of two distinct species could not coincide with the recognised standard of any one distinct species, and the Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid now in question could not possibly be judged from the standard of perfection in British birds.

I may say I know nothing whatever about the show in question, nor do I know the name of the judge. If, however, the judge, whoever he may be, would kindly favour us with the reasons which induced him to arrive at such a decision, I am quite sure his opinions will be welcomed.

T. L. Castree.

The Treatment of British Birds During the Moult.

Sir,—I should like to explain how I moult British birds on wild seed, as requested by "Shamrock," in Cage Birds, Aug. 26. I have in my possession cock Roller, cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, and cock Redpoll; hen Greenfinch and cock Bullfinch to arrive. All my cages are box pattern, with loose fronts, which are so essential for the thorough cleansing of the cages. Each bird has his own cage and name. I keep a good supply of fresh sand on the cage floor, and give fresh boiled water to drink. Until the moulting season my birds do well on this mixture: 1lb. canary, ¼lb. summer rape, ¼lb. hemp, 2oz. thistle and dandelion, and this keeps them in good song. When I notice the moult has begun I take the precaution to see that they are out of all draughts, as I lost a beautiful Norwich hen through the non-observance of this precaution. Every seed hopper is emptied, and filled as follows: 1 teaspoonful of teazle, ½ of thistle, ¼ of maw, ¼ of dandelion, a little and often, then there is no waste. I also give young dandelion roots and leaves, shepherd's purse, chickweed, dock, and hard-heads, and every other day the birds have fresh egg food or bread and milk sprinkled with niger, which has been in soaking since the previous night.

Don't Forget the Bath.

Finally I give all the bath, as I consider water a good conditioner. In this way I have my birds singing fairly, even when in the moult. Through taking up the hobby of bird-keeping, not a day goes by but finds a poor old medically unfit and invalided soldier more concerned about his birds and Cage Birds every Friday. For every bird they purchase beginners should have the little Nutshell book as I have, also 1916 Cage Birds Annual. If they study these well before commencing Mule or Hybrid breeding success is theirs.

A. S. Tegg.

How to Catch Linnets.

Sir,—I beg to thank Lce.-Cpl. Lloyd and W. Coward for their information on "How to catch Linnets." Would Mr. Coward be good enough to tell us how to get the Linnets through an early moult, as my Linnets are now in heavy moult and are of no use for call birds, as he says they must be in full song. I should be grateful for any tips. W. Turner.

There is a method of forcing birds into an unnaturally early moult, and this was described in Mr. Coward's letter as received. It was deleted from the letter as printed, for we are not disposed to give publicity to the proceeding.—Editor, Cage Birds.

Sir,—L.-Cpl. Lloyd gives a very good idea of catching Linnets if only he had said how he placed his twigs. He has done the same thing that Wm. Tucker complains of, that is, he has not explained his method thoroughly. Everyone knows when using birdlime that you have to place it, but they don't know how, and L.-Cpl. Lloyd does not say how he does it. Chickweed is a very good weed to catch Linnets on, especially if there is plenty of seed in it. My method is this. If there is any charlock growing, or mown down, collect an armful and make a ring five yards across where there is plenty of chickweed, and you know that the Linnets are feeding on it. Place your call bird in the centre of this space, cover it up, then place your twigs in lines, starting from the call bird, up to the charlock. I make my twigs from reeds that grow on swampy ground. I don't know the name of them; they have a white pith inside. Get 100 of these a few days before wanted and dry them in the sun. Get them about 1 ft. long, of this year's growth, without any signs of bloom on them. Lime them the night before and put them in bundles of 25 into grease-proof paper, then you can pull them out by the thick end, which is left clear of lime for an inch. Place this end on the chickweed or other weeds about 2 inches high, and the pointed end on the soil. The birds walking about will get these limed twigs across the back, fastening both wings. Get your birds and clean them with a little lard, put them into the store cage, and then, if you require any more, have a gentle stroll round the field to work the birds back again. Don't wave your arms to drive them, walk steady, and then they will return.

I am pleased to say I have had fairly good luck in breeding this year. I only had three common hens, a Goldie (rather small) and a brown Linnet. The Linnet failed to fill eggs for two nests, so I put him back into the flight where I moult and keep them together during the winter. The Goldie filled three eggs with this hen the next nest, after filling 24 eggs with the other two. Seventeen hatched and seven were dead in shell. Two of the 17 died at a week old through hatching two days later than the others and not getting their share of food, leaving me with 15 Goldie Mules; the youngest was a month old on Sept. 17.

A Tip for Seed Gatherers.

My birds get plenty of dandelion seed in the spring, which I find is a grand seed for bringing them on. I get my right hand pocket full of the heads, and then on my way home I get them one at a time between my thumb and first finger of left hand, catch hold of the fluff with the thumb and finger of the right hand, give a sharp twist, and the fluff leaves the seed all clear in the head. Then I put this into the left hand pocket. You will soon do a pocketfull like this, saving a lot of mess at home. Gather the heads in the morning just before they are ready for opening. Thistles also are good for breeding time. Gather these when they are bursting open, and are quite dry. Tea time I find about the best for these; place them in a bag and store away till spring in a dry place. When your hens have nearly finished the nest throw about half a dozen into the cage morning and night till they are ready for laying. The birds, especially the Goldie, will make a fuss of the seed, and the hen will gather the fluff to finish her nest off with. I think fanciers will find this will stop a lot of feather plucking when hens are going to nest again, as the hens will have something white to finish off with. Also the seeds are doing your birds a lot of good at this time, when the rearing of young is putting a big strain on them. I trust these lines will help other fanciers, and wish them the best of luck.

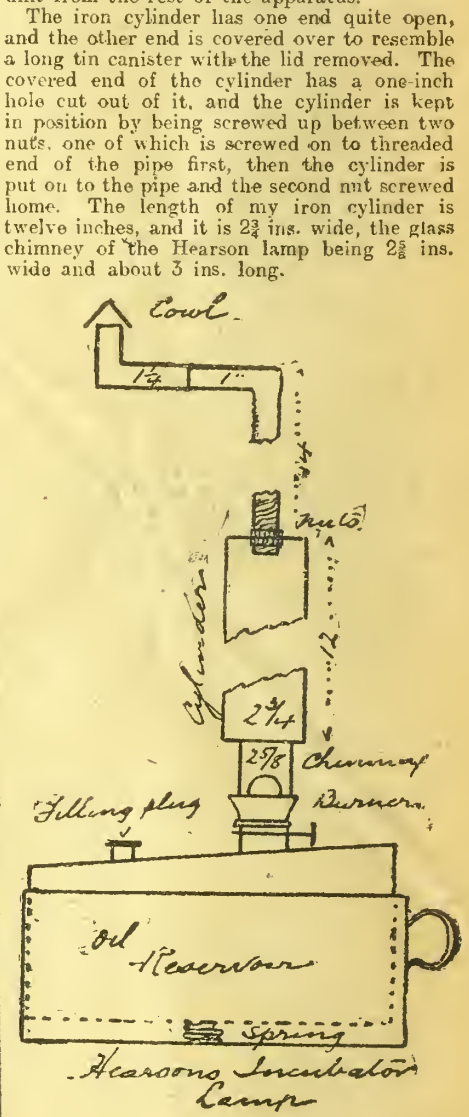
J. H. Murray.

How to Warm a Birdroom.

Sir,—As we are now approaching the time when some "birdy" minds are beginning to wonder what to do when the cold, damp nights and mornings set in, and a little heat will become necessary in their outdoor bird sheds, I thought that, without claiming any originality for the idea, I could, perhaps, help to solve their problem by sending a short description of a highly efficient and inexpensive method of keeping their feathered pets warm and in an equable temperature.

All that is necessary is a length or two of ordinary one-inch hot water pipe, a one-and-a-quarter-inch iron "bend," a cowl, which can be readily made out of a scrap of old sheet iron, a long sheet iron cylinder (a piece of gas fire flue will do), and a lamp which burns paraffin. An ordinary lamp with a glass chimney will answer, but as I had a Hearson's incubator lamp I used that. The advantage in using the latter is that it has a large reservoir and a short, rather wide glass chimney covered with asbestos, which is not easily broken, and which will fit into the iron cylinder fairly tightly, preventing the blow back of fumes and soot. The reservoir of this lamp is raised or lowered by means of a spring, which keeps it constantly in one position, and makes it an easy matter to remove the whole of the oil or heating unit from the rest of the apparatus.

The iron cylinder has one end quite open, and the other end is covered over to resemble a long tin canister with the lid removed. The covered end of the cylinder has a one-inch hole cut out of it, and the cylinder is kept in position by being screwed up between two nuts, one of which is screwed on to threaded end of the pipe first, then the cylinder is put on to the pipe and the second nut screwed home. The length of my iron cylinder is twelve inches, and it is 2⅞ ins. wide, the glass chimney of the Hearson lamp being 2⅝ ins. wide and about 3 ins. long.



Mr. Gordon Stewart's Heating Lamp.

It is well to remember that, although I have shown the 1-inch pipe as being 14 ins. long, the longer the pipe the better the heat will be diffused, and after careful experiment I have found that a pipe at least 3 ft. 6 ins. long gives better results. I think, too, if a good length of pipe be used the 1¼in. "bend" can be dispensed with, as the external orifice of the pipe need only be left flush with the outside boarding of the bird house, and the cowl can also be eliminated. The disadvantage of the latter arrangement would be if the wind lay in the direction that the pipe pointed there would be the risk of the lamp being blown out. I think the diagram is self-explanatory, and anyone with a little ingenuity can easily make the whole apparatus for a few pence; in fact, a friend of mine who saw my apparatus went round to his plumber and picked up all the piping, nuts, etc., complete for nothing, fixed the chimney of the lamp we used on dark evenings to "spot the winners" into the iron pipe, and his apparatus was complete. The addition of a few feet of asbestos twine wound round the top of the chimney would make a close fit. The lamp can be stood on the floor of the bird house if a good length of down pipe is used, or it can be placed on a small shelf.

J. W. Gordon-Stewart.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Barrow and Sheffield Red Cross Shows.

A Sporting Proposition from Barrow.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 16, I note Sheffield O.S. has held their meeting for the forthcoming show, which falls on the same day as ours, and I note two members offer to sell 400 tickets each. It is, no doubt, very good, but, as Barrow is in the "Big Push," wo are prepared to take on the two Sheffield members with one of our members, Mr. Franton, to sell more tickets than the two of them, for a special to the Red Cross Fund. The conditions are if our hero sells more than the Sheffield heroes, the Sheffield O.S. give £1 to the fund for our show, and if Sheffield heroes beat ours we will give £1 to the fund for their show. Now then, let us have some interest in the two shows, held on the same dates. This is also open to any other show in England. Schedules will be out for the Barrow show at an early date, plenty of specials, and good British classes.

D. MCFARLANE, Hon. Sec.

Society Wanted for Durham City.

SIR,—I see by CAGE BIRDS, of Sept. 9, that Mr. Robson has set the ball rolling, I think the City of Durham is one of the best places in the county for a show, and a central place for fanciers. Durham in the past had two of the best shows I ever showed at. There were four specials in each class. The first year 20 members put money together, and they received a good entry, but in the second year there was a bit of a disturbance among them, and I think that was why the show fell through. I would like to see some of the fanciers in Durham put their shoulders to the wheel and have a show on December 30 this year. I think there are a few likely men in the city to carry a show on with a bit of help from the men around the district. The show could be run on a sliding scale, for if there is not competition a man cannot look for full prize money. I will be one to guarantee a class, and if we could get 20 members to do the same the show would go on. So if there is a meeting called by a Durham fancier and the place is stated beforehand we might get a show away, for I know there are a lot of fanciers who will help. I was in full swing with Crests at the time of the City Show, and I have started again with Crests. I see Mr. Bastock also has started again; he once challenged the County of Durham with Crests.

JAMES STANGER.

The Clashing of Show Dates.

SIR,—In Mr. Shelby James's letter I see that he remarks on the unfortunate clashing of our show dates. We agree that it is unfortunate, doubly so at the present juncture, with the terrible war cloud still hanging over us, members serving, and the fancy struggling to keep "business as usual."

He says further that his Committee had no knowledge of the Pontypool date. If this is so they are evidently not careful readers of CAGE BIRDS, as in your issue of March 8 it was published under the heading of "Secretaries Note—Show Dates Fixed." He also states that in looking up his file he finds a reply was sent to me, and offers to send the carbon copy in proof. As I have not received his reply, neither has Mr. D. R. Smith, who also wrote, I cannot see that the copy is any proof; it is not evidence of posting.

Surely it would have been more sincere for Mr. James to have written to me immediately our statement appeared in CAGE BIRDS of July 29 than to allow two months to elapse before making his statement. When he states that their show date was altered to allow fanciers to deal with Cardiff C.B.S., which has not yet decided to run an open show, and their own show, it is not consistent with the statement "that they were changing their date owing to clashing of show dates." Surely it is time something was done to avoid this needless opposition, the fancy being all the poorer for it. We have not such an overabundance of shows in Wales that we can afford to play fast and loose. What is there more disheartening to any society than to find immediately it fixes its show date it is pirated by one or two more societies? The result is generally, show cancelled, society disbanded, and fanciers disgusted. Cannot a meeting be arranged of Welsh Societies, and let each society register its show date? Now, Cardiff, see if you cannot bring this meeting about. We look to you as the premier society, and your city is central.

W. D. LEWIS,
Sec. Pontypool C.B.S.

Keep the Flag Flying.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the letter from Mr. C. Stubbs in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 16, under the heading "Keep the Flag Flying." His remarks are to the point, and are well worthy of the consideration of show committees. I trust that my letter may bring out opinions from a few more fanciers who, like me, are willing to do their best for the shows until we are once more back to normal times. It is good to know that the love of his birds can take him away from all thoughts of his personal troubles. This is where the hobby mostly serves a man when either trouble or misfortune arrives, and no one can be long in the room amongst his birds and feel utterly downhearted. Their cheery ways bring out the best which is in our nature, and make us forget all our woes.

A Friendly Challenge.

Your correspondent Mr. W. Craig seems to doubt my sincerity. To prove that I have the courage of my convictions, and am willing to help the fancy, especially the keepers of Border Fancy Canaries, I am giving a cup for points at open shows held under the patronage of the Border Fancy Canary Club under the conditions that no member can win more than 15 points at one show with one variety. After he has won 15 points in the one variety, say in clears, he may win 15 points in each of the other two varieties, i.e., up to 45 points in all. The varieties in which the competitions are to count are clears and ticks; all other marked birds; and greens and cinnamons, i.e., three varieties in all. The conditions as stated apply to all shows excepting the Border Fancy Canary Show which I expect to be held in Edinburgh as usual at the New Year. At this show every point will count in all three varieties. Points will count as follows:—First 7, second 6, and so on downwards to seventh 1. Catalogues of the shows where the competition is held are to be sent to Mr. Smart, our Secretary, marked with the numbers of points won by each member. The cup is of the value of £3 3s., and is to be won outright. Mr. Craig now has the opportunity to prove his own sincerity by granting something similar in the same manner to shows held under the Border Fancy Canary Club patronage in England. If he would do this, the cup I am giving can be confined to Scotland, otherwise it would be open to every show held under B.F.C.C. rules.

J. PATTERSON.

How a Novice Fitted Up a Birdroom.

SIR,—It might interest your novice readers if they had the experience of another novice. I decided two years ago to start Roller breeding, and, as I had a spare back room I decided to fit it up, and having a few joiner's tools I did the work myself. The room has a floor space of 10ft. x 8ft., and is 9ft. high.

To Circumvent the Mice.

First of all, I made the skirting and grate mouse-proof, for my opinion is that this pest is the biggest enemy a bird breeder has. I made tin angle plates for the top and bottom of the skirting, which I screwed on, and I fixed a piece of sheet iron over the grate and a strip of wood outside the entrance door, and I can safely say I have not been troubled at all with this pest.

On the right-hand side going in, that is, the 10ft. side, I built an aviary to use as flight for young, 7ft. high, 4ft. front, 2ft. 6in. back to front, using the walls for back and one side. The front and the other side is simply a framework with ½in. netting tacked on, 3-ply wood at top, and with a sliding tray at bottom, with outside feeder and drinker.

At the side of this aviary I made a stand to carry a flight cage 5ft. long, 2ft. 6in. high, and 14in. back to front, and on top of this I have six double breeders (3ft. x 18in. x 11in. each), with wood and wire partitions, which I put in when the old birds are feeding the young.

Facing the door, in the recess made by the grate, I built another aviary, 7ft. high, 2ft. deep, and 3ft. 6in. front, and at the side of this one I have four double breeders, and on the left hand going in I built another aviary on the same principle as the first two. I reckoned then that I had got as much in the room as it was capable of holding. All the cages and avairics are whitewashed inside and white enamelled outside, and they look A1.

A Fine Result.

Last year I put three hens and one cock in the aviary facing the door, and I had 30 nice young ones, all of which I quickly sold at a nice figure. This year I put 7 hens and 3 cocks up in one aviary and four double breeders; result, 73 young. Lucky, some will say. I think not. Keeping the birds clean and quiet is the secret of bird breeding, and unless you do this you will do no good. Clean water, clean food, and clean cages, combined with patience, are everything that is necessary in bird-breeding; at least, that is my experience.

E. ORRILLARD.

What Has Happened to Darlington C.B.S.?

SIR,—I would like to say a few words with regard to bird societies falling off just now that this war is on. Being a member of the Darlington C.B.S., and Vice-Chairman of same, I am anxious to know what has overtaken this Society. Only a few months ago it was going strong, and was one of the best societies in the North. We held a very successful show last November, at which we got 600 entries, and new members were elected every week. Now, however, I am sorry to say, it cannot get a good half dozen members at the meetings. The secretary does not seem to use your valuable paper to the best advantage, for I have rarely seen a notice of meeting in CAGE BIRDS for months. As a fancier, I think we ought to be proud that we have such a paper carrying on during such a trying time for newspaper proprietors.

How Matters may be Bettered.

Most of our members are men who are still at home, and there are dozens of men here in Darlington who would only be too pleased to become members if they were looked up and catered for. We have a first-class President in Mr. Stainsby, a man who would do anything for the welfare of the Society, and intending fanciers would do wisely in giving him a look-up in Bondgate, Darlington. He has some good stock well worth looking at. One thing the Society lacks is that the members seem not to be interested in each other. I hope that this letter will achieve its object in creating a little more enthusiasm to get back the good name the Society had a few months ago. I might say I have only been five weeks back from France, and am very sorry to find things so slack. There are three Canary fanciers here in my ward, one Yorkshire fancier and two Norwich and Crests, and if any fancier has any books or papers he could spare I am sure we should all appreciate them, and it would also help to get new fanciers. The Darlington C.B.S. wants a new lease of life, or it will become extinct.

G. E. BLACKBOURN.
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A Gentle Hint.

A Practical Answer from an Old Reader.

SIR,—I was rather surprised to read W. Tucker's letter in CAGE BIRDS. His experience as regards the correspondence and letters in CAGE BIRDS is far different from my own. I have kept every British seed-eater and bred with most of them, including Goldie-Bullie, Greenie-Bullie, also Goldfinch-Canary, and I have gained much valuable information from the columns of CAGE BIRDS from time to time. Of course, one must bear in mind that practical experience is far better than theory, though by reading others' experience we can sometimes jump a long way, whereas we might otherwise be travelling along very slowly in the dark.

Before anyone attempts to keep birds they must find a suitable place for them. I have heard it said, and from very old fanciers too, "Oh! they are only a few Britishers; anywhere will do for them." Now that is a mistake. I have fonnd from experience that, no matter if you feed your birds on the most suitable diet, yet if their surroundings are not suitable there will be no success.

My idea of a bird room, either for British or Canaries, is an unheated room, if possible facing south-east, or an open shed. By an open shed I mean a place with a back, two sides, and a roof, and front wired in with half-inch wire netting; that is my idea of an ideal place for breeding Hybrids, either with two British birds or with the Canary. Some may say that an open shed is far too cold for Canaries, but that is not so, for I have found my healthiest birds have been those that lived in an open shed from year's end to year's end. The water in winter has sometimes been one block of ice, but with plenty of exercise the birds were still healthy.

Supposing we have found a suitable place to keep the birds, the next thing is cages. I prefer to make my own, and my reason for so doing is that one can make them suitable for the room they are to occupy. For Hybrid breeding they should be of the box pattern, and double breeders; that is, a cage about 40 inches long, 18 inches high, and 10 or 12 deep, with a sliding partition so that the birds may be separated at will, and with front bottom rail about 2 or 2½ inches high. Of course, the cages may be made smaller, according to the room one has to spare.

Having found a room, and cages, we require the stock, and for Hybrid breeding October and November are the months for obtaining the same. If one is going in for the Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, or Greenfinches, one must remember that their food in their natural state consists chiefly of wild seeds. For the Goldfinch August and September are the months in which to collect a greater part of his food for the winter, that is, hardheads, thistle, and shepherd's purse. Always keep the seed hopper filled with some Spanish canary seed, and give as tit-bits the various wild seeds; in fact, one can moult a Goldfinch on hardheads, thistle, and canary seed. If unable to get the wild seeds one must fall back on the following mixture: Teazel, niger, linseed, hemp, and rape in equal parts, except for Linnets, which are not very fond of hemp, and should have more rape, but all these must be given sparingly, otherwise in winter the birds are likely to get too fat. I have found that a good sample of wild seeds from the threshing machine is far better for British birds than any other mixture throughout the winter. It is full of seed which they would obtain in their wild state, and the birds enjoy picking it over, and do well on it; the Linnet especially is very fond of it, but Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Greenfinches should have a few sunflower seeds in addition.

The Management of the Birds.

To breed with two British birds or with any of the British and Canaries, the birds should be the largest and best shaped obtainable. If a Goldie is used, get a Siberian for preference, but they are not on the market at present; also see they are young birds. If fresh-caught birds, put them into a small cage for a week or two, box pattern for preference, with seed and water inside. Just throw the seed loose on the bottom of the cage for a day or two, slightly damped, and feed as already mentioned. Give a little Glauber salts about once a week for a week or two. The birds will soon settle down to cage life, and when they are getting steady cage them off in pairs as they are intended to breed, in the double breeders, with the centre partition out, so that they can get a certain amount of exercise. Let them fly together the whole of the winter months, and do not feed them too liberally on tit-bits. Put in the bars of the cage a piece of sweet apple; if they will eat it that will help to keep them in condition. As the spring advances give plenty of the following green food: Groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and, best of all, dandelion seeding heads. Don't be afraid of giving these in abundance; in fact, for a Goldfinch and Linnet nothing is better to bring them into condition. Also about twice a week give a little egg food sprinkled with maw seed, in addition to their other tit-bits.

By March or April the autumn caught birds will be nicely settled down to cage life, and very friendly together, and now comes the most interesting, and, may be, the most disappointing time for the Hybrid breeder. Where two British birds are to breed together, about the first week in May procure a bag of nice clean sawdust, also an old Blackbird's nest. Shut both your birds on one side of the cage, and in the other side take out the perches, put the Blackbird's nest in one corner (on the bottom), fill the bottom of cage with sawdust level to the top of the nest, also to the top of the bottom rail, put back the perches so that they are about half an inch above the sawdust, hanging a piece of cuttlefish bone so that the hen can easily get at it, get some rough grass or fibre, and litter this all over the bottom of cage for the hen to build with. The hen will then build in the Blackbird's nest, but most likely will not lay in it, but drop the eggs from the perches; that is why the cage bottom should be covered with sawdust. In the other partition some good sand should be used, road sand for preference.

When the Hen is Laying.

Let both birds fly together in the whole of the cage during the day, but shut the hen on the sawdust side at night; the male bird, of whatever kind, is better kept from the hen until the eggs are gathered in the morning. About every other day give to the two birds a small teaspoonful of egg food with a little cuttlefish bone ground very finely over it; that will prevent the hen from laying soft-shelled eggs. As the eggs are laid put them under a common Canary. She will hatch and probably rear the young, if any. Very few British hens can be trusted with their own eggs. This treatment will suit most of the British seed-eaters in cages, with a bath given to them very freely every day in summer; they must be kept clean, of course.

To breed with a Canary hen, the birds will require rather different treatment. Canaries will build, lay, and rear their young in nest pans hung between the two perches, without sawdust on the bottom of the cage, but the male bird should be taken away at night during incubation and the rearing of the young. In my opinion nothing beats the wild seed for bringing and keeping birds in condition, and above all the seedling dandelion; birds feed freely every day with those, and are bound to come into condition some time during the season. The road to success is regular feeding, cleanliness, and patience. If the British bird be either a Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, or Linnet, and he will eat gentles, pin two or three to the perches daily; that will be a great help to bring them into breeding condition.

F. GROOM.

(Several interesting letters held over.)

THE PROS AND CONS OF IN-BREEDING.

Some further expressions of opinion from experienced breeders.

(Continued from page 527.)

Sir,—Allow me through Cage Birds to thank Mr. J. W. Gordon Stewart for his reply to my query. In relation to that part of his letter which appeared in Cage Birds of Aug. 19, and in which he refers to "Invicta's" letter, I may say he has made the point quite clear, and it is a point with which I heartily agree. Although I confess I did not take the development side of the question into consideration, it is a very good point. I also thank him for the brotherly hand of fellowship he extends, and which I clasp with the greatest of gratitude, also for the encouraging words he gives me when he refers to my effort to put before brother fanciers my experience relating to in-breeding. I am sure it will be a great stimulus not only to myself but to others who, like myself, are more at home turning out something in the line of an iron casting rather than handling a pen, but I give you my word, sir, that sometime soon I shall have a good try for that 10s. note.

T. R. Wallace.

A Refutation.

Sir,—Mr. Bastock errs, in ignorance or sheer perversity, when he states, in his letter in Cage Birds of Sept. 9: "I do not think you can name a writer of a book who ever bred or moulted a winner in his life." As one who has bred and moulted hundreds of winners in dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cats, cavies, and Canaries, and who has written over a score of books dealing with different branches of the fancy, I can claim that Mr. Bastock's assertion is untrue both in substance and fact.

As to "In-breeding," no authority on the subject would say that it is the only way to produce winners, but he would say that it is the only sure and certain way. It is impossible to found a strain without in-breeding. The breeder who is constantly introducing fresh blood into his stud cannot possibly have a strain of his own. This outcrossing is spasmodic; in-breeding is not, it is a system. It is not the mere mating together of closely related birds or animals, but the working of a stud so that every unit in it is related, in some degree, to every other unit, even though it may only be in the fortieth or fiftieth degree. Much that is foolish and illogical is said and written against in-breeding, because some fanciers do not, and will not, seek to understand its meaning and mysteries.

A Galaxy of Canary Breeders.

Of men who have bred and moulted many winning Canaries and who have practised in-breeding I would mention Messrs. J. H. Scothern (Nottingham), E. Fox (Long Eaton), T. Heath (London), G. E. Russell (Brierley Hill and Birmingham), J and M. Broadley (Windhill), G. Gardner (London), J. S. Laccotier (Norwich), W. Greeves (Wrentham), W. Radmore (Plymouth), J. M. Morris (London), Tom King (Cheltenham), J. Hodder (London). I could name many others, but these are men whose names and deeds are well known to the present generation of Canary fanciers, and their successes are quite sufficient to prove there is some merit in in-breeding. C. A. House, Author of "In-Breeding—What it is, What it Does, and What it Means."

In Criticism of an Article.

Sir,—It is rather early to criticise the article by Mr. Wallace, since it is a serial, but it is so remarkable for one or two admissions which in no way buttress up the theory of in-breeding, that I can't forbear mentioning them. Evidently Mr. Wallace was not a consistent in-breeder, for he introduced fresh blood every third year; therefore his success was not attributable to in-breeding. At any rate, it is agreeable that he owed the success of his strain—which defied competition—to the outcross. His methods were not in-breeding as most fanciers understand it.

Another remarkable admission is, that on the two occasions when he was beaten, the winners were the result of outcrossing. And it was an outcross, a quarter bred Lancashire, which beat his own fancier birds. But what I would like to emphasise here is that this article is written around experiences of 40 years ago, when the Canary, or at least the Cinnamon, was being built up. It is refreshing to learn that the present day beautiful Cinnamon owes its existence to methods of out-crossing, and not to in-breeding; and it is an acknowledged fact by those in the know that varieties where size is a predominating factor must be occasionally outcrossed. What could the Lancashire and the Crest say if they could only speak? What could the Antwerp Pigeon say of the English Owl and the Show Homer? In-breeding, forsooth!

Mr. Wallace's article is rightly named "the scientific breeding of Canaries." It is scientific because he purchased the best to pair to his best. The most scientific of breeders could tell you no better method. Afterwards he paired brother and sister, and the following year cousins. I don't understand his object here. To my mind it is two years wasted. To the in-breeder, Mr. Crawhall's theory is infinitely preferable. He would have paired the best son back to his mother, and again the best son to his grandmother, which is all right on paper. Perhaps in two years time Mr. Crawhall will be able to tell us how his theory has worked out. Anyhow, the fact remains that Mr. Wallace's resultant winners were produced as a direct consequence of the outcross with unrelated blood, introduced to improve his stock; and, be it noted, he introduced fresh blood every third year. Even those fanciers who persistently breed their own winners year after year without in-breeding, don't introduce fresh blood quite so often as that. A little bit more of Mr. Wallace and we shall be getting on.

Where Does the Cinnamon Come In?

But there is one passage in Mr. Wallace's article which, although not relating to in-breeding, arrested my attention more than any other. In sifting the wheat from the chaff, I came across this passage: "I bought the best and richest coloured yellow Norwich Plainhead obtainable, and put him up with one of my best Buff Cinnamon hens, and succeeded in getting two nests of young ones from them. Several of the progeny were variegated Cinnamons," etc. Now I had always been taught that to breed a young one with Cinnamon markings, there much be Cinnamon blood on the cock's side. I have not bred Cinnamons, and I was not quite sure about it, so I interviewed an old friend of mine who was breeding and exhibiting Cinnamons before the time Mr. Wallace writes of, and is breeding them to-day, and I asked him if it was possible to breed a Cinnamon marked youngster from a yellow Norwich cock and a Cinnamon hen. He said not unless the yellow Norwich cock had Cinnamon blood in him. It is just possible the Norwich cock had Cinnamon blood in him in Mr. Wallace's case; but, considering the scarcity of Cinnamons 40 years ago, it is extremely unlikely; therefore it resolves itself into this; either we have been embosomed with a chimerical tradition of Cinnamon crossing, or Mr. Wallace has made a mistake. What do other Cinnamon fanciers say about it?

Sub Rosa.

The Opinions of an Old Breeder.

Sir,—As a Norwich breeder of 15 years' experience, I should like to give my opinions and experiences, as I feel the theories as expressed may seriously affect the system of breeding the Norwich Canary, especially in the case of any young fancier who may be looking for the short road to success.

I have tried both systems of breeding, and I admit there are often good results obtained from inbreeding. But I am confident that if everyone worked on that system we should soon have weakly birds, a great increase of birds unable to rear their young, or even able to lay their full clutches of eggs, birds unable to stand up on the perches, beside great increase in diseases, fits, blindness, etc.

In the main interests of the bird it strikes me we must endeavour to secure strength and vitality, seeing that it is living under entirely artificial conditions, and remembering that the Norwich must be a strong bird to support its weight, and to stand strongly on the perch, and be able to move in an energetic way, not lie or crouch in a sleepy manner on the perch all day, as many large birds do.

Close Breeding and the Results.

I have bred father to daughter, mother to son, brother to sister, and cousins, and I have bred nice birds from each of these matings, but I am certain that the progeny are birds of decreased vitality, although in appearance they may seem all right. Some I have bred had no feathers except a few in flights and tails, others were so nervous that they fainted at the slightest thing, and it was seldom any lived many years, whilst 50 per cent. died in the nest.

My opinion is that it is useless inbreeding unless one has a pocket deep enough to procure a pair of nearly perfect show birds, and they must be healthy, as if one inbreeds with faults depend upon it these faults are there for generations, even when crossed with birds of fresh blood; inbreeding is a means to an end.

Something In It, After All.

The best nest of young I ever bred were from a hen closely inbred, being bred, in fact, from brother and sister (but this brother and sister were both show birds, and nearly perfect in Norwich points, their only fault being that they were a shade too small); this hen was mated to a very large, stout, strong yellow cock of entirely fresh blood, which had been bred from unrelated parents. The result, four young, were all show birds, and all won prizes and I made good money of them. Unfortunately the hen, their mother, died when trying to lay the second egg in the next clutch. Undoubtedly the inbred hen had fixed type and quality, whilst the robust cock had contributed size and strength, the show points of the inbred bird overpowering the more easily disposed of points of the cock. I doubt if this would have been so had the cock been inbred also.

Personally, I should not care to purchase a bird for my own use from a breeder who persistently inbred, especially if with faulty birds, as when I purchase a fresh bird I want it to subjugate itself to my own strain, not to dominate it as it might do if inbred closely. Strength and vitality are of the utmost importance, and, try how you may, you will not be able to increase this by inbreeding; that has to be done by outcrossing.

I have bred a good many varieties of stock, and I do not know of any which are not weakened constitutionally by inbreeding; we can by outcrossing breed for size just as well as and more safely than by inbreeding, if we get birds bred from large sized birds. The persistent inbreeding of show dogs has resulted in great increases in eczema, fits, etc., and we have to resort to the mongrel to mother the big majority of pedigree pups.

I am pleased to note Mr. Stewart's remarks on skull, as this may help many novices when buying, for it is seldom one can tell what sort of head a bird has without feeling the bone; that is where experience teaches. I would advise young fanciers to leave inbreeding alone, and experienced breeders should only resort to it when they have nearly perfect birds to inbreed with. I am writing this simply in what I believe is the permanent interest of the bird, not from any wish to enter the controversy, and I hope it may possibly benefit some of our young fanciers

Norwich Lover.

What a Border Breeder Thinks.

Sir,—The interesting discussion at present proceeding in your columns on the question of inbreeding is very fascinating, and if we can only get more and more the opinions of noted breeders with regard to the policy of inbreeding as compared with mating purely by face value much good may be done. I solicited the opinion of a noted exhibitor a few years ago on inbreeding, and his reply was "Inbreed as much as you like until you see some signs of deterioration in your stock."

I myself have bred for a few years, and have inbred to a fair extent for four or five years. My breed is the Border Fancy, and during this period I have had a good share of premier honours at leading shows. The standard of size fixed for this breed is not one that needs any extra effort to attain, and the consideration of one of the so-called objections to inbreeding, namely, a diminishing of size, need not disturb a breeder of Border Fancies. What is of more consequence is a high state of condition, by which alone we can attain the sprightliness and freedom of action so necessary to the success of a "Wee Gem."

My own experience, as far as I have gone, is that the general health conditions of birds inbred for four or five generations is equal to any of my other birds, and it would be very interesting if some of our older breeders who have practised inbreeding to a greater extent would give the results of the general health conditions of birds inbred for a longer period.

I will confess that the most noted winner I have had was bred from two winners, quite unrelated, and both bred by myself. I paired this bird to a cousin, their fathers being brothers, and their mothers were sisters, and from this pair I bred some good specimens. One in particular, although not having such a noted career, has been successful in beating his sire on a few occasions, and has won numerous firsts, also he has had his share in a few of the B.F.C.C. medals.

I have won with this bird this season, and have had a nest from him with his half-sister, both yellows. They were both bred from the same hen, and their fathers were brothers. The result has been two buff cocks and a yellow, and I shall be surprised if one of the buff cocks does not emulate some of his predecessors.

Is it not rather singular to get two buff cocks from two yellows, especially when the parents on the cock side have all been yellows for three generations back? The colour of the two buffs is good, but not exceptionally rich, and I find the quality of feather quite equal to those bred yellow to buff, while the yellow is quite skimpy in feather.

I have bred half brother and sister on other occasions, and in pairing a clear to a heavy variegated or self cinnamon green (bred from marks) of this relationship I have invariably got young ones with nicely balanced markings.

In-breeding for Even-marks.

On this point I may say I am quite in accordance with the views expressed by Mr. Jas. Patterson that the utility of heavily variegated or self cinnamons or greens bred from a strain of good marks is not fully appreciated, for I have proved that by careful selection of type, etc., these birds are as likely to breed winners as those to whom nature has been more kindly disposed in markings. It is with this type of bird, in my opinion, that inbreeding is more successful than in any other branch, for when breeding marks one is certain to get all the varieties, clears, marks, variegated, and selfs, and with a judicious pairing of the clears and light marks to the variegated and selfs, added to a closeness of relationship, there is a splendid chance of getting a good percentage of well-balanced marks.

The best eye marks I have got were from a self cinnamon buff hen, bred from two cinnamon marks and a clear yellow cock, half brother and sister. He has won a few firsts in even-mark classes, and, being a green mark, I may say, for those who don't believe in a mixture of cinnamon and green blood for marks, that his markings are dense and well defined, and do not suffer in any way through the mixture of cinnamon blood.

I trust some of our older and more experienced breeders will break through the ice, and give the readers of your valuable paper Cage Birds their experiences, for surely, after twenty or thirty years' breeding, as some of them have to their credit, the results from the different matings practised will be valuable, and the diffusion of them will not be their loss, while they will be much appreciated by scores of fanciers and

Even Mark.

Some Experiences of a Novice.

Sir,—As a lover of cage birds, and having obtained my little knowledge through your valuable columns and the methods of experienced breeders, as found therein, I would like as a novice to return a little in return. I have only a few years experience. But I would like to reply to the query of "Live and Learn" in Cage Birds of Sept. 2, as he wishes to know if it is necessary to breed with green or variegated birds to produce rich coloured clears. My experience is rather the reverse. An experienced fancier visited my room a few months ago and informed me that my birds were extra good in colour, but I was lacking type on the hen side. He could not supply me with the necessary birds, as he was in want of a few hens at the time, so I sent to a reliable breeder for a green marked buff hen and a green marked yellow hen, explaining what I required and got satisfaction. Both birds being heavy marked, but good in type, I decided to pair them up. The buff green marked hen I paired to an unflighted yellow cock with a slight green mark on the back of his head. In the first nest there were two eggs, and these produced two clear buffs, one cock and one hen, of splendid colour, and the second nest was exactly the same.

The yellow green marked hen I paired to a clear pink-eyed buff cock. Result; first nest four young, lost at nine days, but three were marked and one clear. Second nest, 4, fed by foster parents, one buff cock, very heavy variegated, one yellow cock, almost even-marked, one eye a larger tick than the other, and both wings, and two clear yellows, hens I think. I only took two nests of each, as they were all unflighted birds. I always pair as far as possible on one side a green marked, and I have always got a good percentage of clears as well as marked. I only have one pair of clears, a yellow cock and buff hen, the cock being the offspring of a heavy wing-marked yellow cock and a green-capped buff hen, and from two nests these produced 7 young, 4 clears and 3 marked. I am greatly in favour of using the green marked. I trust these few remarks may be of interest to "Live and Learn." I wish Cage Birds good luck.

E. O. Ashbridge.

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COLOUR IN THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD

HOW TO GET AND HOW TO KEEP IT.

By F. COLE, Dulwich.

An informative lecture given to the members of the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society at a meeting held September 12th.

I DO not know why our Committee has selected such a subject as this for our discussion this evening; still less do I understand why they have chosen me to open the subject, unless it be that, just as a boxing man likes as his opponent one whom he thinks he can comfortably beat, so someone has chosen me as the scapegoat. Be that as it may, I can only hope that we may all learn something from a friendly argument on this important subject.

I think it is an admitted fact that the Norwich Plainhead is the variety of Canary that is richest in colour properties, and therefore it would be well for us to consider this variety as our object lesson. What this colour is, where it has come from, how best we can keep it, and whether it can by judicious breeding be increased, are questions that have occurred to most of us.

Colour Feeding not Everything.

First of all, What is this colour? Some will tell us it is merely a question of feed, and the very essence of it all is the capability of retention by any given specimen of the greatest amount of colour food. Some swear by one brand, some by another; others swear at them all, and can see very little more in them than the business-like way in which the birds decorate the cages.

You do not need me to remind you that it is unnecessary to give a bird more colour food than it is capable of retaining, or that an overdose is relaxing. Your own birds must be your guide as to the quantity to use, but bear in mind that if you packed a pound of the best food into one bird you would not get more colour into the feather than it is capable of retaining.

I have heard it said that when a bird is nearly through the moult the quantity of colour must be decreased, or the head will come out a deeper colour. If the bird has been properly fed, and the fullest colour got into the body feathers, the head feathers are incapable of holding a larger quantity of colour. Consequently if the head is richer in colour it is evidence that the bird did not have sufficient when the body feathers were in course of production. The reason we reduce the quantity of colour when we have come to the head is merely a question of expense, and the food is reduced gradually until the bird is weaned off so much soft food.

Colour food is not the beginning of colour production; it is the end. We must breed for it, and, having bred it, we increase colour by feeding. Now we know that certain of our friends prefer pairing yellow cocks to buff hens, others the reverse, and although I have a weakness for yellow cocks I am convinced that, given equal conditions, so far as colour production is concerned there is very little to discriminate between either. Equality of colour is the very essence of reproduction of colour. It is little use having a good coloured cock and a poor hen of either colour, but, given equality of colour, I consider the yellow cock an advantage, because a cock is more capable of reproducing his colour than a hen, and, yellow being the strongest colour, I give it the preference.

I want to make this quite clear. If I had a good coloured buff cock and a good coloured yellow hen I should prefer them to a poor coloured yellow cock and a good buff hen for reproduction of colour, and this is what I mean when I say that, given certain conditions, there is very little to discriminate between either pair. If you have followed me you will have noted that I insist that as much as possible the breeding stock must be of good colour, and that colour must be improved by concentration.

Where the Colour Comes From.

Now let us go back to the origin of our Canary, and try to see where the colour comes from. It is, I believe, an admitted fact that the original Canary was a wild bird, and that it was green; also that its shape and colour are to-day represented the most strongly in the Lizard Canary.

For this reason the Lizard Canary has been recommended by some as an assistance in the improvement and maintenance of colour in the Norwich Plainhead. We are told that the depth and tone of colour of the Lizard are superior to those of the Norwich, that the similarity of the globular markings upon the back appearing on the Lizard and the Norwich is very marked, and that as they appear with some degree of regularity in both it is evidence of the mixing of the two varieties.

Now if both varieties are co-equal in colour, and they are from one given stock, who shall say that those markings belong to one sub-variety more than to the other, or why it should be necessary to go to one sub-variety to improve the other? Surely the answer must be—let us keep to our own sub-variety.

We are told the Lizard was used in the past with excellent results. Very likely; in consequence of the mating of clear to clear the Norwich had lost in colour, and as the then Norwich was a smaller bird the risk in using the Lizard was not so great. Our old friend Adam may have found the fig leaf raiment better than nothing at all, but it would not come up to present-day requirements. We don't want to go back, we can find the material we want near at hand.

An Object Lesson.

But before we leave these globular markings I should like to suggest to you that some day, when you have a spare quarter of an hour with your birds, you should catch a good coloured one, a clear yellow for preference. Then if you hold him in a good light you will see the globular markings easily enough. This was pointed out to me by a very prominent judge. Note well what I say—globular markings on a clear bird, but don't say they come from the Lizard; go back to the period corresponding with the fig leaf raiment, and there you will find where the colour came from.

How, now, can we keep and improve the colour? We know that the ideal is a clear bird of the richest possible colour, and it would seem at first that the quickest way to our goal would be to pair clear to clear. I have not found it so. The majority of good clears are inclined to be harsh in texture of feather, and it is harshness of feather that may be our undoing and often waste time. By pairing clear yellow to yellow we get a sparseness of feather; the web is thin, and consequently the feather looks hard and more open, while the sparseness of feather makes the bird appear longer, a serious fault in the Norwich.

We are told that the buffs from a double yellow mating are invaluable for double buffing. This may be so, but why double yellow one year in the hope that something will turn up to enable you to double buff next year? If the buff from double yellowing does not turn up, and the odds are against such a happening, the season is wasted. Even if everything happens as you wish you must double buff to get the fullest advantage out of double yellowing; in other words, you are trusting to two wrongs to make a right. I don't think it is good enough myself, particularly as in nine cases out of ten you will certainly lose type, although you may gain colour.

Green the Fountain of Colour.

Colour must come from birds possessing natural colour. Now the natural colour is green, and when I am deficient in colour I double green. I don't say full greens, but lightly marked ones for preference. If you can get a good yellow green cock, and you will in all probability have to make it, one of those where the green when colour fed is a rich bronze green, and the clear parts a rich orange colour, and a buff lightly marked hen showing as brilliant a salmon colour as possible, you can breed the very richest of colour.

From this pair you may produce clears, and you will select the clearest, hens for preference. Why I say hens is that a hen does not reproduce her variegation so frequently, and they are easier to break up. Then by judicious breeding you can get back quickly to the clear which the reporter describes as "red hot."

But bear in mind that clearness was not your object, but richness of colour, and, therefore, if it takes longer to get back to the clear this colour must not be lost or your labour is in vain.

Yes, you may say, "I shall get a lot of marks, and possibly self greens, and what shall I do with them?" Please don't let this worry you at all. Provided they are made from the right material, you will find plenty of buyers for as many as you can get. Then, again, you can get an easier win in a marked class, as the exhibits in such a class are generally smaller in number. The reason for this is the craze for clear birds; to get them the marked birds are eliminated, and colour food relied upon to make up the deficiency, which it can never do.

I have often seen the Cinnamon recommended for colour production. I have not tried it myself, because the shape is against the Plainhead. A Cinnamon is longer in neck and barrel than we want, and its tail and flights are correspondingly longer. These appear to me to detract from its usefulness, as they are faults we are striving to breed out. We don't want to make trouble, and I should advise anyone to consider carefully what the bird had been bred from before he introduces even the best shaped Cinnamon, always remembering that the best shaped Cinnamon may be poor in colour.

I think we can find all we want in our own variety by the careful selection of our best coloured birds. The greatest trouble I have found is to eliminate the harsh coloured ones or to soften them down, and to do this we must double buff occasionally. It may seem strange to recommend double buffing for production of colour, but after a careful study of the subject I confidently recommend it to assist in the maintenance of a soft, silky feather.

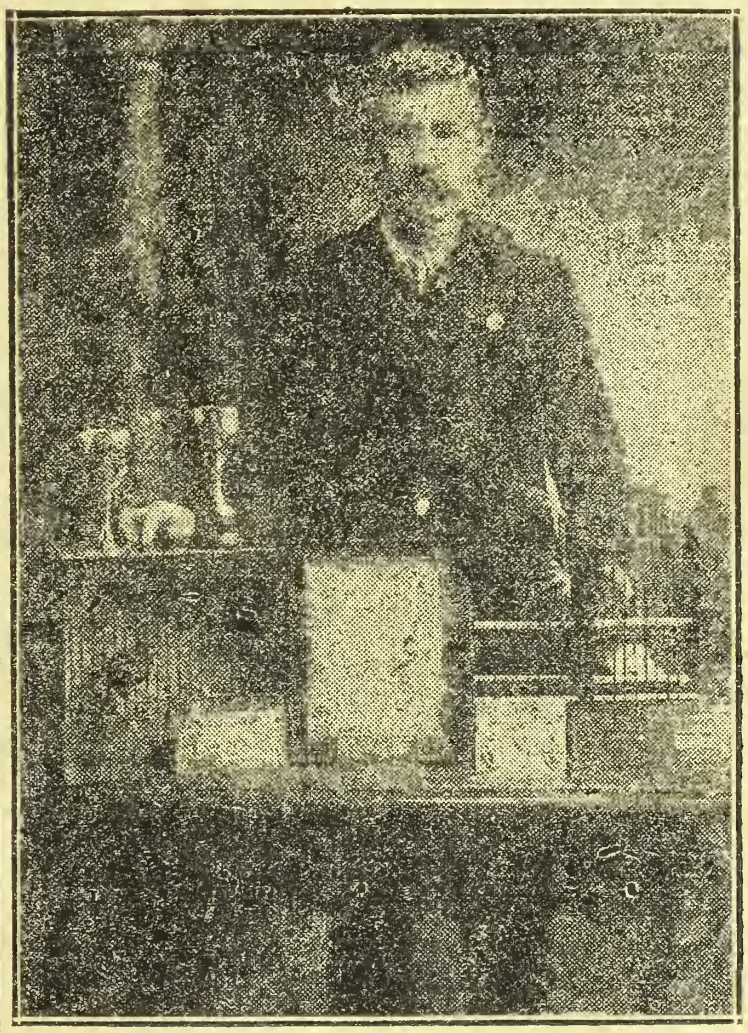
In conclusion, allow me to remind you what Mr. Askwith wrote in CAGE BIRDS the other week. You may smile, but I know it was Mr. Askwith, as he signed his name "Wait and See." He said, "By inbreeding you could get the tail where the head ought to be." Of course, we don't want this, but we do want to take the fullest advantage of all our opportunities.

In-breeding in a Nutshell.

Those who object to inbreeding say it fixes faults. So it does, if the faults are there. But what fixes faults will fix good properties quite as well, and it seems to me that their very objection is the greatest possible admission of its utility. Be that as it may, we are not this evening considering inbreeding as a subject. It is merely a side line, and I have mentioned it as one of the means of getting that colour we are all striving for.

Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention. I leave the subject in your hands, and hope that we may learn something from the discussion which will follow.

[The concluding words of the above lecture were addressed, of course, to the audience who were listening to Mr. Cole, but we leave them in as applying to the larger section of Canary breeders, who we are sure will have read with interest the lecture as here printed.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]



Mr. H. Craven, of Plymouth, with two of the three cups won by his birds this year. In the article below, Mr. Craven tells how he commenced Canary breeding, and recounts the methods adopted in attaining his successes.

How I Began Canary Breeding.

By H. CRAVEN, Plymouth.

IT has been suggested over and over again in CAGE BIRDS that fanciers do not give to the novice the full benefit of their experience. For myself, I do not agree with this, for in many an instance the so-called novice has been in the fancy more years than the champion has been in it months. With judgment, thought, and care one man comes to the front, and leaves others to wonder at the cause.

My own case is rather strange, and I will try to explain. A few short years ago I was asked if I would take care of a Yorkshire Canary at my house until its owner got settled in a new home. This settling took so long that I began to think I should never get the money back I was spending on the weekly seed and sand, so I decided to try my luck at breeding, having got the useful and needful twopenny Nutshell on the Canary.

I attended a show, became acquainted with a few exhibitors, and eventually purchased a hen which had won 1st prize. I found afterwards that it was only in a members' class that it had won, though the class was a strong one, and with the pair I intended to start a season. From my reading I found that some people run two hens successfully with one cock, so, being out to get a good return for the seed bill, I got another hen.

Time went on, and with a "London" cage, which I soon found it was better to discard, I had been running my cock and hen. At last on a certain morning I came across the first egg in a well and nicely built nest, and the hen began her duties after having laid four eggs.

The First Glad Sensation.

On an eventful Sunday morning I was elated at the sound of a faint chirp, and it was not long ere I saw that which all fanciers long to see, viz., five young birds cosy in the nest. My excitement, now at its height, was not for long, and the realisation of my hopes was soon to fail, for before noon four of these youngsters were crushed in the bottom of the nest. Now the question arose as to the odd bird, which, much to my satisfaction, passed away soon after the others.

Thinking my old cock bird would not feed, I purchased another, a good bird, and in this way made another pair. This speculation was more successful, for I reared five decent birds from one nest, and these, besides winning at Nest Feather shows, were the foundation of my strain. These, along with others reared, matured for I had bought a young hen which would either do as a feeder or a breeder, and when the season closed I had nineteen youngsters.

I found I needed further advice, so, besides trusting to local fanciers, I bought "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and many a pleasant and beneficial hour have I spent with this.

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How I Began Canary Breeding

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Books such as this are very useful, and when you have birds on which you can experiment you realise their worth, so I sent to CAGE BIRDS' office and obtained "The Yorkshire Canary," by H. W. Battye, and found this a really good work.

Time came for the birds to be got ready for show, and I was advised to wash them, though to my eye they seemed clean enough. Being inexperienced, I requested a fancier to wash the birds for me, and, though I gained a lot of experience, when my friend had gone I was minus a good old hen through a misfortune in the drying cage.

The First "Away" Venture.

My birds went to the show, and though I had to compete against good birds, yet mine got into the cards. After this show near home I entered my birds away from home, and after preparing cages and travelling case I sent them on their journey, fearing all the time that now they were out of my sight something would go wrong. Although my birds had to compete with those from champion exhibitors one was placed first and I was awarded a special, so that I had no other choice, though elated, than to pass no longer as a novice, but become a champion.

I kept in the cards during the season, but, noting certain things, I decided on a move of my own, viz., to get birds from the north, from Yorkshire, and cross them with birds from the south, from Plymouth. This proved a success, for through keeping in touch with our valued weekly paper, CAGE BIRDS, I got introduced to other birdy men, and this proved to my advantage.

Many things are in the making of a good Yorkshire Canary, but of these two stand out very prominently, viz., never allow the birds to be short of head room, and at all times encourage them to reach themselves. It is not wise for a Yorkshire fancier to be dictated to by a fancier of another breed, for though in some points they may agree, and the advice be for his good, yet in other things he will soon find, as I have done, that, so far as Yorkshires, their breeding cages, nest boxes and rails, also the training cage for the birds, which is most essential, are concerned, the Yorkshire Canary stands alone as the gentleman of the fancy.

It is not wise to overdo the breeding of these delicately slim birds, but it is a real treat to see both the cock and the hen carry food to the nest box and feed the young that are destined to bring you prizes, or to increase the weight of your purse, which you many a time need in carrying on in the fancy.

I have always been a believer in the introduction of Cinnamon blood for an improvement in the Yorkshire Canary, as I have bred birds that have been nearly self cinnamon, and truly when these birds are completing their plumage they look a picture. It was no small wonder that a few years ago the Crystal Palace Committee saw fit to introduce classes for the cinnamon marked Yorkshire, and no show can be said to cater for all classes that does not look after this variety.

Holding these views, I decided on the purchase of a cinnamon hen, Norwich type, and as this bird had been successful on the bench I decided to get her a partner, and, holding the same theory as with the Yorkshires, I got a bird from distant North Lancashire. This pair settled for me one or two convictions.

I have never been successful with the breeding of Yorkshires in a nest pan, yet my first nest pan of cinnamons brought me out five young and my second four, so either one bird can better cover its eggs or there is some other peculiarity I have not yet found.

Some Logical Conclusions.

This proves, along with other things, that the Yorkshire and the Norwich type of bird are altogether different, for if you fix even the nest box in the same position for a cinnamon bird as for a Yorkshire you would not get the same results.

I have also noted that a hen which has appeared barren in one year has in the following year proved the best of breeders and mothers.

Though realising that it is possible for birds to be purchased in a given locality and paired with success, yet in my experience I have proved that birds got from a distance and crossed have been instrumental in building up a healthy strain.

The cinnamon has many peculiarities. For example, in the Yorkshire you desire the beak to be a distance from the tail, yet in cinnamons the nearer the beak to the tail the better. It would be possible to lengthen out this to an article on the breeding of the cinnamon bird, yet I do not so intend, for recently a very good article appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and this should be read and studied to be appreciated.

I do not believe in any person going in for too many varieties, yet there is no getting away from the fact that experience, even though got from breeding different varieties, a very good teacher.

Singing Contests.

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LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane, Sept. 17; 18 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of spectators from all parts of Yorkshire. 1, Binns; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared Binns and Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, weekly Linnet contest, Sept. 10; 12 birds sang: 1, Shaw; 2, Marshall; 3 and 4, dead heat, Newsome and Butler; judges, C. Bass, W. Lacy. Sept. 17, 15 birds; 1, 2, 3, Marshall. Judges, J. Smith, W. Lacy.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept. 17. 17 birds sang: 1, Towers; 2, Sellers; 3, Sissons; 4, B. Smith. Judges, Hardcastle, Hayes, and Ineson.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Grand singing contest, Breakwater Hotel, Benson St. Ten birds faced the judge, A. Lorrieman: 1, Turner; 2, Little; 3, C. Lorrieman. Bird singers kindly note that there will be a match on Sept. 24, when there will be some good prizes.—F. Turner, Sec. —(Advt.)

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST JOHN.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA (F. W. H.).—The opium mixture is certainly one of the very best remedies for this trouble, and if you had gone on with this, using a smaller proportion of the acid, the bird's objection to it would probably have vanished, and the effect would have been gained all the same. Try the following remedy. First see to it that any hemp you use is quite sound and sweet; cut all linseed out of the dietary for the present, and it would also be as well only to use water that has been well boiled. Give no green food, except a half ripe plantain stalk daily if you like, or, as a substitute for this, a morsel of banana, and keep a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at when it likes. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed dry sponge cake about every third day, and well mix in it a little carbonate of bismuth and sprinkle it with maw seed. In the water add a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea and three drops of dilute sulphuric acid two days in every three until the looseness stops. If it refuses this try it with two, or even one, drop, and if it still refuses it give 20 drops of infusion of cascarilla with the iron as a substitute for the sulphuric acid. When the droppings become normal add one drop of dilute sulphuric acid to the water daily for a week or two to slightly acidulate it and prevent excessive drinking. It is not very likely that it will refuse this for more than a few hours.

AILING NORWICH (J. H. B.).—As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that it is quite sound and sweet), niger, white millet, teazle, black rape and broken groats, and on the intervening days give first a small spray of green food, or, as a substitute, a morsel of banana, and next a half teaspoonful of crushed, dry sponge cake, which may be varied now and again with a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Allow it to bathe three times a week on mild days if it desires to do so, otherwise let it go "unwashed." Every second day for a week add to the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and every second day for a week after this give 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and four of eucalyptus oil well shaken together in the water, then miss a week, and resume the latter and give it again for another week. If not well in that time, write again, and report progress, repeating particulars.

FAINTING AFTER BATH (C. N.).—You do not say how you give the bath. If you place a small vessel of water into the cage, and it has not been accustomed to this method, it is not unlikely that the symptoms are merely due to nervousness, a kind of "stage fright." In this case, by offering the bath regularly, and avoiding all alarming movements, the bird will soon learn to regard the bath as a welcome visitor, and in its eagerness for a dip will forget to be afraid of it. If you place a white china saucer inside the cage, possibly the use of a darker coloured one—self-coloured preferably—would immediately remove the symptoms of alarm. On the other hand, it is possible the bird is extremely sensitive to chill or liable to collapse after cold bathing, and in this case it is best to offer the bath only on quite bright, warm days, and in cold weather to add a few spoonfuls of warm water to it, just enough to remove the icy chill of the water. If the bird's plumage keeps fairly clean you need not fear any harm will come of withholding the bath. Some birds manage to keep much cleaner without bathing than others do with it.

SAMPLE OF RAPE (K. K.).—The sample certainly has a slight musty smell, but I did not test the flavour, because it also has a characteristic appearance of a sample that has come from a bulk that is infested with a tiny mite that is sometimes troublesome in stocks of rape and linseed. If you look well at the bulk you may easily detect these minute whitish insects among it, or if you gently rub a quantity through your thumb and fingers you will notice it gives them a very perceptible, and not at all pleasant, foreign odour. If this is so I do not consider the seed is fit for use, or can be made fit.

BREEDING GOOD SONGSTERS (G. J.).—The actual procedure and management necessary for breeding good songsters does not differ in any material respect from that of breeding any other variety of Canary. The chief essentials are to see that stock birds from good singing strains and good performers themselves are used, and that the young cocks are trained under the most faultless tutors that can be obtained. Thorough and efficient training is very essential to success when going in for breeding good songsters that will make a reputation for themselves. You do not say whether you want a pure breed, or are not particular about crossing to obtain a combination of a good-looking bird with a good type of song. But the highest quality of song and the best-looking bird is to-day an impossible combination, so you have to choose between the two. If you want the best possible song, then you will get it in the pure Roller, and you will then have to be content with a modicum of good looks, but if you are desirous to work up a good singing and good-looking bird you cannot do better than go in for a cross between the Roller and either the Norwich or the Yorkshire. The Norwich will give the richest colour and the chubbiest bird, and the Yorkshire the slimmest and most upstanding, with plenty of stylish swagger. For details as to procedure with either of these crosses you should get a copy of the present year's CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which deals with the subject more fully than can be done in one of these replies. As a beginner you would also be well advised to get our manager to send you a copy of the handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free, for 7d. This will give you all details for breeding and general management.

PROTRACTED MOULT (F. R. N.).—The cause of the birds moulting all through the year is most likely that they are exposed to either cold direct draughts, which may be constant or intermittent, damp, or sudden extremes of heat and cold. You must look into this and see that either or all of these exciting causes are removed before you can expect to remove the effects. Keep the birds in a bright and healthy place, free from the above-named defects, and with a fairly equable, and, whilst the natural moulting season lasts, rather a warm temperature. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition to this give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, black rape, and broken groats. On the intervening days give first a morsel of green food or banana, and next half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, and in either case for the next two or three weeks dust it with flour of sulphur and then well sprinkle it with maw seed. On the day following this add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice, five of sweet spirit of nitre, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. This should set the moult going vigorously and enable the bird to get through completely, and when you see new plumage coming through nicely on the head and neck begin to dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the water and then add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid three times a week for a month. The song will doubtless return naturally when the moulting is stopped.

DEFORMED TOES (W. B.).—One deformed toe on each foot of every bird in a brood of three is rather suggestive of an inherited or congenital defect which may not be amenable to treatment. There are, however, other causes, such as ill-fitting or badly placed perches, or injuries, accidental or intentional, by the parents whilst the young are in the nest, but in any of these cases it would be a curious coincidence for one toe on each foot of every bird to become affected. You have omitted the most important detail in suggesting treatment, viz.: which toe is affected, or whether it is a hind or fore toe. If a hind toe the only rational method of treating would be to give small and nearly round perches, about the size of a lead pencil, for a few weeks or months, if necessary, till the birds could be seen to regularly grip the perch with the hind toe, but in the case of fore toes, in addition to giving these perches for a time, you may carefully bind the defective toe alongside the strongest of its neighbours, using two separate "ties," one near the end of the toe and the other near the junction of the toes. Make the "ties" with fine silk or ice wool, and make small but secure knots underneath the toes to reduce chances of the birds pecking them out.

LOSING YOUNG (R. O. C.).—The seed mixture which apparently forms your staple diet is badly proportioned, and contains far too much linseed, and I note you make no mention of giving any soft food, and if you had quite stopped this before the birds were eight weeks old, this fact and the unsuitable character of the staple seed diet would suffice to account for the birds gradually dying off. If you adopt the following treatment for a few weeks I have no doubt that you will find the deaths cease and the remaining young thrive all right. In the seed box keep a constant supply of a mixture of three parts, by measure, of good sound canary to one part summer rape only. Then make a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that it is sound and sweet in the kernel), niger, white millet, teazle, black rape, broken groats, and about a half part of linseed. Give a small teaspoonful of this mixture to each bird every second

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutsheli" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake. In addition to this supply of soft food give on the days you give the mixed seed a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut for each bird, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, for a fortnight, thus making a little soft food daily for that length of time. Give a few half ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's purse, or blooms of marigolds or nasturtiums, every second or third day. If they show no signs of beginning to cast feathers keep them rather on the warm side and add to the water five drops each of syrup of saffron and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

ABOUT SEEDS (G. S. Packer).—(1) Personally, I am no advocate of restricting Canaries to a diet solely of rape, be it never so good in quality. It is generally held to be best for highly trained contest singing Rollers, but for all ordinary trained birds I am decidedly in favour of a mixture of at least two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. (2) With regard to your samples, A is one of the bird rapes, but not summer rape, and is nice and mild in flavour and of good quality, but would probably prove too relaxing for a staple diet. B is summer rape of rather poor quality, and in addition is from a bulk which is infested with seed mites, and this renders it quite unfit for use as food for birds. C is a fairly good quality of hemp, but contains a small proportion of stale and discoloured grains. It is quite fit for use at present, but should be watched, as it may be on the verge, as it were, of the bulk becoming stale and unfit for use. D is a nice, large, ripe, sweet and clean sample of canary, of very good all round quality. (3) No, I do not advise feeding Rollers on rape which has been soaked and dried as a regular article of diet. As an occasional change, or as a substitute for green salad when the latter is not available, soaked rape, drained, and wiped dry, and given before it becomes dry again, forms a nice and wholesome variety, but feeding regularly on seed which has been soaked and re-dried is not, in my opinion, to be commended.

VARIOUS (A. Hann).—(1) I can hardly understand how a hind claw can become twisted around the leg and remain there unless the claw, which, of course, is the hard, horny part at the tip of the toe, which represents the finger nail, has become considerably overgrown and curved, so that it would "hook," so to speak, on the leg. In this case the remedy would be to gently release it, and then trim it back to proper proportions to prevent a recurrence. If this is not what has happened, please write again, repeat full particulars, and enclose a rough sketch showing the condition of the foot. (2) A short course of Parrish's chemical food at the end of the moult is useful in any case, but only really necessary when bird is much weakened by the moult. Twenty drops in the drinker two days in every three for a month, beginning after the feathers have ceased dropping, is the best way to give it. (3) Sorry, but it is useless to hazard a guess in such a case. You do not say even if the birds had started to moult. If they had not this might have had something to do with it. If another bird dies, send the body to our post-mortem examiner, as per instructions under that heading, without delay, lest there should be some contagion, of which you cannot know definitely too promptly. (4) The effect of such close inbreeding as brother to sister would be to materially reduce size in the progeny, and aggravate any physical imperfection that may be present. The effect with father to daughter would be similar, but in a less degree. (5) To get the correct shape of perch, make them round, then trim off the upper surface to an oval shape. This gives an excellent shape. The correct size is just such that the bird just fails to completely encircle it with its claws when it grips it. If more than one perch is used in each cage they should be of different sizes.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SEXING MULES (G. H. R.).—There is really no outward sex differences in young Goldfinch-Canary Mules. The only safe plan is to keep the youngsters until they proclaim their sex by their song. To facilitate this, cage them off separately; if this is done they generally commence to warble a little earlier than when in a flight with others. The cock Mule is always brighter in plumage than the hen, but this is only helpful when comparing birds from the same nest. As a rule, the young cocks are rather longer in head and more snaky in appearance than the hens, and this with the richer plumage may assist you with young birds bred from the same parents. Parentage makes such a difference that a hen bred from a richly coloured yellow hen canary will generally be of better colour than a young cock bred from a buff. Your birds should be moulting now, afterwards you will have no difficulty, the cocks easily beat the hens for colour.

SIBERIAN BULLFINCH PANTING (Hen Bullfinch).—Your bird must be getting on, as we have had no Siberians over now for some time. I wish you had told me how you are feeding it. Although this is so important, nearly all correspondents fail to send their methods of feeding; consequently, our advice is sometimes not so useful as it might be.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

First handle the bird, and note her condition. I expect you will find her rather fat, and in that case give an aperient. Dissolve as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence in an ounce of water, and give her this quantity twice a week if necessary until the fat is reduced. Her seed food should consist of the following: Canary and teazle two parts of each, summer rape one part, and occasionally a little sunflower, but just now your principal food for her should be wild seeds and berries gathered in the open fields and hedgerows. Of these there is an abundance just now, grasses, shepherd's purse, sow thistle, dock, and many others, also privet and blackberries—the latter should be offered in bunches, green, red and black, just as they grow. Let her have plenty of fresh air and exercise, and the bath on suitable occasions. During the winter months keep her in a dry atmosphere. I see no reason why she should not breed again next season, if she has a good moult and passes through the winter satisfactorily. It is, after all, only a question of the state of her health; providing she is not too old, she should recover with careful treatment.

BREEDING IN LARGE FLIGHT (A. S. Pegg).—It would be waste of time to attempt breeding in your flight cage with the number of birds you suggest turning in. It is only large enough for two hens and a cock, and then I would suggest that you make it into a three-compartment cage, having the centre compartment the smallest of the three. When breeding time comes put a hen Canary each end, and your Finch in the centre. As soon as one hen is ready, which you can tell by her restless manner, you pull the slide and allow her and the Finch free use of the two compartments. When she has gone to nest you repeat the operation with the other hen. I feel sure by adopting this method of working you will have far more success than you would if you allow the three to fly loose in the flight. (2) A free use of the bath will put the hen Greenfinch's tail straight; failing that, catch her and hold it in warm water until you can stroke it straight; thoroughly dry, and return. Be careful not to pull any of the feathers out.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BREEDING IN A CAGE (S. W. B.).—You could put a pair of Avadavats in your cage, 1¾ ft. by 2¾ ft., and 1¾ ft. deep, but I do not consider it wise to add more Zebra Finches in such restricted quarters; your present pair should breed next spring. The Avadavats are wee mites, and would add life and variety to the cage; moreover, the cock bird has quite a pleasing little lay. For the Waxbills and Avadavats you could put a couple of small rush nests in the cage, somewhere up near the top, but as far distant from the husks as space permits. It is rather improbable that the Avadavats would breed in a cage, and you could have two cocks if you preferred to for the sake of their colour. The cocks when in full colour are more or less fiery scarlet, thickly spotted with white. In the early spring supply the Zebra finches with a little hay and moss, and if in breeding condition they should then nest in due course.

BUDGERIGARS (Budgic).—Though one often hears of these birds proving pugnacious of late, it used not to be so in the past, and one is at a loss to give a reason for this; the only thing to do is to remove the pugnacious members of your community, however fine they be, as if left to work their own sweet will your breeding results will be small, if not nil, in consequence of continuous squabbling. You must, however, keep the sexes of adult birds in the breeding compartment equal in number.

SEXING THE PEKIN NIGHTINGALE (New Reader).—The sexual distinctions are not very clear, though when one has a true pair in the aviary one can always recognise the sexes; nevertheless, the fact remains that it is difficult to make the distinctions clear, as they are not definite enough. The cock appears to be a wee bit larger, his beak is a richer red, and usually narrower towards the point. In adults the yellow patch round the eye is yellow in the male, in the hen the area is mostly greyish-white and only tinged with yellow. The song is the best test, but the unsatisfactory part of this is that the cock does not sing all the year round, and, again, is usually silent till he is quite at home in either cage or aviary.

TREATMENT FOR ROSEATE COCKATOO (Alimeek).—The general dietary may be summed up as follows:—Seed mixture, any kind of ripe fruit it will take, nuts in variety, biscuits, plain cake, crusts of household bread, raw carrot, and a little greenfood. The seed mixture will form the staple dietary, and the other items except the fruit need not be given daily, but by their aid you can keep its menu fairly varied. Water, grit, cuttlebone, and

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

a chunk of wood (to exercise its mandibles upon) should be continually in the cage. The Roseate is a hardy species, and if not subjected to draught should prove long-lived. If you make a habit of talking to it when attending to its wants or when you are near its cage, it should certainly prove responsive to some extent; also try the constant repetition method with some word or short phrase. As regards the period of the moult, so long as a bird keeps fit and well drugs are not necessary, nor other special things. However, as yours has been improperly fed before coming to you, for the next two months put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into its drinking water once a week, and on the other days lightly colour the water with chemical food. You will find an article on this species in another part of this issue.

RAINBOW BUNTING AND GOULDIAN FINCH (Pte., E.T.M., M.T., A.S.C.).—"Comparisons are odious," and it is, after all, a matter of individual opinion as to which is the most beautiful of two beautiful birds; in the present instance I should award the palm to the Rainbow Bunting, though the beauty of the Rainbow Bunting is very different to that of the Gouldian. While brilliant, the lines of its garment are so softly and exquisitely blended as to make the Rainbow a "gem of the first water." The crown of the head is beautiful apple green, the upper parts greyish cobalt, and the under parts an arrangement of yellows and orange. They have not yet been bred in captivity, but this is only a matter of time. The most likely place to induce them to breed in would be a naturally planted garden aviary. Very few are about at the present time, and I expect fully 50s. would be asked for a cock at the present. I doubt if you will be able to get a hen, unless there should be a most improbable influx. Cassell's "Canaries and Cage Birds" is out of print, but you should be able to pick up a copy by watching the lists of second-hand booksellers for a time. The Rainbow Bunting is not a delicate bird, though it often needs very careful attention when newly imported.

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SYD. SMITH.—Inflammation of the bowels and pneumonia, the result of poisoning by ptomaines.

A. GASSON.—Acute inflammation of the bowels. The bird was in very poor condition, and appeared as though there was some primary disease. Further examination, however, was impossible, as it had undergone degenerative changes.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

MULES OR HYBRIDS? (C. Huntley).—Excepting among bird breeders, a Mule is understood to be the hybrid offspring between a horse and an ass, while a hybrid is the result of crossing two different species of anything, animals, plants, or any living thing. A mule, therefore, is a hybrid animal, but a hybrid is not necessarily a mule. In the cage bird fancy it has somehow become accepted that "Mule" means a bird bred between a Canary and some other bird, while "Hybrid" means a bird which has not a Canary on either side of its parentage. Birds bred between a Goldfinch cock and a Greenfinch hen are therefore called "Hybrids" for the purposes of the fancy, while the produce of a Goldfinch cock and a Canary hen would be called "Mules."

WALES OR ENGLAND? (Anonymous).—We thank you for your kind intentions, although you do not send your name and address with your communication. At the same time we would say that the three towns you mention are in Monmouthshire, and Monmouthshire is not a Welsh county.

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LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane, Sept. 24; 18 birds sang and some very good singing was heard. 1, Binns; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared Binns and Marshall. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Linnet contest; 14 birds sang. 1, Marshall; 2, A. Butler; 3, W. Butler. Judges, J. Smith, W. Lang.—W. Lang, sec.

Grand contest, Breakwater Hotel, Sept. 24; 12 birds faced the judges, A. Lorriman and F. Turner. 1, C. Lorrieman; 2, Whitaker; 3, Pears.—F. Turner, sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept. 24; 16 birds sang. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Sellers; 3, Chippindale; 4, Stead. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

Club Reports.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Headquarters, Sept. 14, Mr. Ewan chair. One new member elected. Treasurer reported a slight loss on the Nest Feather shows for this season. Schedule for annual show, Nov. 25, at the Oldham Hall. Champions, 8 classes, clear Yorks., 10 Green. Champ or Nov., 6 classes clear Nor., 8 Green, 8 Borders. Novices, 6 clear Yorks., 6 Green. 9 British, 1 Gift. The proceeds of gift class will be given in aid of wounded soldiers. Three excellent specials are promised for the gift class.—Thos. R. Jones, Sec.

PENY-GRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting, Butchers' Arms, Sept. 21; things went very smoothly, but we could not get forward with our show business, because of such a small attendance. Decided to change meeting night from Thursday to Tuesday, and next meeting to be held at above place, Oct. 13. Decided that Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Williams, and myself give a washing exhibition on that night, so members kindly come; all friends interested are welcome. Mr. J. Beazer elected a member. Now let us get our show date settled so that we can have a few table shows.—G. Padfield, Assist. Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S

Meeting, Headquarters, Sept. 18, Mr. P. Johnston chair, and a good attendance. Mr. W. Shakespear judged the washing competition, and gave an exhibition of the art. Only four members participated in the competition, Messrs. Kent, Shorter, Halford, and Cooper. The last named generously declined to compete for the medal, which was fortunate for the others. Mr. Cooper commenced the business with a very efficient demonstration, the other competitors using a different method. Mr. Shakespeare adjudged Mr. Shorter, the winner, and indulged in a little criticism of the methods used. He impressed upon the audience the importance of rapidity in washing a bird, and then proceeded to wash a Yorkshire hen, explaining points meanwhile, first thoroughly soaking the plumage, then well washing the neck and head, down the back with wings extended, tail last. He then turned the bird completely over, and worked as before, thus making only one turn of the bird, and saving much time in washing and taking no libertles with the stamina of the bird. While the birds were drying, questions were asked and suitably answered, in addition to which we were entertained with some stories of the demonstrator's experiences. A hearty vote of thanks concluded the meeting.—F. C. Knight.

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Meeting Sept. 17, J. Armitage chair, and a good attendance. It is left in the hands of members to get as many specials as they can, as we would like to have one for every class. Will all members do their best to get them?—R. Hutchinson, sec.

CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD

Meeting Sept. 23, Three Tuns, Eastwood, with a good attendance. Mr. Roe was elected to judge annual show. Sec. was instructed to place the schedules, etc., in the printer's hands, to be ready at next meeting. Final arrangements will be made for the open show at next meeting, and all members are asked to attend.—Smith and Lees, secs.

LEIGH C.B.S.

At a very interesting meeting, Sept. 6, Mr. R. Spiby, Farnworth, gave a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. We had a fair attendance, but there was plenty of room for more. The lecturer dealt fully with the breeding, moulting, and exhibiting of Yorkshires, laying full stress on cleanliness in all its forms. Several questions were asked, and the lecturer ably replied. A vote of thanks to Mr. Spiby concluded a very enjoyable evening.—R. Charleson, Sec.

NEW KYO (Constitutional Club).

General meeting, Aug. 13, Mr. J. Barras chair. Balance sheet was read and found satisfactory, leaving a balance of £1 1s. 5½d. Mr. R. Humphrey was elected chairman. Committee: R. Bowes, J. Thompson, R. Hewitt, T. Davidson, J. Williams, T. Wilson, R. Calaway, T. Holland, and it was decided that I should retain position as sec. Monthly meeting held Sept. 10, R. Calaway chair. A rule was passed that the show be confined to members only. Of course, it is understood that members can borrow from a member. Members must be fully-paid members before being allowed to show. Decided to hold our show on Jan. 6. Birds to stand over until Sunday night, Jan. 7. Sec. was instructed to write to the nominated judges re fees—T. Dixon, J. Stanger, Messrs. Crawhall and A. Holden. We shall hold our meetings in future on Sunday mornings at 10.30. Next meeting, Oct. 8.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 21, Shield's Cafe, Mr. Espie presided over a good number present. Our late Sec. having resigned, Mr. Laidlow, after having refused his name for the last three years to go forward as Sec., consented at last to take the position. Several of the old members paid their subs., but we still want a few more. We made ten new members, and this makes things look much brighter for this season—Messrs. Nicholson, Mitchell, Nattrass, Havis, Short, Bertram, Leach, Shield, Rowan, and Smith. All members present seemed bent on having a show, so we decided to hold one, either on the date fixed, or a week later, with the same schedule as last year. Judges were nominated and the Sec. given power to elect same if terms were reasonable. We have secured a hall, and we are in touch with one much bigger, so all we want is support from members as in years gone by. There is much to be done, and rather in a hurry, but I am quite sure we will not fail, and we shall come out all right in the end to make Newcastle C.B.S. its old self again. I earnestly appeal to all not to shirk their duties, but rather to do more than ever; new members invited. Schedules for show will be sent to last year's exhibitors; others please apply: F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, Sept. 13, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Mr. Crawhall, chair. Decided to give a silver spoon in each section, champions and novices, at shows obtaining our patronage, also the Crawhall cup for most points with birds wearing the club's closed rings. In addition, we are dividing the profits on the rings into prizes value 15s., 10s., 5s., to the winner of the cup; the second, and the third respectively. Up to the present we have only four applications for patronage: Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, and Whitehaven, but it was left to the secretary to arrange with any others who may desire it, and I shall be glad to hear from anyone in the four Northern counties who wish our patronage at their shows. The president said he had been approached by the Sec. of the Northern British Club to see if we would let them join with us at our annual show, and it was decided that we welcome them, and one more specialist club if any wish to join us on New Year's day. The hall will not accommodate more. Messrs. T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindall, and Sec., were appointed to meet a committee from any other specialist club wishing to join us. The next meeting will be Oct. 25 at which there will be a table show, 3 classes champions, and 3 novices; Mr. F. W. Laidlow judge. After the business was finished Mr. Crawhall gave the members a very interesting lecture on colour-feeding and preparing birds for show.—R. Havis, Sec.

LANDORE AND PLASMARL C.B.C

Meeting, Sept. 16, George and Dragon Hotel. Decided to hold an open show on Oct. 28, at the George and Dragon Hotel Club Room. Classification was drawn out; judges to be engaged by next meeting. A handsome silver cup will be given by the President for members' competition. Specials were also promised by Messrs. Hitching, Fry, James, and Isaac. It behoves all members to hurry things up, and help in selling tickets, etc., to make the first venture of our society a record one. Fanciers caring to join may get all information by applying to the Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terrace, Landore, Nr. Swansea.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting Cairns Memorial Hall, George Road, Sept. 19, Mr. Jas. Stormont chair, and very few members present. Sec. gave report of First Feather show, which showed a balance of 6s. 3d. Decided to hold a table show next meeting night, Oct. 17. Classification will be given later. Decided to approach the Edinburgh Western O.S. for use of their staging, etc., for our annual show. Leith Printing Co. to get order for posters, prize cards, and classification forms. Catalogues to be done by Mr. Austin, Dalkeith. Sec. was instructed to write to Board of Customs and Excise re admission tickets for show. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.—J. C. Charlton, sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Meeting Sept. 19, Nelson Temperance Hotel, Mr. A. Maxwell (president) in the chair. Report re hall was considered, and it was decided to again hold show on Nov. 10 and 11 in Albert Halls, Bath-street, all surplus to be devoted to Blinded Soldiers and Sailors Fund. Classification was fixed much upon same lines as in former years. Prize-money, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Assistant-secretary, Mr. J. F. Park, kindly consented to defray the cost of admission tickets, which will be on sale shortly. Any fancier wishing tickets to dispose of can have same from secretaries. Several details in connection with show were considered, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, Wallace Tower Hall, High St. Sept. 18. Much good business was done, the turn out of members being very fair; Mr. P. McQuiston, vice-president, in the chair. It was arranged to hold the annual show, Nov. 25, under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, and the Sec. was instructed to write the Border Fancy C.C., for its patronage. Judges were nominated, and last year's classification revised. A very few slight alterations were made in the Canary section, one alteration in British, Border, remaining as last year. There will thus be Scotch Fancy 3 classes, including 1 selling; Norwich, 9 (1 Sell.); Yorks., 3; Borders 13 (1 Sell.); Mules 2; Brit. and For., 12 (1 Sell., 1 Gift.). A handsome medal has been presented by Mr. McQuiston, for competition; and all the members present at the meeting promised special prizes.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting Law Courts Hotel, Mr. E. J. Banks presided. The meeting was very poorly attended. After a long discussion, it was unanimously resolved that we alter the date of our open show to Nov. 29 and 30. The reason of the change of date is that we were unable to secure a hall on any other date. Also we had notice that we could not have a room in future to hold our meeting at the Carlton, owing to alterations. Resolved that Mr. Banks and the sec. arrange for a meeting room, and also to secure the Cory Hall for the open show, and report to a committee meeting as soon as possible. For the benefit of those members who are unable to attend the meeting I may add that we have secured the Cory Hall, but the fee is high, and I should be glad if those members who would like to help would please let me know by next meeting what specials or donations they can give to the show funds. The show is for charity, so now, members, please rally at the next meeting. A number of our boys gave up their birds at their country's call, and it is up to you to help this show along, which will, if successful, cheer up many of our unfortunate comrades who are prisoners of war. Meetings will in future be held at Godfrey's Dining Rooms, near St. John's Church. Subs. are now due.—E. Thomas, sec.

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Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Oct. 28.—**Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terr., Plasmarl, nr. Swansea.) C.B.S., J.H., J.E.J.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) G.F.P., E.H.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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ACCRINGTON

C.B.S. Annual Open Show, Norwich Plainheads, Crown Hotel, Accrington, OCTOBER 14, 1916. N.P.C. patronage. Schedules now ready.—A. Noble, Hon. Sec., 49, Lodge Street, Accrington.

ABERTILLERY

C.B.S. 4th Annual Show of all Cage Birds, Gymnasium Hall, OCT. 18. Judge, Jno. Robson. Don't forget this is a charity show for the soldiers. Last year's exhibitors have been scheduled; others apply —Newell, 62, Princess Street, Abertillery.

LIVERPOOL

Oct. 20th & 21st.

Judges, H. W. Battye, J. C. Barnes, C. Houlton, and G. Large. Schedules to 1914 and 1915 exhibitors, others please apply to—Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane.

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Twitterings.

Societies requiring the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. should apply to: R. Havis, Sec., 16, Clifford St., Blaydon-on-Tyne. (See Club Reports).

We have secured Mr. Trengrove, of Rishton, to judge our open show on Oct. 14-16, at Crown Hotel, Accrington, and we have the N.P.C. patronage, writes Mr. A. Noble, Sec.

Mr. T. Holman writes that the Mountain Ash F. and F. Society intend giving a good classification at their forthcoming War Charity Show, Nov. 16, at The Grand Pavilion, Mountain Ash.

We have decided to hold our open show on Dec. 16, in aid of the British Red Cross Fund, writes Mr. J. McLaughlin, Hon. Sec., Whitehaven Yorkshire F.S. Judges, Yorks., F. Coulson, Millom; Borders, British, J. Ellwood, Cockermouth.

OBITUARY.

Mr. PHILIP JENKINS (Swansea).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. S. J. Nicholas, that I have to record the death at Swansea Hospital, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Philip Jenkins, the veteran member of the Swansea and Dist. C.B.S. One of the originators of the Society, he has remained a faithful member ever since its inception. "Phil.," as he was familiarly called, will be sadly missed. For several years past he has held the position of Show Manager, and always carried out his duties admirably. He was an indefatigable worker, and by his death the Society have sustained a deep loss. For two consecutive years Phil. held the position of chairman, and it was with feelings of pride he often recounted that during his period of office the Society had a record entry, but the hours of hard work Phil. put in to achieve this no one but the writer knows. Of late years he had done but little exhibiting, still his interest in the "Wee Gems" never waned, and some of his happiest moments were spent in showing his stock to his friends or chatting over fancy matters. We have lost a good friend, and I am sure all fanciers will join with me in expressing our deepest sympathy with his sorrowing wife and relations.

Mr. J. H. Ford, sec. Swansea C.B.S., also sends a sympathetic reference to the late Mr. Jenkins, and says that he was one of the first in Swansea to take up the Border Fancy. The deceased fancier, says Mr. Ford, also kept British birds, and had a special fondness for the Linnet and Redpoll.

"Cage Birds" Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Sec., Cardiff C.B.S., that I have to inform you that one of our members, Lance-Corporal W. Charles, was killed in action with the Cardiff City Battalion a month back. The fancy is poorer of a good fancier who was a willing worker at our shows. He has left a wife and four children, to whom the members of the Cardiff Society extend their deepest sympathy.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.—Crown Hotel, Oct. 14; judge, J. Trengrove, Rishton, Norwich Canaries only, 10 cl., 6 open, 4 amat. Prizes 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. if 10 entries. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 9 to, A. Noble, 40, Lodge St., Accrington.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.—Oct. 11-12, St. Ann's Hall, Venn St., Clapham Common; judges, J. Robson, J. Frostick, 67 classes:—Nor. 4 champ., 4 nov., 1 sell; Yorks., 9 champ., 9 nov., 1 sell; Bord, 5 champ, 4 nov., 1 sell; Crests 1; Mules 6; Brit. 14 (1 sell); For. 8 (1 sell). Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., if 8 entries; 4th prize 1s. 6d. if over 16 entries. Half prize-money if less than 8 entries. Ent. close Oct. 4, to T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.

"Carrying On."

Newcastle C.B.S. will hold its annual show as usual. The new secretary, Mr. F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be pleased to forward schedules upon application.

Our meeting and show arranged for Oct. 2, writes Mr. W. Furnandiz, hon. sec. Hull C.B.S., has been altered to Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7, commencing at 2.30, in the Oddfellows' Hall.

I see that Mr. Stanger mentions my name in writing of shows in Durham, writes Mr. J. Bastock, and I would like ask Mr. Stanger or anyone else if they can tell me the date when I was awarded first prize in Crests at Darlington. The bird with which I took the prize was claimed by Mr. W. J. Hampton; it was in the seventies. How long after this was the show to which Mr. Wallace refers in his article?

We have been forced to alter the dates of our show to Nov. 29-30, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Cardiff C.B.S., as we were unable to secure a hall on any other date. We are running the show for the charity for British Prisoners of War. Last year we sent 40 parcels in each case, and received a reply thanking the Committee for their kindness, and we hope this year to be able to send a greater number of parcels, as we intend to give a liberal classification.

I have arranged with the Sunderland C.B.S. Secretary to hold our show in conjunction with theirs on Dec. 26, in the Miners' Hall, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, writes Mr. Geo. Dobson, sec., Northern Crest Club. There will be twelve classes, and I hope members will try and get a few specials, or give one if they can. I will be pleased to receive same before next meeting, held just before the show, as I want to make the show a great success. A few members have not paid their subscriptions yet; will they kindly do so and oblige.

New Sec. for Newcastle C.B.S.

Owing to our late sec. resigning, writes Mr. F. W. Laidlow, I have taken over the duties of secretary to the Newcastle C.B.S., and all correspondence in future should be addressed to me at 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Northern Border Fancy C.C.

Societies desirous of obtaining the patronage of the Northern Border Fancy C.C. Club are requested to make their application as early as possible, writes Mr. J. Farrer, 222, Jefferson St., Newcastle. Owing to my father having joined the colours, it is essential that members attend in good numbers at the next meeting for the purpose of electing a new secretary.

What a Champion Exhibitor Thinks

In forwarding the letter published this week under the heading of "A Gentle Hint," Mr. Fred Archer says "If other exhibitors would only come forward with their views, then all of us would be further encouraged. I fail to see why the champions in all sections should not respond to your suggestion, and then the novice could not find room to grumble."

Another Charity Show.

At a Committee Meeting of the Glasgow C.B.A., writes Mr. W. Hutchison, sec., 167, Hospital St., it was decided to hold the Annual Show on Nov. 10-11, in the Albert Halls, Bath St. All the profits will be handed over to the Fund in aid of Blinded Sailors and Soldiers. Those who are willing to help by selling tickets can obtain a supply by application to Mr. Hutchison.

The First Open Show of the Season.

The show season of 1916 opens with the show of the Clapham C.B.A. on Oct. 11-12, and, as will be seen from the Review of Schedule published this week, a fine classification has been provided. Mr. A. J. Clarke guarantees the 2 unflighted hen Canary classes, Mr. H. J. Chick the classes for Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, and British hen, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell the class for Lovebirds and Pigmy Parrots. A very fine list of 60 specials is printed in the schedule, and exhibitors should write for a copy to the hon. sec., Mr. T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell,

Retirement of Two Old Fanciers.

I am obliged to sell out my stock of birds and cages owing to the fact that I am starting on a business which takes me from home four days a week, writes Mr. E. G. Oliffe, Witney. I am very sorry to have to give up such an interesting hobby, as I have been a breeder and exhibitor for upwards of twenty years, and have taken in Cage Birds since, I think, the first number, and shall continue to take it in regularly.

I am sorry to have to inform you, writes Mr. J. McNaughton, Larbert, that circumstances have arisen that compel me to give up the fancy for a time at least. I am very sorry to part with my birds, but owing to Dr. Harvie Brown's death and my removing from here I cannot see my way to carry on. I must thank you for the many kindnesses extended to me during the 11 years I have been in the fancy, and although we have passed through a very trying and depressing time, still, I hope it will soon end, and that there are good times to come. I wish "C.B." success in the future, as in the past.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Bucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Liverpool Open Show.

Schedules will be posted Sept. 30. If you have not received yours by Oct. 3 apply to—Green & Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane, Liverpool.

A GREAT LITTLE BOOK.

It is not too much to say that no work of its size ever published contains such a mine of information for the breeder of live stock of any kind as "IN-BREEDING; What It Is, and What It Does," by C. A. House, the book referred to by Mr. House in his letter published in our issue of last week.

We are glad to be able to say that we have taken over a supply of this wonderful little publication, and it will be issued from the offices of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., at the price of tenpence, post free.

We have not yet had time to digest a tenth part of the contents, but what we have read enables us to say that no one who wishes for success in the breeding of any kind of stock can afford to be without it. It is written in language to be understood by all, and the matter is not complicated by intricate and puzzling drawings. Such pedigrees as are given are stated in words, from actual examples, and are set forth in the plainest possible manner.

Two short extracts from the work must suffice here, but we can promise a real treat to all intelligent breeders who may become possessed of the book.

> "The walls of prejudice have been built very high round this question of in-breeding, but they are gradually being undermined and overthrown, and the breeding of all kinds of live stock is being conducted to-day upon more rational methods than have prevailed in the past. Knowledge is power, and the bright beams of knowledge, the result of experience, are illuminating the paths of fanciers to-day as they have never done before."
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> "It is a time-honoured aphorism that 'Like produces like': it does under certain conditions and circumstances, not otherwise. 'Like produces like' when there is a proper and established control over the individuals comprising the breeding stock. If two really first-class birds or animals from different families are paired together the chances are 1000 to 1 against 'like producing like,' but with two similar individuals from the same family the odds are reversed, and it is 1000 to 1 on its being accomplished."

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 541.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, which will embrace the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity. The housing, feeding, general management, diseases, breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally, the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

MANY authorities state that once a week is sufficient for cleaning out cages, but this should always be done twice at least. To clean a cage it is always best to run the bird into another, and, if doors are provided at the ends, it is a very easy proceeding. The cage into which the bird is to go should face the light, his present one being placed door end to door end, but with the back toward the window. If the doors be now opened the bird will hop towards the light, when they can be closed.

While scraping out a cage do not forget to pay attention to the perches, which are best sandpapered, and to finish off by rubbing everything over with a cloth moistened with potassium permanganate solution.

The floor of the cage can be covered fairly thickly with sawdust or sand. The ordinary cage bird sand contains the grit which is necessary for efficient digestion, but it soon becomes fouled, and the sharp particles hurt the feet. Sawdust is a better covering, especially if it is got from pine wood, as it then contains a natural antiseptic and the cage has always a clean smell. If this is used the grit must be supplied separately. For larger birds, such as Thrushes, peat moss is often used, and is a cheap and efficient material.

Seed hoppers and drawers must be attended to each day, the old husks removed, and a fresh supply given if necessary. The dishes for soft food must be carefully washed and filled with freshly-prepared food, and, lastly, the water in all drinkers must be changed. It is a very good plan, if the collection is small and funds permit, to have a duplicate set of feeding utensils, and the work of the birdroom will be much more expeditiously carried out.

A Thorough Clean Out.

Twice a year the birdroom should be disinfected, and the distemper on the walls renewed once a year. The stock should be removed to new cages, the old ones remaining in the room while the work of disinfection is carried out. All openings must be sealed up with adhesive paper, special attention being devoted to the window and chimney.

Sulphur is one of the best disinfectants and should be placed at the bottom of a tin box. A few live coals placed on top will ignite it, and at this stage a rapid exit is advisable. Take care that the door is sealed up on the outside, and then leave it for some hours, after which the room can be opened up and thoroughly aired. If this is done and an antiseptic spray used frequently, very little trouble will be experienced with red mite.

Where these are suspected, a white cloth can be placed over the cage at night, and, if examined in the morning, evidence of their existence will generally be forthcoming. When found the bird must be run into another cage and treated as prescribed in the chapter on "The Diseases of Birds," but the cage can be rendered useful again if treated with something that will kill these pests.

A simple method is to take it outside and soak it with petrol, which soon evaporates, but before returning it to the racks it is as well to give it a fresh coat of enamel or distemper. For treating a cage in the birdroom, spirit of turpentine, with a drop or two of creosote or a small piece of camphor in it, is excellent, and the backs of the cages and ends of perches should be painted with this periodically.

The Importance of the Bath.

Nearly all birds require a bath daily in summer, so a supply of these is a necessity. If the bird is to bathe in its own cage, the wire bath which hooks on the cage in front of the door is preferable. Even while using these the cage is apt to get somewhat wet, so it is always best to give the bath as early in the day as possible to ensure both bird and cage being dry before roosting time.

If a bird does not come down into its bath within a reasonable time, it should be removed until next day. They will soon learn to avail themselves of the opportunity as soon as it is offered. Sometimes one comes across a case where the bird proves refractory and refuses to bathe, but, if it is put in a cage where another will show it an example, it will not usually refrain for long.

The keen exhibitor always uses rain water in his baths. For beautifying the plumage, bringing out its colours, and making the feathers fit tightly and carry a beautiful sheen, it is unsurpassed. The rain water should be collected and, if necessary, filtered through thin blotting paper rolled into the shape of a cone. Although this is a little trouble, yet the improvement in the plumage will be so evident that the birdkeeper will be amply compensated.

Those who live in towns or exhibit their birds frequently will soon find that the plumage has lost its richness of colouring and has become dull, and hand-washing becomes necessary. If the bird is intended for exhibition this is best done four or five days beforehand, as the plumage takes a few days to recover.

Hand Washing, and How to do It.

Hand-washing brings out to a remarkable degree the colouring of all birds, including the more sombre-hued species. The exhibitor should have plenty of practice, so as to carry it out expeditiously and well.

No special apparatus is required beyond a soft toothbrush or shaving brush, but a drying cage is very useful where numbers have to be dealt with. This type of cage ensures that the bird is dried in a moist heat, a very important point, but the same result can he obtained without special means by simply wrapping it in some absorbent material and putting in a warm place.

It is always best to have three or four bowls of warm water at hand. The bare elbow dipped into one is a very useful guide as to the degree of temperature, which should always be tested beforehand. The water should be soft, preferably hot rain water, but, where this is impossible, a little borax added to each of the basins will have to suffice. In the first basin a thick lather should be made, using a mild soap made from vegetable ingredients. The other basins are only for rinsing, and should contain nothing but water.

Before catching the bird, make quite sure that the hands are dry, or some of the feathers will be pulled out; in holding it, the head should be between the thumb and first finger, the latter pointing downwards towards its tail. There is no need to crush the bird, and it will be quite safe loosely held provided the feet are not allowed to touch the hand, and so give it a support by which it can push itself free.

Dip the hand holding the bird into the first basin, and immerse the whole of the body, leaving the head and neck free. With the toothbrush follow the direction of the feathers, paying special attention to the wings and tail. The head, which is done last, must have very careful brushing, and, again, do not forget to follow the line of the feathers. When the dirt has been thoroughly loosened, quickly transfer into the second basin, and with a small sponge rinse thoroughly. The other basin or basins are for subsequent washings to make quite sure that all the soap has been rinsed out. Squeeze the sponge until dry and use it to remove the superfluous water, and then quickly roll the bird in some absorbent material, leaving the head uncovered, and place it in a cage, which should be put at right angles to the fire, so that direct heat does not strike the bird. After a time the bird will emerge from its covering, which can he removed and the cage placed further away from the fire, but allowed to remain in the same room all night, all risk of chill being thereby prevented. For the next few days he liberal with seeds rich in oil, and the bird will emerge from its ordeal with all its original richness of colouring.

The Charm of a Pet Bird.

To many, I may say the majority of bird lovers, size, type, markings, and so on take a very secondary place, and tameness of disposition is the principal object desired. With certain species it is their power of talking that is the great attraction, and it is difficult to imagine a more desirable pet than a tame talking bird.

Unfortunately British birds do not lend themselves to this accomplishment, only a few, such as the Magpie and Jay, being able to articulate words with any degree of clearness, and the vocabulary even of these is as a rule very limited. Most of these British talkers are hand-reared birds, and I should strongly advise anyone who wishes to have his birds really tame to obtain them reared in this way, or to do it himself, but he should not himself attempt to hand-rear birds unless he is prepared to spend a very great deal of time and trouble and put himself to a certain amount of expense. Otherwise it is simply a waste of bird life, which could not be countenanced by any true aviculturist.



TWO "WEE GEMS."

The pretty little Border Fancy Canary is as often spoken of as the "Wee Gem" as by its proper title, and it well deserves the cognomen. The clear Yellow Cock at the top of our picture won 2nd prize at the show of the London and P.O.S. for Mr. F. Hutchinson, Poplar, and the other is the clear Buff Cock which won 3rd at the same show for Sergt. J. H. Joplin, Lee.

For the man with time at his disposal this is the ideal method; the birds become delightfully tame, and his interest in them is so much greater than if he had bought them at some bird shop, and simply put them in a cage. If he feels ambitious and wishes to try Mule and Hybrid breeding, these are the birds that will repay him for his trouble.

How to treat the Young Birds.

The best time to remove the young from the nest is when the quill feathers are beginning to shoot and the eyes to open, and I think it is only fair to their parents to limit very strictly the number taken away. It is in a matter like this that the real bird lover is distinguished from his more unfortunate brother who only collects birds. In no case ought more than half to be selected, and, although there is no rule for distinguishing the sexes, yet cock birds may usually be known by their darker colouring, brighter look, and fuller eye. With a certain amount of practice the beginner will soon be able to make a very shrewd guess, and will generally include one or more amongst his selection.

Where circumstances permit, it is wise to let the parents feed the young until they can fend for themselves, but, of course, their liberty must be curtailed. This is done by waiting until the parent bird has left the nest, and then very gently removing it to a small cage, which is placed on the old site. Great care must be taken not to damage the nest or surrounding twigs, and it is just as well not to be in the vicinity when the parent returns. While the birds are quite young the door is left open, but when they are ready to leave the nest it must be closed, feeding operations taking place through the wires.

At this stage **do not forget** to supply drinking water in the cage. The omitting to provide this necessity of life has given rise to the fairy tale that the parents poison the young confined in a cage. For Hardbills soaked seed with a little hard rape on top should he liberally supplied, and a little strewn on the bottom of the cage. The birds soon begin to pick up, and then they can be gradually weaned on to hard seed; at this stage the parents very soon lose interest in them.

Where this method is impracticable, the young should be removed from the nest just as it gets dark. At this time they will have been well fed for the night, and will require no attention until the following morning. They should be placed in an artificial nest in a basket and covered over. The inside of the nest should approximate as far as possible in size and nature of lining material to the original. A depression in a basket of hay, lined with moss and hair mixed, does very well for one type, and, where the nest is lined with mud, a hole cut in a turf and smoothed round with the thumbs is all that is required.

Some Important Points.

The basket should be placed in a quiet corner away from the light for the first week or so, and covered over with a cloth. When this is removed the young will usually gape, and feeding is then easy. There are two things especially to remember in hand-rearing birds; first of all, keep them warm; secondly, never overfeed. The only time the crops should be completely filled is the last feed at night.

The young birds require to be fed every two hours at first with food in a fairly liquid condition. The kind of food employed is described in the chapter on "The Feeding of Birds," but it must be freshly made each day, and the feeding utensil scalded with boiling water. The young of all species have very sensitive stomachs, and anything even slightly tainted is sure to disagree with them.

When the birds are on hard seed in the case of seed-eaters, and on adult food in that of Softbills, they should be constantly handled if tameness is the object aimed at. A hand-reared bird will very readily go on to a stick introduced into the cage, and from there on to the finger is only a step.

Let it be quite accustomed to taking titbits from the fingers, and, opening the door of the cage, tempt it to come down and get them. After a time it will fly to wherever the owner is to get the dainty

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. T. R. Wallace, 30, Daldene Avenue, Falkirk.

Newcastle's Awakening.

SIR,—Your North Country readers will be pleased to know that all is well with the original Newcastle Society. A new secretary has been appointed in Mr. F. W. Laidlow, who has worked well for the fancy, and who intends to work even more for the Society in the future. Several new members have joined and others are joining. We are running our show at very short notice on Oct. 21, the original date, and through the courtesy of the Mayor and Corporation it will be held in the Town Hall. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance funds. Hurrah for Newcastle!

T. C. CRAWHALL.

Another Society for Ashington.

SIR,—A few fanciers in Ashington desire to form another society, to have its headquarters in the East End Social Club, Hirst, and I have been asked to convene a meeting for the purpose of forming a society. The first meeting will be held in the above social club on Sept. 30, at 7, so will all fanciers interested in the above please attend. We also invite all fanciers who are affiliated members of social clubs outside of Ashington to attend or send their names along, as there will be no radius to this society. This society (if formed) will in no way interfere with the Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

C. F. TAPSON.

The Patronage of the Southern Border F.C.

SIR,—After several protracted meetings it has been decided to abandon the patronage for the coming season. It is not without regret that the Committee have come to this decision, but after a deal of correspondence the Committee came to the conclusion that it would be in the best interests of the club that this course should be taken, as with so many of the members being with the forces it seemed very improbable that the support would be sufficient to warrant societies putting on the number of classes required.

We thank those societies who have applied for patronage, and can assure them that in coming to this decision we studied their interests as well as our own, and trust that when brighter days come they will again apply and be rewarded with bumper entries. It is impossible to write to all members, so will members please accept this, the only intimation. All subscriptions and other monies paid for 1916 will be carried to members' credit for 1917. Meetings will be occasionally held, notices of which will appear in CAGE BIRDS. It is hoped that all S.B.F.C. members, and, indeed, all "Wee Gem" fanciers, will support those societies who put on classes for our variety, and I trust the time is not far distant when we shall be able to start again with all the old enthusiasm.

GEO. BURTON, hon. sec.

The Affairs of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club.

New Secretary Appointed.

SIR,—In response to Mr. R. L. Crisp's circular of Aug. 10, twenty-four voting papers were returned, and all were in favour of the present committee remaining in office, and all except two favoured competitions being abandoned during the coming season.

Mr. J. W. Rennie, to whom the club is deeply indebted for the important position it occupies in the fancy to-day, has been compelled to resign the secretaryship, owing to pressure of business and inability to devote the necessary time to the office. The satisfactory state of the club's finances reflect on him the greatest credit, and the thanks of the club are due to him for his work during the years he has officiated as secretary.

The members have elected me to fill the vacancy, and I take this opportunity of soliciting their support and assistance to further the interests of the club, so that when we come to an end of these troublous times the club may resume activities and carry out its programmes, as in past times, to the benefit of the fancy generally and the South of England breeders of the Yorkshire in particular.

The Committee would be glad if relatives or others would furnish me with the names of any members who are serving with His Majesty's forces.

P. JOHNSTON.

123, Ferme Park Road,
Stroud Green, N.

The Other End of the String.

SIR,—I notice in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS there are queries as to how to sex mules by "G.A.R.," and Pekin Nightingales by "New Reader," and, with profound respects to Mr. Norman and Mr. Page, I should like to bring to their notice my method of sexing birds, which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of Aug. 26, and to respectfully ask if they will give it a trial and let readers know the result. I should be delighted to have their opinions on the matter.

J. K. WILLIAMS.

Another Reader Finds the Test Successful.

SIR,—In last week's issue Mr. Williams asks other readers to give their views about his method of sexing birds. I should like to make known the results of my experiments.

My first tests were with six Roller cocks, and afterwards with eight hens, and in each case the needle behaved exactly as described by Mr. Williams in his first letter, viz., across the coin for hens, and round and round for cocks. Not only with the birds did the method prove its reliability, for I next experimented with a young cat, young she kitten and sure enough in this case also the needle swung right across the coin in an unmistakeable manner.

I must confess to being very sceptical before I made these experiments, but I am now certain the method is infallible. Like Mr. Williams, I have wondered much what unseen cause directs the needle, and am hoping some scientific reader will solve the mystery.

R. S. YARHAM.

Colour in the Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—I expect it is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Frank Cole will look for my intrusion into this question of colour, and therefore there is no need for an apology.

There is also no need to reiterate what I have written respecting the Lizard, or to again pursue at length the merits of breeding the clear Plainhead, which always has been the ideal, and is yet so with breeders who aim for the highest standard of excellence.

Vigorously has my friend fought, and freely has he shed his green blood, gaining courage, and inspired by—what? It seems to be that with a variegated bird "you can get an easier win in a marked class, as the exhibits in such a class are generally smaller in number."

Thus, as with murder, things will out, and one can only regret that the grit which Adam left behind him has not been sufficient to go round. Nevertheless, as a fellow breeder, and an interested reader, I thank him for his effort, and patiently await his conversion to the ideal clear.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

Barrow and Sheffield Red Cross Shows.

A Reply to "A Sporting Proposition."

SIR,—I was surprised on opening my CAGE BIRDS this week to find a letter from Mr. McFarlane, the hon. sec. of Barrow C.B.S., referring to the report of our monthly meeting, which appeared in your issue of Sept. 16, which mentioned that two of our members were undertaking to sell 400 tickets each. Mr. McFarlane appears to take this announcement (to use a vulgar expression) as swank. I can assure you, Sir, that this was not announced with any such intention; it was merely mentioned to show the interest that our members are taking in the forthcoming show.

Personally I am very pleased to think that Barrow possesses so enthusiastic a member. Providing we accepted Mr. McFarlane's challenge how could the matter be proved as to the one individual personally selling the greater number of tickets? Why not issue a challenge when we have facts to work upon, say as follows: that we issue a schedule with a greater number of classes, provide a more valuable list of specials and prize money, have a larger entry, and, above all, hand over a larger amount of money? By these means we should then be able to prove which society should take the honour. These matters could all easily be proved, but I fail to see how such a scheme as Mr. McFarlane suggests could be.

J. A. T. WOODALL.

A Canary with One Wing.

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS I should be very pleased to hear through your paper if it has been any fancier's luck to breed a Canary with one wing. The bird does not belong to me but my father, and he asked me if I would try to get to know. My father has had birds born with no toes, but never with one wing. It is quite healthy and is five weeks old.

W. CARTWRIGHT.

"Wake Up, Show Committees."

An Economic Problem.

SIR,—I cannot say that I agree with the tone of Mr. Craig's letter under the title: "Wake up, Show Committees," but I think that the last few lines of the letter are good advice, not only to Mr. Patterson, but to all of your readers. I consider that it is high time that we should be devising ways and means to make fanciers exhibit. I am afraid there is too much selfishness with most of our champion exhibitors, and you generally see they are men in a good position, with a good bit of ready cash. Now, until there is a scheme brought out that will entice the plodding poorer fancier to come out with his exhibits and have a fair chance of paying his way, I am afraid show committees will have a sorry time as far as making shows pay is concerned.

It is all very well for a man with an income of, say, from £2 10s. to £5 per week coming in, but what about the man with, say, from twenty-five to thirty-five shillings, and perhaps a family to rear besides the feeding of his birds, not to reckon the exhibiting of the same? A case in point I know to be a fact, as I happen to be the party, and I am writing this in the hope that someone placed in the same position as myself will come along with a letter to CAGE BIRDS and let the Fancy know that they are anxious to see their birds on the show bench, and will only be too pleased to show them if something can be done to make it easier to do so without bringing any harm to the comforts of the family circle.

As I consider the working classes the mainstay of a nation, I do the same as far as sport and recreation—the Fancy included—are concerned. At the same time I am sure that we could not get along without the men who are blessed with a good position in life. That being so, it is the duty of all to drop anything selfish that is about us and help to make life a pleasure.

I do not want your readers to run away with the idea that I think all the selfishness lies with the champions, but I am afraid few of them think of those that are yearning to have their birds out on the bench, but cannot do so because of the expense.

I am glad Mr. Patterson has broken the ice, as it were, as he seems to be thinking on these lines when he puts before you the letter re a collapsible cage. So come away, others; let us know your views on the matter; devise a way to make more fanciers exhibit, and there will be no need to ask committees to wake up. Not only will Mr. Smart, of the B.F.C.C., be overwhelmed with applications for patronage, but a few others as well.

Now for the case in point. I have at the present time thirty birds—Norwich Plainheads and Border Fancies, also a pair of Crests—and these require a quarter-stone of canary seed per week, costing 1s. 6½d. Then there are mixed seeds, bread and milk, gravel, etc., which we will say costs another sixpence. This works out at less than ¾d. per bird, but out of an income of £1 7s. per week there is not much left to bring up a family of four—ages ranging from one to thirteen years of age—not an easy thing to do in these times.

I can fancy I hear someone say: "That man should get strung up for being in the Fancy at all on such a small income." Well, all I can say in defence is that I took up the Fancy when I had no family, and it was easier then to live—as far as the bread of life is concerned—as goods of all kinds were cheaper then than now. Since the prices of goods got so high I have a few times been going to part with my birds, but it was like a soldier parting from his family to go to France to fight. It took a bit of doing, and, to make the parting harder, my wife would not let me. So you see a man that has a love for his birds can be loved by his partner in life in spite of lack of money. I have put this before you to ask if it is possible to exhibit under such circumstances, especially when railway companies are trying all they can to kill the Fancy. So now, Mr. Patterson, I know you have the welfare of the Fancy at heart, and the B.F.C.C. in particular, what is to be done? Perhaps, sir, you will allow me to couple the name of the Rev. Jolliffe, of Cardiff, along with Mr. Patterson's, as I believe, after reading his grand lecture, that he can help to solve the problem. I am afraid I shall be getting myself into trouble by taking up too much of your valuable space, but as I want to see the Fancy and CAGE BIRDS, our paper, going ahead by leaps, I crave your forbearance with me this time, as I think this a vital question.

T. R. WALLACE.

A Novice's Successful Start.

SIR,—As a novice reader of CAGE BIRD. (this having been my first year), I was interested in the letter of W. Gilbert in your issue of Sept. 16, in which he says he has reared 29 youngsters from ten pairs of Yorkshires. From one pair of Yorkshires I have brought up eleven birds; two out of four from nest No. 1, four from nest No. 2, and five from the third nest, and "all going strong" I desire to state that I got most of my information from that valuable little book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and advise every novice not to be without it.

R. V. JOHNSON.

Greetings from a Famous Crest Breeder Now in South Africa.

SIR,—Having now been in South Africa 16 months, I thought I would like to write you a few lines which I feel quite sure you will be glad to receive. Although being so far away, I do not forget the bird Fancy, which has passed so many pleasant hours for me. I am just as keen on Crests as ever, and hope, if spared to return, to go in for them stronger than ever. I have seen a good many ups and downs since visiting Africa, having visited and worked in two gold mines on the Rand; also at Whaling station for some little time, but, although I did very well, I found the life very rough and harder than I had ever been used to; so, after a few months I gave it up and travelled back to the beautiful town of Durban, where I have now been for about 9 months. All being well, I intend stopping for another twelve months and then return to the Old Country. I have made several birdy friends in Johannesburg and in Durban, and have found many a real good fancier amongst them. I visited the Durban and Coast Cage Bird show, which took place on the 6th and 7th July, and there were a real fine lot of Norwich and Yorkshires there, and I at once started to write out a prize list to send to you. I have also sent you a catalogue of the Rand Cage Bird Show which took place July 15, I might mention that some of these fanciers have just as good birds as I have ever seen in the old country, and the Fancy is gradually getting stronger.

G. M. DAVEY.

[The prize lists of the two shows mentioned will be published in next week's issue. We thank Mr. Davey for his kind recollection of CAGE BIRDS while so far away, and we hope after his return to have the pleasure of chronicling many of his successes, as in past times.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

Appreciation from an Old Reader.

The Value of a "Cage Birds" "Tip."

SIR,—I was very interested in the remarks of the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe in a recent issue on the value of CAGE BIRDS to us all, whether as private bird-lovers or as traders. I don't know if we quite realise what it would mean should it have had to cease publication in these troublous times. I for one should not care to be without my copy on Fridays.

At its new price the paper has been better than ever—useful, varied, and interesting. The delightful articles by Miss Hamilton, "Philornis," Mr. Teschemaker, "J.W.N." (whose "Essentials of Aviculture" deserves re-issuing, surely), have been of a high order indeed, and must have charmed many readers. The Correspondence columns, too, have proved a veritable gold-mine of practical experiences, as I hoped they would, when I suggested widening their scope some months ago, and the novice cannot help benefiting by it.

I have my brother's business to look after as well as my own "quill-pushing," as he has been called up, so I am not keeping many birds just now, and, being one of the "rejected," I am devoting my spare time arranging concerts for soldiers. I have a big attic standing empty, though, and am looking forward to Peace, when I can launch out and use it up properly for my birds.

I am sorry to say that I lost one of my two pet Starlings last week. I got him as a nestling, and for four and a half years he had been a constant delight to our home with his cheery whistle and quaint mannerisms. He occasionally suffered from fits, which I usually cured by a minute dose bromide of potassium mixed with some sugar of milk (an old CAGE BIRDS' tip, by the way), but they told on his system, and one morning, though his eye was as bright as ever, the next minute he was gone, and we were the poorer for the loss of a feathered friend. Fortunately, I have my older Starling still with me, until I get another softbill.

The above cure for fits is a very reliable one, but a good dose of Glauber salts must be given the next day, as the poison makes the bird look as if he was "two sheets in the wind." I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

DAN MCARTHUR.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 574.)

"A Gentle Hint."

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Groom for his "Gentle Hint." I can imagine that readers of my letter may have misunderstood it. What I complained of was that the successful Mule breeders invariably start in this way: "Having got your birds in condition, etc.," and in my opinion this is where the success or secret lies. Mr. Groom has been the first to come forward, and it has pleased me to see he was awarded the prize, as he has gone over a good deal to assist those like myself. May it be the means of getting a few others to tell us how to condition. Wm. Tucker.

[A letter from the well-known exhibitor, Mr. F. Archer (Messrs. Martin and Archer) was also in hand, but unavoidably held over. This interesting communication is now published below.—Editor Cage Birds.]

A Reply from a Champion Exhibitor of Hybrids.

Sir,—Kindly permit me through your valuable paper to reply to Mr. Tucker and his "gentle hint." Mr. Tucker says, "It is useless telling us the old tale to buy the birds and put them together, and so-and-so will result." This portion of his letter has somewhat aroused me, for I myself have written a few times for our valuable paper, Cage Birds, and I had not the slightest idea I was writing "fairy tales." I have been trying for nine long years to get some decent Hybrids, and at last have succeeded, so if Mr. Tucker wants some solid chunks as to how to get along I will try and tell him. I might also say that any information I have given in the past or am giving now has been given in the best of spirit, for it behoves all fanciers to help one another by their hints, which hints also will help the novice.

Therefore I will proceed to describe the successful breeding of Greenfinch-Goldfinch Hybrids at Huddersfield, and how I achieved the success. The Hybrids have been bred in an outside aviary some eight yards long and four yards wide. In it are three trees which are covered over with small mesh wire netting. In this aviary I put three pairs of birds, namely, Greenfinch, Linnet and Redpoll cocks, hen Goldfinch, and two Bullfinch hens. These birds were put into the aviary at the latter end of April. I gave them the best mixed seed I could get, and threw in as much green food as I could find. As time went on I noticed continuous calling by the Greenfinch to the Goldfinch. Thinks I, these birds are showing signs of pairing, so I gathered some feathers, moss, and some hay, and placed it in a corner for their use. About the beginning of June I noticed the Goldfinch hen carrying nesting material about, and the Greenfinch helping her. A nice nest was made in one of the trees and four eggs were laid. These were never disturbed by me; I gave the birds their food, and walked quietly away, thinking it a wise plan to let nature have its own way. The four eggs all proved fertile, but unfortunately one of the young died in the shell; three were duly hatched out.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the Greenfinch for the magnificent way in which he fed the young, for he was constantly on the go to and from the nest. I lost one of the three by its over-reaching for food. This bird I found one morning about a yard away from the nest, but I have at the time of writing two good Hybrids just in moult. When the young were in the nest I made some egg-food from fresh-laid eggs and mixed with it a little softbill food, which I found made a suitable diet for the young. The Goldfinch sat as keen as if she was away in the woods, and the Greenfinch took his place on a twig by the nest, evidently waiting the time of hatching. Now, Mr. Tucker, is this a fairy tale, or does it contain any hints or methods to interest you? I am, like yourself, a "for ever tryer," and my success has come at last, but it is experience that has taught me, in addition to perseverance.

I have for a long time had the opinion that the Greenfinch was a remarkable bird. In my last article in Cage Birds I said so, and now that I have proved its success as a hybrid breeder I am more sure. It does me no good rushing into print, but it is experience from fanciers the novice seeks, and I have always advocated that the novice ought to be encouraged. I do not know Mr. Tucker or Mr. Litchfield, but either of them would be welcome here, and I should be very pleased to give them any information they wanted, so far as I am able.

As for getting the Goldfinch and Linnet into condition for Mule breeding, this is a matter that cannot be rushed. Yet if the birds are healthy to begin with, and they have careful feeding with the best of seeds, such as dandelion, thistle, shepherd's purse, maw, teazle, etc., I see no reason why they will not come into condition themselves. Proper preparations have always to be made for Canary breeding and British birds must be catered for in the same way, but as near to nature's supply as one can get.

One can easily tell whether the Goldfinch is in breeding form or otherwise. When in breeding condition his beak will be about clear, his song will be continuous, and the switching of his tail will tell you he is ready. The same remarks apply to the Linnet, only his beak will be slate coloured, and his movements and his song will be lasting. The time to prepare the birds for breeding is at least six weeks beforehand. If by such treatment as advised they are not then ready, then the birds cannot be in a healthy state. I have had fertile eggs on two occasions from the Greenfinch-Bullfinch cross, but hen Bullfinches I have proved are unreliable as feeders, therefore I lost the young. Do not overcrowd your aviary; one will do better by putting in, say, half-a-dozen birds, three of each sex. In conclusion, don't despair, and if at first you don't succeed, disappointing though it may be, try again.

If either Mr. Tucker or Mr. Litchfield derive benefit from the few notes I have written, then it will have given me a pleasure, and if others who can would help by their experience, then our hobby would be further encouraged. Wishing our valuable paper Cage Birds the success it rightly deserves.

Fred Archer.

The Songster of the Night.

Sir,—Before you closure the above correspondence let me sincerely thank Mr. W. E. Teschemaker for his lengthy and valuable reply to my article. If only bird lovers would take the tips there so plainly put for their information they would save themselves much expense and many failures. The old proverb says: "Experience keeps a good school, but it is a very dear one," and the pity is most of mankind will learn in no other. The valuable information spread broadcast by Cage Birds weekly is not valued by the hosts of bird keepers at its true worth, because they can have it for twopence weekly. Anything the people get for next to nothing is not valued, so by next year or much sooner these birdy wrinkles may be in oblivion.

Mr. Teschemaker's experiences of the effects of live ant cocoons are identical with mine, and he is in perfect agreement with me on most other points. I am very pleased my letters have been of value to Mr. Mcek, and with your permission, sir, I will gladly answer any further questions. There are very many other birdy puzzles that I have come across, but I must defer them to the future.

Fred Bent.

Flies as a Substitute for Mealworms.

Sir,—I am very much interested in the above, and I think Mr. Bent's letter is just extra, also Mr. Teschemaker's, but I also think the latter is in error when he says ants' eggs are harmful. The fact that the Lapland Buntings died proves nothing. Mr. Teschemaker says they were stuffed full of ants' eggs. In my opinion the case is on a parallel with that of a child who dies in convulsions after eating a beef steak or an over supply of ice cream. We do not say either beef steak or ice cream are harmful. Tons of ants' eggs are consumed daily, and very likely will be to the end of time. Mr. Teschemaker asks: "Who has seen a Nightingale breaking into an ants' nest, and how would the bird perform such a feat?" I might also ask who has seen a Goldfinch hunt through the woods in search of ants' eggs, yet I have seen one live on a few ants' eggs daily for over eight years. Who has seen a Sunbird come from its native wilds to look for a tin of condensed milk? Yet I have moulted one for its seventh time, and it had condensed milk every day. I could give many more examples which only point to the fact that we cannot feed our birds on their natural food so we must just cater for them to the best of our ability and find suhstitutes for what they feed on in their wild state. There is another important matter to Softbill keepers I would like to say a few words about, viz.: The scarcity of mealworms. I don't know how others are doing without them, but I will tell you how I manage. Get a quantity of maggots from a butcher or dealer. Clean them in the ordinary way in sawdust or sand for two days, then feed the birds with them. In this hot weather they will turn very quickly into flies. When they get to this stage, I put the lot into a tin box, and tie the lid down, then I pierce a small hole in the lid, just the size to let a fly out, and put a wooden plug in the hole. When you want to give the birds a feed, remove the plug and with a small pair of forceps, catch hold of the flies as they come out, and give them to the birds; you can feed a dozen Softbills in a few minutes; no smell, no trouble, and very little expense. I have not had any mealworms for four months, and my birds are in the pink. This is how I save ten shillings a month in the feeding bill; necessity is the mother of invention.

I am very pleased to see that at least a few champions of the greatest of all our birds are still to be found, but I am afraid the few are getting fewer, and why? Because the treatment meted out to Nightingales on the show bench is a disgrace to aviculture. They are made to stand down and make room for such as Waxwings, Bearded Tits, Thrushes, etc.; in fact, I think almost anything will beat a Nightingale under 90 per cent. of our judges, who are mostly Canary fanciers, and know very little, if anything, about Softbills.

I have been a Softbill fancier for 25 years, and have travelled the shows both in Scotland and England, and how many times have I seen a Nightingale with a first prize? Three! What a percentage out of, perhaps, a hundred birds, and this is our king of songsters, an aristocrat from tip to toe.

It is not entirely the fault of the judges either; the classes for Softbills are stuck on to the tail end of a Canary show, and if the judge refuses to take them he will lose his engagement. The fault, therefore, lies principally with societies who are afraid to venture a trifle on a specialist judge or an extra class or two which would turn a failure into a success. The British and foreign sections of a show are undoubtedly the great attraction. Visitors do not go to look at hundreds of Canaries, all more or less alike; not they, they go to see something they have never seen before, something out of the common, something to talk about to their friends; and these friends talk to other friends, and the result is a bumping gate, for they must all come and see the greatest of all our British birds, "The Nightingale." C. S. Montague.

A Second Time on Earth.

An Old Lover of Lancashires, Lizards, and Cinnamons Wants to Know What Has Happened to Them.

Sir,—Many years ago—in the days when a poultry paper was the only journal for bird fanciers—I was an enthusiastic devotee of the delightful hobby of bird keeping. Since then, with one brief interlude, I had lost all touch with the fancy, but, being desirous of plunging again into the fascinating stream of Canary and Mule breeding, I took in Cage Birds, and being, as it were, a kind of Rip Van Winkle, I have tried to take stock of the changes that have taken place.

The two that strike me most are, first, the boon to fanciers in having so excellent a journal as Cage Birds entirely devoted to their hobby; second, the fact that the Yorkshire and Norwich breeds appear to have almost monopolised the taste of bird lovers. I have read through the last few issues of your paper for some signs of the Lancashire, Lizard, or Cinnamon varieties, but I have not found an article, or a query, or a letter, or an advertisement relating to these three lovely and distinctive breeds.

I realise that the present moment is a bad criterion of the position of the fancy, both owing to the war and also to its being the moulting season, but it would be a thousand pities if any of these beautiful varieties of Canaries were to lose favour with fanciers. The maintenance of a breed requires not only the few expert specialists who breed exhibition specimens, but the many smaller fanciers who compose the rank and file of the hobby.

May I express the hope that the leading lights in the Lancashire, Lizard, and Cinnamon varieties will use all their exertions to keep these beautiful varieties popular, and that you, sir, will not forget to provide enlightening articles and illustrations. Remember that, to the outside world, it is the distinctive qualities of such breeds as the Lancashire, with its exceptional size, the Lizard, with its unique markings, and the Cinnamon, with its wonderful colour, that make the art of bird keeping something more than the breeding of yellow Canaries.

I may be mistaken in thinking that these breeds have lost favour, but I certainly find myself at a loss to know how to best obtain a few good pairs of the above varieties. Anticipating your retort, Mr. Editor, I am inserting a "want" advertisement in your columns.

H. Garland-Wells.

Keep the Flag Flying.

A Reply to a "Friendly Challenge."

Sir,—I am pleased to know that Mr. J. Patterson believes in banging the drum for the Border F.C.C., and hope the members will appreciate his efforts by exhibiting in larger numbers than on the occasion I referred to in my previous letter. Surely the attraction of his very handsome three guinea cup will do the trick. In answering his plaintive cry for help, I may say that I held no brief whatever for myself. I merely gave my reasons for his disappointment re enquiries for patronage, and suggested he should find a remedy, knowing that to cure a disease you ought to treat the cause.

I am not interested in Borders, except from a show point of view, and my remarks were not exclusively addressed to his club. Yorkshires are my hobby, and that I am sincere on the subject is evidenced by the fact that I am giving this year a ten guinea trophy, and, in order to stimulate competition, a second trophy will be given by me for exhibitors outside Yorkshire, with a gold medal for the winner, and a silver and bronze medal for the 2nd and 3rd respectively.

I never shirk a challenge if it applies to my variety, or even any other, if it is for the benefit of exhibitors at the Sheffield O.S. Open Show, but Mr. Patterson's suggestion is all on his own side, and, therefore, selfish. However, I will show him that I am not afraid to meet him half way. If our Society gives a similar classification to that of last year, and same judges, and Mr. Patterson guarantees the classes to fill, in order to pay full prize-money without any loss to us, I will give a cup, of the same value as he has given, in lieu of special prizes, to be competed for as my challenger wishes. If accepted a wire will oblige, as our schedule is being completed in a few days. Lest my offer should not be considered genuine, I enclose you, Mr. Editor, a cheque for above amount to hold until my offer, if accepted, is carried out.

W. Craig.

2, Norfolk Road, Sheffield.

We have received from Dr. Craig a cheque for £3 3s., as stated.—Editor, Cage Birds.

The Clashing of Show Dates.

An Invitation to Welsh Secretaries.

Sir,—I quite agree with the remarks made by Mr. W. D. Lewis, sec. Pontypool C.B.S., in Cage Birds of last week, and I consider that it would be in the best interests of all societies in Wales to meet in January or February each year and arrange their show dates.

Supposing that a sub-committee of, say, three members from each society met at Cardiff once in each year to discuss show business. I feel certain that such co-operation would bring nothing but good results to the Fancy generally.

Apart from the clashing of show dates—a very serious thing indeed for any society with no bank balance—there are many things in connection with the working of a successful show that might be discussed with advantage to the smaller societies who often go under because they have no one with any show experience to guide them in their classification, printing, advertising, and general arrangements, etc.

On behalf of the Cardiff C.B.S., and also as chairman of the Welsh National C.B.S., I extend to all secretaries in Wales a cordial invitation to meet at Cardiff Show, at the Cory Hall, on Nov. 29 and 30. A preliminary meeting could be held and arrangements made for the first annual meeting next year. I am sure that the expense of the journey to Cardiff would be more than repaid by the experience they would gain from our worthy sec., Mr. E. Thomas, whose reputation as a show manager is so well known throughout the country.

I should like to put Mr. Lewis right on one point mentioned in his letter, viz., that the Cardiff C.B.S. "has not yet decided to run an open show." It was unanimously decided at the general meeting last March to "carry on"—in spite of the fact that nearly half our members were "doing their bit" somewhere at the front, and our show dates were fixed for Friday, Saturday, and Monday, Nov. 17, 18, and 20, and judges engaged, but, the Carlton Hotel having turned our hall into a large billiard saloon, all our arrangements have been upset, and we have been compelled to find another hall and fix our dates accordingly.

In this instance we do not, I think, clash with any Welsh show, but Nov. 29 and 30 being the only dates available, the clashing with Southampton is really unavoidable, and we sincerely hope that neither society will suffer much in consequence.

E. J. Banks.

(Several interesting letters held over.)

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THE PROS AND CONS OF IN-BREEDING.

Some further expressions of opinion from experienced breeders.

(Continued from page 560.)

A Hint to Old Exhibitors.

SIR,—They say where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise. I must say I am ignorant of the fact that Mr. House ever bred or moulted a winner in his life, and Mr. House saying he has won't convince me. I challenge him to prove it; the testimony I shall require will be that of a reliable fancier that will speak of what he has seen, not that which he has not. I want no better corroboration of my statement that most books are written on the theory of breeding than Mr. House's admission of the few things he has dabbled in, and on which he claims to be an authority. One can draw one's own conclusions as to the practical experience of any of them, if we except cats. I know he has devoted many years to these, and spent a lot of time with them, but then this is a most fascinating hobby for a man. Mr. House gives us several gentlemen's names; most of these exhibitors are known to me personally; fanciers every one, and I am sure it would be most interesting to the readers of your valuable journal, and especially so to your humble, if any of these gentlemen will give us their experience with inbreeding, how far they went, and the result.

J. BASTOCK.

An Unpleasant Experience.

SIR,—I am only a working man, keeping a few birds for a hobby, and never missing CAGE BIRDS, and I have been greatly interested in the correspondence concerning inbreeding. I have had a cock Roller running with his mother and sister this season. The mother has hatched four nests of five each and reared them well on hard seed, and the sister has reared three nests of four, making 32 young birds, which I got on to seed. I am sorry to say, however, that I have lost eleven of them in the moult from no apparent cause: they simply drooped away and died. This is my first and last attempt at inbreeding, as I have never lost so many before. It was only through the extra cost of living and heavy private expenses that I did not buy another cock last autumn, and as I saw inbreeding recommended if the stock was healthy I tried it, but never again. Wishing CAGE BIRDS the best of luck.

C. S.

Eight Years of Inbreeding.

SIR,—I have been very interested in the discussion on inbreeding, though I must own to being perfectly ignorant on the subject, except for what I have read in CAGE BIRDS just lately, and some time back, when White Canaries and Mendelism were to the fore; but I suppose I am right in the conjecture that for the eight years I have kept Canaries they have been indiscriminately inbred, as I purchased but one cock and two sister hens, and through the whole time I have bought no more. These were, I suppose, the common Rollers of quite a pale colour; the hens not very strong, and the cock three years old, strong, and a good singer.

I think it was the third year when my stock began to show a lovely yellow colour, just that yellow a sunflower petal is, and I got my first all-green ones. There were also some very much to my liking—yellow, with just a black cap. These I never parted with, as I wanted to try and fix that type. My birds were always strong and healthy and fine singers, with a long, clear, sweet roll. I was never troubled with red mite and used nothing but paraffin as a preventive.

When I had to part with most of my birds last September, owing to the Housing Committee condemning and closing the cottages, I had two at nest, which I kept. One deserted as soon as there was no cock to feed her, and the other, a small and delicate one, brought up three—a dark cock and two pale hens. From these I have had about sixteen this year; eight of these I lost just as they were coming on to seed, owing to the hen nesting again, or because of my not understanding breeding in cages very well. The ones that died were mostly clears; the others are a fine bright yellow where the feathers are yellow, but I noticed that although the father was a very sweet singer, he had lost the roll. I am wondering if he will regain it next year, should he live, or if the young ones will have it. Is the roll altogether an artificial note only taught from example, and not transmitted?

(Mrs.) E. M. SARGEANT.

An Out and Out Believer in the System.

SIR,—As Mr. House has mentioned my name in your valuable paper as an inbreeder, I thought I would have a few words on the subject. I have been a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Canary for over 40 years, and never in my career have my birds been more closely related than now. I am a thorough believer in the system, of course, providing the birds are right to start with. In my early days I visited shows, bought winning birds, and used to pair up on face value. I certainly did breed some winners then, but nothing like the quantity until I began inbreeding, which is some years since. What my birds are now I don't care to boast about, but this I know, the judges always see them when I put them down.

Now take the case of Mr. W. Vardy, a man whom I have known as a personal friend for many years, and whose strain of birds I am fully conversant with. He is a confirmed pedigree breeder, whose birds have for the last 15 years been sought after by nearly every noted breeder in the country, and whose stock to-day will bear comparison for pure Norwich type and colour with any stock in the fancy. It is true that sometimes he has to go afield to keep up size, yet as sure as eggs, after the first cross they are inbred with the old strain again. To hear him run over the pedigree of his birds, which he does to me very often—"Grandfather to that, half brother to that out of a cousin to that from an own sister to that out of an aunt to that got by its own cousin," etc., and when he has gone on like that for a quarter of an hour, giving you the strain for 10 or 12 years back, all without a book, you begin to feel your roof rising, and wonder at the capacity of the man.

EDWARD FOX.

Long Eaton.

Brains, Munition, Money.

SIR,—Having read with interest the letters on inbreeding in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, I beg leave to express my opinion on the subject of producing exhibition birds. First of all, I would state that I am no advocate of pedigree breeding to the extent that some readers are, its only purpose being that you may know how far you are inbreeding your stock. I am inclined to think, like Mr. Crisp, that breeding from sight value is more reliable. Any fancier can produce exhibition stock providing, first of all, that he has the brains; secondly, the munition; and, thirdly, the money.

Unless a man uses his brain when mating his stock he has no chance of scientifically producing the "it" for exhibition. Mating a yellow cock Yorkshire, for instance, to a buff hen, requires skill in selection, and that skill in selection is the result of a prepossessed ideal framed in the mind of the breeder. It would be a calamity to mate two undersized birds, for though they may possess the texture and the shape admired, the progeny on the bench may be put back as being too small. They may also be lacking in colour, and the fancier is as far back as at the commencement, for the reason that an exhibition bird is essentially a bird of colour.

The natural, as well as the scientific step, therefore, in order to produce colour, is double-yellowing; but what earthly good is double-yellowing unless brain is exercised in selecting the "munition"? Double-yellowing has a tendency to produce length and thinness of feather, and also of producing stock too narrow, hollow, and out of balance, with one or two good properties remaining in the produce. Of course, it is quite possible to produce a serviceable bird in this way, but brain must be the chief factor in selecting the birds suitable for such mating.

It is obvious, also, that size must be the first consideration, and in my opinion two birds approaching the character of buffs should be used, and they should of necessity possess short marble-like feather in order, as far as possible, to produce short-feathered youngsters. It is said, and I have proved it, that you will occasionally get a buff (invariably a hen) from two yellows, and usually of extra quality of feather. The obvious comes in again, and that is, if you have selected large birds for breeding, you have a reasonable expectancy of getting a large youngster or two.

Now, having proved that brain is essential to success, I would advise everyone to keep a buff hen bred from two yellows, providing she has size, waist, quality of feather, and a long tail. One of our biggest breeders, I think, has said that this is his method of producing colour and quality of feather. This hen, suitably mated, should produce for its owner exhibition specimens another year.

Secondly, "munition" comes in; in other words, material or stock. It is impossible for a man who does not use his brain to acquire the correct "munition." For instance, supposing a bird is advertised: "Grand bird, a champion, etc.," and a breeder gets it on approval. Unless he has some ideal in his mind, he has no reasonable chance of finding out whether the bird is worth the money, or whether it is likely to improve his stock. He must have an idea as to what is lacking in his best birds before he is able to say whether the bird is the right one for him to buy. There is no reason nowadays, however, for anyone to be lacking in real good "munitions" when we consider the fine drawings made by Mr. Norman and reproduced in CAGE BIRDS from time to time.

Thirdly, money. It is quite easy to understand how some exhibitors possess good birds. It is not always because they have the brain, or munitions, but because they have the money to buy a ready-made article. The average fancier, of course, is a working man, and it is therefore a great credit to him when he produces the "it" for exhibition. He may be able to exercise his mind and may have fairly good material, but here is his plight. He is not able to produce a five-pounder every season, because he has not always the money to equip himself with the ideal "munition" for breeding; therefore, his progress is very slow.

It is evident that brains and practical experience play a very prominent part with the working man when he is able to produce exhibition specimens, and it is only natural to conclude that of brains, munition, and money, the greatest of all is brains.

J. KERSHAW.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A REPLY TO MR. TESCHEMAKER.

SIR,—As you have once more permitted Mr. Teschemaker to again throw his jibes and cheap sneers at me, perhaps you will kindly allow me to answer some of his remarks, giving my letter an equally conspicuous position in CAGE BIRDS. May I once more emphasize the fact that although I tried to treat Mr. Teschemaker courteously, he has continued through three years and a half to foster his rancour because I, as an Editor, objected to the abreviations of birds' names, such a 'gale, etc., in 1913; and after three and a half years, his smouldering volcano erupted in the form of an abusive letter of personalities without any provocation on my part, an eruption the ashes of which apparently contained a fair proportion of envy and jealousy, otherwise why this raging against my being a country squire and possessing a moated house? So that I am amused at his professing magnanimity of spirit when he writes that he decided to meet me half-way and lay aside his pen.

It was I who through those years endeavoured to do more than meet him half way, and if the letter he wrote some weeks ago, which you, sir, published, was a half way affair, what would be the "whole way?" It was he who, on several occasions, refused to let dead dogs lie buried, but dug them up in the form of sneering references to my objection to the abreviations, to which I paid no attention.

I cannot waste too much time over answering Mr. Teschemaker, but there is one other part of his tirade which I think should be corrected and very emphatically contradicted. He wrote: "I notice that Mr. Astley appends the scientific name of Phœnicurus titys to the Blackstart (sic). No doubt he has seen this in some standard book, but he does not seem to be aware that those who desire to be accurate cannot possibly use the name. In the first place 'titys' is neither Greek nor Latin, nor has it any meaning whatsoever."

Now may I ask readers of CAGE BIRDS to mark well these words from one who has boasted that he is an ex-schoolmaster, [twitting me with ignorance,] although what there is to boast of I do not understand. He selects Morris as having written the most popular standard book on British birds, but he quite ignores such authors (and their books) as Dresser, "Birds of Europe"; Yarrell, Gould, Seebohm, Lord Lilford, etc., and also the latest work, entitled "List of British Birds, 1915, compiled by a committee of the British Ornithological Union;" and all these eminent ornithologists call the bird in question "The Black Redstart," and furthermore give its specific name of titys, i.e., either Ruticilla titys, or Phœnicura titys.

Mr. Teschemaker wishes to teach your readers that "titys" has no meaning whatever, and is neither Greek nor Latin. Allow me to inform him that it is a Greek word, spelt "titis"; and means a small chirping bird, and is probably cognate with the first syllable of Titmouse and Titlark.

Scopoli took his specific name from Linnœus, who spelt the word with a "y," that is "titys," as did Gesner; but the best classical authorities (Stephanus, etc.) consider "titis" with an "i" to be right, since it is a Greek word with the above-mentioned meaning.

Mr. Teschemaker, in his attempts to browbeat me, tries to draw red herrings across the track, by striving to divert your readers from the real issue. Even Morris, in his "British Birds," which is what might be styled a "popular work," entitles the bird (in addition to Blackstart) "Black Redstart," and "Black Redtail," and furthermore, a fact which Mr. Teschemaker took care not to mention in citing Morris as the great authority, calls it Phœnicura (or Sylvia) tithys, which is synonymous with "titys" and "titis," using the self same specific title which Mr. Teschemaker laughs at me for doing. Morris evidently did not know the meaning or derivation of "Tithys," and Mr. Teschemaker, having apparently trusted to him, is also ignorant of it. So Morris is not so dependable as Mr. Teschemaker would have us believe, and I might add that the latter is not so dependable as he himself would wish us to think.

The following standard works all make use of "The Black Redstart" as the heading to the chapter on that bird, and also give tithys (titys) as it's specific name. None of them call it "Blackstart." Gould, "Birds of Europe;" Dresser, "Birds of Europe;" Yarrell, "British Birds;" Lord Lilford, "Birds of the British Isles," "Birds of Northamptonshire;" Thorburn, "British Birds;" Harting, "Handbook of British Birds;" "The British Bird Book," edited by F. B. Kirkman; contributors, J. L. Bonhote, W. P. Pycraft, Edmund Selous, Miss E. L. Turner, etc., and the Editor; Seebohm, "British Birds and Eggs;" MacGillivray, "History of British Birds." (N.B.—This eminent ornithologist, in addition to calling the bird "The Black Redstart," also entitles it "Black Redtail.")

One is aware that the name of "titys" was in the first instance erroneously used, and in "A Hand-List of British Birds," by Hartert, Jourdain, etc., the scientific name for the Black Redstart is, I believe, Phœnicurus ochrurus gibraltariensis [what a mouthful!], but it is a recognised rule that the name that has been first given should, if possible, be adhered to. For instance, in the case of the Hooded Golden-shouldered Parrakeet, which was called Psephotus cucullatus—i.e., hooded, this name was ruled out, because "dissimilis" was first "at the post," the latter signifying that the bird differed from the other species of Golden-shouldered Parrakeet, although the specific name was not nearly so appropriate as "cucullatus."

Even Hartert, who apparently delights in jaw-breaking trinomials, writes of "The time-honoured name titys."

After that, I think I may let the curtain drop on Mr. Teschemaker's teaching, and smile at his personal sneers, which latter are usually signs of failure in reasonable argument.

HUBERT DELAVAL ASTLEY.

[The above was unavoidably held over from last week's issue.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

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HOW TO START CANARY BREEDING.

WITH SOME NOTES on the NORWICH CANARY

A lecture given by Mr. H. BELL before the members of the London and Counties A.C.B., September 2.

As near as I can remember it is about 38 years since I started in the fancy, and of all my breeding seasons the last has been the worst. Nine young ones only as the result of mating 21 pairs would seem almost enough to make one give up the hobby of Canary breeding, but I know that many other breeders have also had a bad season, and I shall be interested to find out what has been wrong. I have about 12 cocks, and would not wish for any better, and I believe in my case it has been the fault of the hens, for I had nine fresh hens in starting to breed for this season, and not a single young bird did I get from any of them.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

I am prepared to take some part of the blame, for I think I gave them too much green stuff at the start, and upset the hens from the beginning. I have now three young ones just coming out of the nest. These have been reared on egg bread, a little of Spratts' plain canary food, and some cod liver oil food.

As green food I have grown some rape seedlings till about 2 ins. high, and that is all the green food they have had, and I could not wish to see three better-fed young ones. During warm weather the rape seed will grow very quickly, and I intend to give it a good trial. Next breeding season I shall sow some every week. Through the breeding season I cut a little bit off and laid it at the bottom of the cage, and in a very short time it all disappeared. The old birds seem very fond of it, and the young thrive on it.

The working man is the mainstay of the fancy, and the few words I have to say will be, therefore, for the working man who may be wishing to start in the Canary breeding fancy. Some may say that they fear to make a start, as they have no accommodation for the birds and cannot spare the money. It is for these people with no room and with no money to spare that I have these few words to say, for I might go so far as to say that any odd corner will do for the keeping of a few birds. Before now I have had a stack of nine cages in the scullery. One season I reared thirteen young from one hen in this place, and I never remember rearing so many young from any other hen in my experience.

A Beginner's Luck.

In the way of a lucky start I will tell you an occurrence which has happened this season. I had two old spare cocks, one of which I had nearly sold for £2 in its first season, and I had kept this bird for two years without being able to get a single young one from him. A friend of mine came to see me, and I told him to take the two old cocks out of my way. He accepted the offer, took the birds home, and asked me to buy him a hen. This I did, and he paired her to one of the old cock birds, got three young from the first nest, five from the second, and she is now rearing one young bird from the third nest. That is nine young ones altogether from the old cock bird which had refused altogether to breed with me.

Do not think because I am telling you of this cheap method of making a start it is the best way. By all means give the birds a spare room if possible, and one that will get the morning sun. In such a room the old birds will be off their nests and feeding their young ones early in the morning, while if the room is a dull and dark one they may sit for hours before they will come off to feed, and good feeding as soon as the young birds are hatched is three parts of the battle.

If possible, also, make an effort to start with a good stack of cages. What I call a good stack to start with is one of nine cages. I have myself two stacks of nine, two stacks of three, and a few odd box cages. If the cages are made in stacks of three they are easy to move about. I put a pair into each end cage and leave the middle cage empty ready for the young ones from both pairs.

I have sliding partitions on each side of the centre cage, and these are fitted with wire so that the old ones may feed the young ones through the wire. I always think the old birds feed better when they are away from the young than if the young are allowed to stay with them too long. It is very seldom I lose any after they get feathered, although I take them away from the old birds before they get out of the nest, and as soon as the hen has done sitting on them to keep them warm.

When starting in the hobby of bird keeping set your mind on what kind you would like to keep. Do not get too many sorts at once at the beginning. If you think you would like Norwich Plainheads by all means make a commencement with these. The Norwich Plainhead has always been my own fancy, and always will be. I have had some good ones, and hope to have some more yet, although at the beginning of the past season I started with some of the very best and then got nothing for my pains.

A Hobby for the Well-to-do.

If you fancy you would prefer Yorkshires or Crests by all means begin with these, but Crests are very expensive for a beginner. Years ago one could get a decent pair of Crests for £1, but now the men with plenty of money have control of the Crests, and I think only those who can afford it can go in for this branch of the hobby. There is also a lot of interest to be found in keeping British birds, but a working man has not time to look after three or four different kinds of birds, so he had better keep to one sort.

It is not to be expected that a working man can make much out of showing birds. Only the man who has really the crack birds is able to send a team about from one show to the other and keep on winning with a profit to himself. When he has made a reputation for his stock through their successes on the show bench he is able to sell his produce at a long price. The ordinary working man is handicapped here, for with only a few birds he cannot run the risk of having to pay entry fees and railway carriage and receiving nothing back for his expenditure.

This is not to say the working man cannot breed a good bird, for I know that many good birds are bred and never see a show bench. This sometimes is for the reason that the breeder himself does not know the merits of his own bird, and thinks it would have no chance.

Whenever a show is due of a society of which I am a member I send about six of the best of my birds, and take no more notice. If they win all well and good, if not I wait for the next show.

When this terrible war is over there will be a better prospect for the bird fancy than ever before. There will be many wounded soldiers who will be able to make a few cages for themselves and keep a few birds. I know in my own case it has happened many a time that when I have been about hard up, in nine times out of ten someone has come along to buy a bird or two and helped me out of the difficulty.

I am sorry that until I heard from our secretary I did not know I was expected to give a lecture on Norwich Canaries especially, and I had written a few notes which I have read to you before hearing from him as to the subject selected, but I will now try to give you a few notes on the Norwich Canary itself.

Has the Norwich Canary Deteriorated?

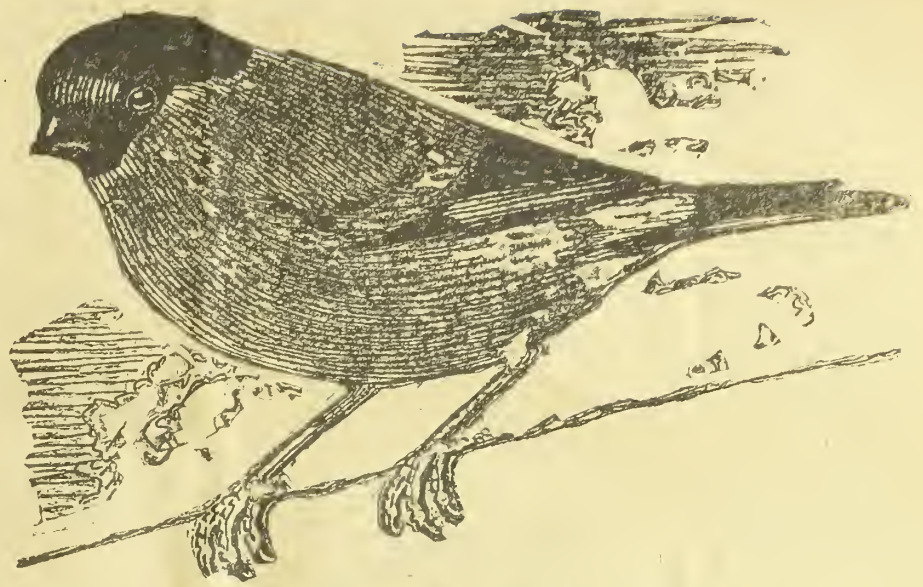
Years ago I think the birds were more even in size, better in colour, and better in quality of feather than they are to-day. It was quite common at one time to hear people say that the birds looked like boxwood, but now it is not often one hears people talk like that. The craze seems to be all for size. Good big ones require getting, and if you get one thing you lose another. Of course, we want to see birds with some size in them, and not little weeds as thick as one's finger, but the bird which I like to see is one of medium size and good in all round qualities.

It would be of no use for me to describe the points of a Norwich here, as these can be seen in Cage Birds nearly every week. No fancier, young or old, can do without Cage Birds every week if he takes any interest in the fancy; he must know how things are going on in other places, know where all the big shows are, and where the best birds are.

I will try to tell you my way of keeping quality and colour in my birds. Pair two yellows together, and if you can get two or three good young ones from the pair you will have birds of good colour and quality, and birds which will improve your stock for several years. You must understand that it is of no use to pair up two small clear yellows, as in this way you would get no size at all. If they were two variegated birds I should not mind so much so long as they were of a reasonable size, but good big yellow birds want finding, and I have bred many a good show bird from two variegated birds.

Some people are all for double buffing. I do not care much for this method, for although you may rear a good bird or two at the first start, if you keep on you will soon lose colour, and the birds will become slack in feather. Even in pairing buffs together, I would just as soon pair two variegated buffs as two clear. I have now a very nice slightly marked bird of good colour just coming through the moult, and this bird was bred from two variegated buffs.

As a final word, I would say always endeavour to keep in your stock room plenty of yellow birds. When you go to a show you will see that there always seem to be more buffs than yellows, and if you keep plenty of yellows from which to breed you will get better coloured buffs for the bench.



A NOTABLE BULLFINCH HEN.

Winner of 1st prize at Holborn Hall Show, and other prizes, for Mr. P. McQuiston, Ayr.

THE YELLOW WAGTAIL AS A CAGE BIRD.

ITS CAGE AND ITS FOOD DESCRIBED.

By "BEENI," Sonning.

The members of the Wagtail family are all remarkably attractive and graceful birds. Of those best known in this country the Pied Wagtail is by far the most common. The White Wagtail resembles it very closely, so closely in fact that few but experts can tell the difference between the two. But perhaps the handsomest of the family are the Yellow and the Grey species All the family make excellent pets, and if properly fed and treated become very tame and confident, and their perky ways, jaunty movements and long stilt-like legs render them extremely interesting and amusing. Moreover, the Yellow and the Grey can be slightly colour fed with advantage and make attractive show birds.

The Yellow Wagtail (Motacilla Raii) the subject of this present article, is beautifully marked. The crown, lore, back and shoulders are pale olive. Over the eye is a streak of bright yellow. The chin and underparts are lemon yellow. The tail is very long, the upper surface prolonging the colours of the back while the under surface is light. The erratic, see-saw motion of the tail gives the family its name—Motacilla—and contributes not a little to the charms of the bird.

As a summer visitor the Yellow Wagtail is most often found in the vicinity of water where it paddles in the shallows and obtains its diet of flies and other small insects. When in condition and health it is very slender in appearance.

The Cage for a Wagtail.

The best type of cage in which to keep it is the box cage. As to dimensions a good size is 24 inches in length, 15 in height, and 12 in depth; these are the dimensions of my own cages for this species. The wire front is removable, and there should be a good sliding door in the middle of the front, and a door at one end. The door at the end is to admit a good sized bath.

In a state of nature the bird is constantly paddling; hence a bath is necessary to provide the moisture to keep the bird's feet clean and healthy. Wagtails are very liable to "sore feet" which manifests itself generally by swollen joints, and the paddling bath is a good preventive of foot trouble.

My bath, which is about 9 inches wide, by 3½ broad, and 1 inch deep, is home-made, at the cost of one penny. With a pair of shears I cut all round the base of a rectangular tin biscuit box, turned the edges over to prevent cut feet, enamelled the inside dark green to stop rust, and the outside black. A few small pebbles on the bottom, some rain water (which I use for drinkers and baths in preference to tap water), and my bird has a bath which, to judge from his frequent ablutions, is quite satisfactory to his birdy mind.

For covering the floor I always have a good layer of cut chaff instead of sand. This is constantly turned over as the bird walks about and thus the cage bottom is kept clean. Removable perches, far enough apart to ensure wing exercise in hopping from one to the other, complete the furnishing, with the exception of a food trough and a drinker (both again home-made), which slide into slots in the bottom rail at each corner.

The cage front should not have feed holes, for insectivorous birds are best fed from shallow receptacles. It is an advantage to have food and water troughs adjustable from outside, as it will not then be necessary to pass the hand into the cage to place these vessels in position.

For food, a good insectile mixture is necessary as a base, to be supplemented with a generous live insect diet. Of foods for softbills there are several on the market, but some of these do not seem to be compounded with any idea of the natural requirements of the birds. I always use the mixture made up by an experienced bird-keeper, as I have found its use keeps the birds in splendid condition. It never varies in quality, and the ingredients are just those necessary to supply the wants of insectivorous birds, and mixed in correct proportions. Birds readily take to it even when they refuse other foods. A well-compounded food has another advantage; it makes an excellent medium for colour feeding. Colour food can be incorporated with it, and a sudden change of diet or method of feeding is thus avoided.

How to Provide Live Food.

Wagtails being very partial to flies, I have found it comparatively easy to keep them going. Living near a riverside town where angling is catered for, I can nearly always procure gentles. These in themselves provide a valuable feeding item, and some I allow to pupate in sawdust in a tin, the lid of which is perforated with a hole as big as a sixpence in diameter. Over the hole is placed a balloon fly trap. When the apparatus and its contents are put into a warm place, the flies emerge from the pupæ and crawl upwards into the trap. As the supply is used fresh gentles can be introduced, and the process continued.

Spiders, earwigs, daddy-long-legs, gnats, moths and small beetles all provide variety, and all go the same way when introduced into the food trough. A sharp glance from two little bright beady eyes, a quick snap, a few bangs on the floor, and another insect finds a fresh home in the interior economy of our little friend.

The Yellow Wagtail will readily respond to colour feeding. This should be begun just before the moult commences in autumn, and continued until the moult is completed. The bird should then be in first class condition for the show bench.

As the Wagtails are good "trenchermen," it is necessary to feed often, especially in the long days of summer. A meal first thing in the morning, another at noon, a third at about five o'clock, and then a small feed last thing at night will be none too much. Birds at large begin feeding as soon as it is light, but few fanciers, however keen, care to go the rounds of their pets at three o'clock in the morning, and this is not necessary if the above method is followed out. In winter the third meal may become the final meal of the day.

In fine weather hang the cage in the open air, but avoid draughts. The Yellow Wagtail will then, by his bright, friendly ways, amply repay his owner for all time and labour spent on him, and will always command a good price in the market, although I fancy his master will become so attached to him as not to part with him for any consideration.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE C.B.S.—Oct. 3, P.S.A. Room, Albion Street, 8. Monthly business. Selection of judge, etc.—J. Whitehead.

BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Crown Hotel Station. Show business. Roller fanciers specially requested to attend. Important business.—J. Bastock.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Open show business.—G. Broome.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.—Oct. 3, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Final arrangements and schedule for annual show.—H. Wantling.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.—Oct. 3, at Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for members' show; supper arrangements cancelled.—J. Spencer.

B.P. AUCKLAND.—Oct. 4, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Business important.—W. Crowther.

BURNLEY O.S.—Oct. 3, Star Inn, 7.30. Selection of judge; further open show business. Subs. due.—J. Rushton.

BOWLING B.F.A.—Oct. 2, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Usual business and steward for Oct. show.—J. Nicholl.

BRISTOL EAST C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Headquarters, Glass House Hotel, Lawrence Hill, 8. Annual show schedule to pass for Nov. 25. Table show moulted birds. Judge, Local, Mr. F. Bees.—W. J. Norman.

CHORLEY C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Show business.—R. Hatch.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Final arrangements for members and open shows.—A. C. Shirley.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Dun Cow Inn, 8. Election of Sec. Binley exhibition. Classes to make. Balance sheet of young stock show. Enrol new members and other important business.—A. Wright.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Howard's Dining Rooms, 7.30.—J. Southworth.

COVENTRY O.S.—Oct. 4, Dolphin Inn, 8. Business, open show.—J. Kent.

COWDENBEATH.—Oct. 7, Gothenburgh, 6. —A. Robertson.

CROYDON F.A.—Oct. 4, Ruskin House, West Croydon, 8.15. General meeting. Approve schedule for annual show and any other business.—F. B. Roberts.

EAST HAM F.C.—Oct. 7. Young stock show. No exhibits penned for competition after 10 a.m. day of show.—W. A. Harwood.

EAST ARDSLEY.—Sept. 30, Black Swan, 7. Final arrangements of inter-club show.—A. Walton.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND M.B.S.—Oct. 5, 142, High Street, 8. General business; arrangements for annual show.—A. Bell.

EDINBURGH NORTH EASTERN O.S.—Oct. 2, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—R. S. Spence.

EAST HAM C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Town Hall, 8. Annual show business.—F. Onslow.

HALIFAX C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, 8. General meeting and members' show business; Union handbooks to be given out.—A. Sutcliffe.

HIRST, EAST END, SOCIAL CLUB C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Club Room, 7. Election of officers. Date of show, judge and subs.—C. F. Tapson.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.—Oct. 2, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Open show business and distribution of Union handbooks.—A. Lawford.

IRVINE C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Templars' Hall, Bank Street, 8. Annual general meeting. Appointment of officers and other important business. New members enrolled.—J. Paterson.

IDLE C.B.A.—Oct. 4, Springfield Hotel, 8. Business very important.—J. Chippindale.

ILKESTON C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Hand and Heart Inn, Cotmanhay, 7. Arrangements for open show.—T. Smith.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Final arrangements for show and draw specials.—W. B. Smart.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.—The washing demonstration by Mr. Shakespeare and competition for members is postponed until Oct. 7, at 7. Silver medal to be competed for; will members bring a few birds.—W. Gilbert.

LEIGH C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Report of delegates visit to Warrington *re* Amalgamated show.—R. Charleson.

LLANELLY C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Business *re* open show.—H. Webster.

LAISTERDYKE BOWLING AND TONG, AMALGAMATION.—Oct. 2, Barley Mow, 7.30. Old feather show. Stewards for same, contributions.—J. E. Hudson.

LEYTON C.B.A.—The monthly meeting down for Oct. 2 is cancelled.—A. W. Farmer.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.—Oct. 4, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 7.30. Members and open show business; most important.—L. Hodgson.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Drill Hall, 6. Classification for members' show. Specials for ditto. Printing of schedules and appointing of stewarts.—W. Grewar.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.—Oct. 3, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. November Show business. Urgent.—A. Colley.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.—Oct. 4, Pillars Cafe, Pink Lane, 7.30. Election of new secretary, allotment of patronage.— Subs. due J. Farrer.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Open show business, etc., subs due.—F. W. Laidlow.

PENY-GRAIG.—Oct. 13, Butcher's Arms, 6. Washing exhibition, by a few members; friends invited. (Notice not signed.—Ed.)

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.—Sept 30, Baker's Restaurant, 6.30. Open show, important.—W. D. Lewis.

PUDSEY AND STANNINGLEY C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Fleece Hotel, Stanuingley, 7.30 sharp. Distribution of hand-books and other important items.—Roy Kell.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.—Sept. 10, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. Annual show business; members with birds on song, kindly bring one or two to meeting.—J. T. Smith.

QUEEN'S PARK (GLASGOW) C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Toll, 7.45. Discussion on Colour Feeding, opened by Mr. E. Steel.—A. K. Hunter.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Granby Hotel. Members show; judge, Mr. A. M. Craven, Shipley; birds staged at 3.—W. Jagger.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business important.—J. W. Jackson.

READING.—Oct. 4, Palmer Hall, 8. Special show business.—O. C. Smith.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Mail Coach, 7. Special meeting, fixing date for annual show.—W. Wilshaw.

ROCHDALE O C.—Oct. 2, Club Rooms, Clarke's Place, 8.30. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.—Oct. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8.—Fix date of special show; vice Red Cross Show.—J. Glover.

SACRISTON P.P.R., AND C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tearooms, Front Street, 6.15. Taking entries; gent's watch, special for most points.—R. Forster.

SOUTH EAST LONDON F. AND F.A.—Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. Closing of entries for October show; allot specials.—C. H. Coppendale.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. To consider annual show.—G. J. Slade.

SOUTH SHIELDS "ALWAYS READY"—Oct. 4, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. More show business to be discussed; discussion on how to make meetings more interesting this winter; anyone welcome.—J. W. Watson.

SHEFFIELD O.S.—Oct. 3, Rotherham House, 8.15. Open show business.—E. C. Job.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S., —Oct. 2, 6, Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. J. Martin, "Canaries"; fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—G. Griffiths.

WAKEFIELD O.S.—Sept. 30, Crown and Anchor, 7. Members' shows and ordinary business; also October show arrangements.—J. Isherwood.

WALLASEY C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Headquarters, 8. Old show business.—Wm. Mallinson.

WEST LONDON F.A.—Oct. 5, Windsor Castle Hotel, 8, Classification and other business for annual show.—J. Dewhurst.

WEST STANLEY EMPIRE F.F. AND C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Club Room, 7. Electing stewards for annual show.—R. Hutchinson.

WINDHILL C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Blue Bell Hotel 2.30. Members show; judge, Mr. F. Self, Clayton; entries Friday 7 to 9.30 p.m. —, Taylor and Garnett.

Queries Answered

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and conclude with either the correct name or a pseudonym.*

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CLICKING BEAK (D. T.).—It may be nothing at all serious, and is not at all uncommon occasionally during the moult, and when damp weather is prevalent. Very often it disappears as they come through their moult. But to be on the safe side you should see that the birds are not exposed to direct cold draughts, especially when roosting at night, and not subject to sudden extremes of heat and cold. The following treatment will do no harm in any case, and may prevent the development of anything more serious, in case the birds have been exposed to unfavourable conditions. Give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and then sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week or so, beginning as soon as the clicking is heard. On the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and two drops of eucalyptus oil, shaking it all well in the water. Do not allow the birds to hang in a window of all places; no place is more likely to cause this clicking noise, and then it generally means trouble.

SCALY LEGS (M. P. O.).—This is a usual accompaniment of age, and may quite possibly account for the bird keeping so much on the floor of the cage, as during the moult, and occasionally for some time after, the legs are very tender and more or less inflamed. At the same time you would do well to examine the bird's eyes to see if the sight is all right. If the scales are very coarse and prominent you may give much relief by removing the very coarse ones. To do this get a saucer of fairly hot water—as hot as you can comfortably bear the little finger in for some time—and dissolve in it a little borax. Catch the bird and immerse the foot and leg—it is best to do one at a time, the second a few days after the first—in the saucer for a few minutes, occasionally lifting it out at the beginning to wash away any dirt that may be adhering to the toes. After soaking for, say, ten minutes, very gently press the end of the thumb-nail or a match stick against the lower raised edge of the scales, one after another, when they will probably lift up quite easily, and may be removed. If they do not respond to very gentle pressure, continue the soaking a little longer and try again, repeating this until they lift quite easily. Use no force, and strictly avoid making them bleed. Finally, dry gently, and sparingly anoint with a little zinc or boracic ointment. If the claws are overgrown, trim them back during this operation.

CLOSED SONG BOXES (Trilby).—It is not the custom to keep Rollers continually in closed song boxes. Highly trained specimens for singing contests are so kept for a goodly portion of the time during the show season only to prevent them getting too "wild," or high in song or singing themselves out too quickly, and to ensure them singing when staged in a contest. They may also be kept in the closed boxes with great advantage to the birds themselves during the time they are moulting, for the sake of the extra protection from draughts, warmth, and to help to shorten the process by making it more rapid.

COLOUR FEEDING (Jim).—Yes, it is quite correct to suppose that a bird which was colour fed last season must have the process repeated at this moult if it is to moult out with the enhanced colour as usual. If not colour-fed this season it will simply revert to its natural colour and come out of the moult the same tone as if it had never been colour fed at all. When the moult is nearly over, or when the bird has ceased dropping feathers, and you can see the new plumage coming through nicely on the head and neck, a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea may be dissolved in the water three times a week, which will fix the colour and also help to tighten the plumage.

A QUESTION OF TEMPERATURE (J. M. W.).—A room that is never allowed to get below 45 degrees cannot properly be termed a cold one, as it will very often be much above the normal temperature during the winter months. As a matter of fact 45 degrees is about the correct winter heat to aim at where there are appliances for heating a room. During the moulting season anything between 60 and 65 degrees would be quite sufficient for all ordinary purposes. If heating appliances must be used the best form naturally depends upon the size, aspect, position, and general character of the particular room in question, and without full particulars on these points it is impossible to advise. But in a general way, where gas is available, a room of moderate size may be most conveniently given all the heat that is really required by means of a small portable hot-water coil heated with an atmospheric burner, which may be arranged on a brick setting in the centre of the room.

FLIGHTED OR TAILED (Joey).—A young bird of the season that has lost its tail and grown an adult one cannot properly be shown in a class for "unflighted" birds. To be eligible for the class a bird must have the flights and tail of its nestling plumage, or a great majority of them, otherwise it would probably be "passed" unnoticed.

EYE TROUBLE (B.L.).—Your birds are doubtless suffering from ophthalmia, which seems to be of a contagious nature. Therefore your first step should be to isolate all infected birds in one or more large cages and keep them away from the rest in a rather shaded part of the room, and wash out all cages which have contained an infected bird with a solution—1 in 50—of Jeyes' Fluid, that is a large teaspoonful of the fluid in about half-a-pint of water. It would be best to burn all perches from such cages, and provide new ones. The infected birds may be kept in groups in one or more large cages, and these cages should be thoroughly disinfected before they are again brought into use for healthy stock. As regards treatment, as soon as any sign of the trouble is observed, bathe the eyes morning and evening for a week, and once daily afterwards until quite well, with the following lotion:—Get from a chemist some camomile flowers. Place a dozen or so—about a drachm in weight—in a large teacup, fill with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour, then strain off the clear fluid, add 30 drops of tincture of opium, and when cold it is ready for use. Take a little of the fluid in a small shallow vessel, and with a small dossil of cotton wool bathe the eyes for a minute or two each morning and evening, using a little fresh liquid and a fresh dossil of wool for each eye and burning at once that which has been used. Continue this treatment until the eyes are quite well, but do not return the birds to the company of healthy stock for two or three weeks after all signs of the trouble have disappeared.

SWELLING ON CHEEK (W.E., Leeds).—(1) If you had sent a rough sketch showing the position of the swelling and described its colour and texture as nearly as you could, I might have given you a far more satisfactory reply. It is not possible to say what such a swelling is without either seeing it or having a very clear description of it. It is in all probability one of two things; an accumulation of air due to the rupture of an air sac, in which case it would appear much like a blister blown up with air, and by passing a clean needle through it to permit the air to escape no other treatment would be likely to be needed. On the other hand it may be a nodular swelling formed by a deposit of cheesy nodules by unhealthy action within the system. In this case the swelling would have a yellowish appearance, and to the touch feel full of pus, or semi-fluid contents. A vet. would probably open it and cleanse out the contents, but only personal inspection would enable one to say whether this should be done. On the whole I think you had better paint it lightly three times, with an interval of four days between each time, with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine, and add 12 drops of fluid magnesia to the drinking water every third day meantime, and see if this causes it to be absorbed. If not, and the bird is a valuable one, then you had better let a veterinary have a look at it. As regards the bird not moulting you may, if not yet started, treat it the same as advised to "F.R.N." in last issue. (2) This bird seems to be a weakly and highly-strung, nervous subject. Treat him gently and methodically, and avoid any sudden, jerky movements near him, or anything to give him sudden alarms. In addition to the staple seed diet give every third day for the next month a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats one day, and the next add to the water 20 drops of Chemical food. Give a little green salad or banana daily.

A BROKEN LEG (S.W.B.).—Unless you got a chemist or your medical man to complete the amputation of the stump there is nothing else you can do but await the course of nature, which, if slow, is sure, and the discoloured stump will undoubtedly be thrown off in due course. Skilful amputation would certainly have been the shortest way to a soundly healed stump if performed at the time of the fracture, and may even now shorten the bird's painfully crippled condition, but this would be a question for the veterinary to decide. If you do not decide to have it

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

removed still go on keeping the bird as quiet as possible and avoid fluttering it about until you see that things have righted themselves. See that it has a scrap of green salad daily. There is no necessity for any further addition to the dietary, nor for drug treatment.

KEEPING SOFT (B.A.E.).—The birds will gradually fine down in plumage in the course of the next few weeks, but it will assist them to do so if you allow them regular daily bathing, and as you gradually withdraw the soft food, replace it for the next few weeks with a small teaspoonful of mixed seeds three times a week, and twice a week add to the drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel. Keep the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and allow the birds as much space as you can spare for exercise.

CONDITION AND BLOOM (Baxter).—A pinch of linseed about three times a week during the latter half of the moult and until the plumage is quite fine again is very useful for putting a nice sheen and bloom on the feathers, or a similar quantity of chopped sunflower seeds will have the same effect and have less other objectionable qualities than linseed. The latter seed is not an advisable item in the regular dietary, its chief use being as a small proportion of a seed mixture to be used at the end of the moult. For bringing the birds into high condition, as when wanted for show, the following is as good as any. Two parts each of hemp and niger; one part each of black rape and white millet; a half part teazle; a quarter part each of linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure seed, and a sprinkling of yellow mustard and chopped sunflower seeds. Give a small teaspoonful of this mixture three times a week at the end of the moult, during the show season, or for a week or two before any event for which you wish to have the birds in high condition. That extra bloom, or "polish," which wins, is just as much, or even more, the result of careful breeding, combined with skilful washing and grooming, as of any particular method of feeding. A dash of Cinnamon blood, for instance, is a very excellent donor of that extra fine polish. These are fundamental points which you have to take into serious consideration when selecting your breeding stock. To neglect these matters then and trust to retrieve the shortcoming by special foods or dieting is one of the most certain barrages to a position on the top rung of the ladder.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TROUBLE WITH LINNET (James Lennox).—The trouble with your Linnet has been caused by one of the extremes of either constipation or diarrhœa, and I would advise the following treatment: A spoonful of soaked seeds daily, and see that this is eaten before allowing him to have ordinary dry seed. Fortunately, your trouble has occurred at a time of the year when wild seeds can be gathered in abundance, and you cannot do better than give him plenty of these. The species I would suggest are shepherd's-purse, chickweed, gold of pleasure (which is now in splendid condition), thistle, and grass seeds. Plantain and hard knobs I would not use, as these, I fancy, are somewhat difficult to digest. Let his drinking water be boiled, and add to it half a teaspoonful of chemical food for, say, three or four days, then miss a like number and repeat. Your object must be to tone up the system, and although another tonic such as iron might be more useful, it is inclined to be binding, and constipation must be avoided. Watch his motions, and if you think he requires an aperient, give rhubarb and salts combined. Dose, three drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Glauber salts as will cover a threepenny-piece dissolved in two tablespoonsful of water. Instead of oil, anoint the vent with either "Zambuk" or "Zom." Put the bird in a large cage so that he can exercise freely, and give him the bath on fine days.

MIXED BREEDING IN AN AVIARY (F. Champion).—Aviary breeding is seldom so successful as cage-breeding, but still it has its charms, and many bird-lovers find a deal of pleasure in attending to the inmates. In a mixed collection like yours, where one of the cock birds is a Canary, he is generally the parent of the majority of the young ones, and for that reason he should be a good big bird, as large young are much more saleable than small ones. Therefore a stout Norwich cock would be preferable to a Border. The cock Mule you would have to remove as useless for breeding purposes, and likely to interfere with the others. Half a dozen cock Linnets are too many, they would only play about with each other and waste time. You must not have an excess of male birds; have the majority hens, too many male birds cause a good deal of fighting. If you still intend to have a cock Canary in the aviary, you will find a Goldfinch and Linnet quite sufficient for breeding purposes with your five hens, or you could remove the Canary and add another Goldie, or a Greenfinch or Redpoll as you suggest. Another suitable hen would be a Bullfinch, but do not overcrowd.

PREPARING FOR BREEDING (Bird Lover).—The old fashioned London breeding cage is now quite out of date, and if you intend to use it for breeding purposes your first step should be to knock out the partitions and use the cage as a single breeder, hanging a nest pan on a nail in the back or side for the birds to nest in. You could very well let all your birds fly together during the winter months, but I always fancy the hens get on a bit better if they are by themselves for a time, particularly during very bad weather. Cock birds are somewhat greedy, and usually get the best of the food. Your idea of allowing the Canaries to breed in cages and the Greenfinches in the aviary is a good one, but you will have to watch the latter, and if you find the Goldfinch keen on one hen and quite neglecting the other, you had better remove her and give her a fresh partner. As a rule a cock Goldie can be relied upon to mate with more than one hen, especially if he is healthy and house moulted.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

If a Finch has white legs he has been house moulted; after the first moult the whiteness is not very pronounced, but they get paler with each moult. Hemp should at all times be used sparingly, and one should be very careful to see that it is of good quality, as no seed is so injurious as bad hemp. Sunflower can be used to partially take its place. Finches are very fond of it; give half a dozen good sound seeds daily.

BREEDING REDPOLL MULES (R. W. Dennis).—You will have no difficulty in breeding Redpoll-Canary Mules providing both of your birds are healthy. You can let them fly together during the winter months, as the same seed will do for both of them. Give them a spray of greenfood or a piece of sweet apple occasionally. An ordinary single breeding cage will do admirably. All you will have to do is to give them a nest pan and some building materials in the spring, say the beginning of April, and treat them practically the same as you would a couple of Canaries. (2) I am afraid you do not read your copy of CAGE BIRDS carefully, as the difference between Hybrids and Mules was explained quite recently. In fact, a full explanation was given by the Editor in the "General" answers in our Sept. 23 issue, but you had probably sent your question before you received last week's CAGE BIRDS. A Hybrid is a cross between two British birds, a Mule a cross between a Canary and a British bird. These are really only fanciers' differences, for as a fact both crosses are Hybrids.

KEEPING BIRDS OUTSIDE (Outside Cage).—You could add a Siskin and a Bullfinch to your collection. From them you would get a little song, and as they are nice plumaged birds they would give colour to the interior. (2) The best colour you could have for the cage would be a fairly bright green. It would show up the birds better than any other. A couple of coats would be sufficient or one coat of lead colour and one good one of green. (3) Instead of straw you would find a rough bundle of furze and heather much more serviceable. The birds would get in among it to roost, whereas with straw they would only perch on the top of it. (4) A piece of old carpet or tarpaulin fastened over the part would keep the birds cosy in rough inclement weather. It could be put up and taken down quickly if a few rings were sewn on it and some dresser hooks screwed along the front woodwork. I think the arrangement of your aviary very good. Do the birds go into the sleeping apartment to roost? If not, you should try to drive them in at dusk.

SEX OF YOUNG THRUSH (A. Alford).—If you have only the one bird, there is no real sex distinction that I can give you that will be of any use in helping you to decide what your bird is, but as you say he is warbling quietly I have no hesitation in saying he is a cock bird. Birds do not break suddenly into full song, they have to learn to sing in the same way as we have to learn to do things. The low warbling is by fanciers called "recording," and you will find it gradually gets louder until the bird is in full song. Feed him well, let him bathe, and have exercise, then you will no doubt get plenty of song from him.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING AMAZON PARROT (September).—The dietary is about right if you are supplying grit regularly. It would also be better if you kept a chunk of wood continually in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon. You might also give some nuts; it would be better to supply these shelled till it is a little older (peanuts and walnuts are the best). The first moult with newly imported parrots, especially young ones, is usually a very protracted one, and lasts for months; this is a great strain upon their system, and they frequently get off colour at this period. Give it one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days lightly colour the water with chemical food. You might also dissolve in a little hot water one teaspoonful each of cod liver oil emulsion and sugar, and as soon as dissolved pour the liquid over several biscuits, allow them to dry, and supply a piece to the bird; treat all its biscuits so till it is in condition again. Keep it where it will get light and air, yet where it will be out of reach of cold air or draughts. Lightly spray the bird with tepid water once or twice a week, but not during cold spells. Report progress in a few weeks' time.

TO BREED NEXT SEASON (S. W. B.).—Among your birds both the Budgerigars and Zebra Finches should be certain breeders in roomy cages, and the Avadavats and St. Helena Waxbills probable breeders. One pair only should be in each cage, except in the case of Budgerigars, and if you can give these a cage 4ft. by 1½ft. by 2ft. high you will be more likely to attain success with two pairs. Put four husks in the cage, as distant from each other as space permits; the husk openings must face the light. Budgies require no nesting material. For the other birds a large size rush nest (fixed in one corner near the top of cage and screened with a twiggy branch, the opening facing the light) is about the best. Hay and a little moss as nesting material. None of your present stock are likely to cross with the domestic Canary; the Serin tribe and foreign Siskins are the best for this purpose. The following all readily cross with the Canary:—Alario Finch, Grey and Green Singing Finches, St. Helena Seed-eater, and any other Serin or Siskin. The same condition as to accommodation and treatment as for species will be required.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GREENHOUSE AVIARY (Grice).—I do not keep queries by me, and cannot call to mind the full details of yours. If the arrangements you propose will maintain the temperature you name (though 45 deg. minimum would be better), and you can keep out excessive damp without draught, then such as Alario and Red-headed Finches, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Saffron and Zebra Finches, all the Weavers and practically all the Serin tribe, should do well with you. When you have made your choice, if you will send me a list and repeat full details of the accommodation you have provided for the respective birds, I shall be pleased to advise you as to general treatment, etc. Our Nutshells, 2½d. each post free from our manager, dealing with any of the birds you decide upon, would be helpful to you in making a start.

PEN FOR COCKATEELS AND BUDGERIGARS (September).—(1) In your pen (I am assuming it is an outdoor one) you could keep one pair of cockateels and two or three pairs of Budgerigars, providing you sold, or moved the young to other quarters as soon as they were able to fend for themselves. (2) Your proposed projection from window should be an advantage, but this should have some kind or a grating bottom (perforated zinc or stout wire netting), and on this you could place sods of grass, watering them through a rose in dry weather; besides being good greenfood, Budgerigars take their bath by rolling in wet grass and herbage. (3) A small barrel 9 ins. diameter by 12 ins. deep would be best for the Cockateels; in any case your box must have a concavo bottom and be of similar dimensions to the barrel. Cockateels and Budgerigars require no nesting material. (4) There should be one or two half-inch holes covered with wire netting at the highest point of the "pen," just under the roof, to let out hot air, but they should be so placed that they do not create a draught from front to back.

BUDGERIGARS (Esperance).—Confine the yellow cock and hen which you wish to mate together in a cage till you notice them feeding each other, then you can put them into the aviary, and they should remain constant to each other. The value put upon your birds may be correct for specially fine birds for exhibition, but you might not find a ready purchaser at such a figure. They do occasionally fetch such prices, bought at a show, or for a show; those needing breeding stock usually pick their birds at nearest local supply at a little above normal prices. There is sure to be a cage-maker in your town; you cannot do better than go to him and ask to see his show cages suitable for Budgies, and choose one the colour of which will harmonise with your birds. A member of your local club would tell you where to go. The birds should be put into a cage (not the show cage, one a little larger) two or three weeks before the show, and it would be better to run them from this cage to the show cage, and thus avoid handling them if possible. Plumage is often sadly marred by the birds knocking themselves about while being caught. You will have to chance your luck; it all depends upon what they are up against. Your birds appear to be good ones, and you should stand a good chance of being in the money. Adopt any means you can to steady them, so long as you do not scare them in any way.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR

EXHIBITORS AS STEWARDS (W. A.).—We agree with you that it is injudicious for the management of a show to appoint as steward to a judge a person who is exhibiting in the classes that particular judge is handling. In fact, it is better that exhibitors should have no duties in connection with a show which entail their presence while judging is going on. Their being present may make no difference, but it opens a field for grumbling and suggestion, as in your own case. We would point out, however, that, so far as the individual judge is concerned, your grievance, if any, is not against the gentleman named in your letter; he did not judge the class to which you refer. If you will refer to your catalogue, or to our report, you will find that the class in which your bird was entered was judged by a different judge to the one you mention. We are glad to hear of your success in another section of the hobby, and hope soon to find that you have returned to the section which you seem to have given up in a moment of disappointment.

WILD SEEDS (J. Hicks).—Further to our reply of last week, we find that the seed which formed so large a proportion of your mixture was that of one of the oraches (Spinach), probably either the narrow-leaved orache (atripex patula) or the triangular leaved orache (atripex deltoidea). There are other kinds of orache, such as the grass-leaved sea orache (atripex littoralis) and the sea purslane (atripex portulacoides). If you could let us have a spray of the seed, and a piece of the foliage, we should be pleased to advise you more particularly. The oraches are allied to the buckwheat, persicaria, etc., and the seeds should be quite useful as food for British finches.

KINGFISHER NEAR BRIGHTON (W. Tullett).—The Kingfisher is resident with us all the year round, and is to be seen at all seasons along the shallow streams which it frequents. In autumn and winter they frequently make a movement towards the coast, and are then to be seen in places where they are rare in summer.

KEEPING A BLUE TIT (A. Taylor).—The Blue Tit is not particularly difficult to keep in captivity, as it will eat hemp seed, sunflower seed, cracked nuts, etc. It should have also any kind of small insects you can find for it, and some insectile food of good quality. You will find full information as to the proper keeping of this and other small birds in Nutshell No. 25, which has been forwarded to you.

ENAMEL FOR CAGE WIRES (F. Gibbs)—Any of the well-known enamels, Aspinall's etc., are suitable for the purpose. They should be applied very thinly in two or three coats, each coat being allowed to set thoroughly between the operations, and the cage should not be taken into use until two or three days after the final coat. A list of coloured plates and postcards has been forwarded to you by post.

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Indian Ring-necked, have bred	17 6
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Cock All Green	15 0
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WAXBILLS, ETC.

Blue-breasted	1 10 0
Cordon Bleus	1 10 0
Orange-breasted	1 2 6
Fire Finches	1 0 0
Bar-breasted do.	1 7 6
Orange-cheeks	10 6
Pink-cheeks	10 6
Avadavats	10 6
Several cock do., in fine colour	6 0
Lavender Finches	1 5 0
1 odd cock (rather rough)	7 6
2 Orange-breasted (1916 bred)	17 6
Black-faced Quail Finches, Black-cheeked (not recently imported)	1 10 0

FINCHES, ETC.

4 young Cuban	2 0 0
1 Pair Olives	1 5 0
1 Hen Hooded Siskin	1 10 0
Zebras, adult pairs	15 0
Do., several young, each	6 0
Napoleon Weavers (cock)	7 6
Hens and young, each	3 0
Longtailed Grass	1 10 0
Hybrid Longtailed and Masked, each	10 6
Pope Cardinals	17 6
Pekin Nightingales	1 2 6
Grey-winged Ouzels	1 0 0
African Zosterops	2 2 0
Chestnut-breasted (cock only)	10 6
Rosellas, remarkably fine breeding pair	3 15 0
Their 3 young, £1 each, the 3	3 15 0
Californian Quail, adult pair, have bred	1 0 0
Do., odd cock	7 6

BRITISH SOFTBILLS, ETC.

Redstarts	8 6
Tree Creepers	1 5 0
Sedge Warblers	12 6
Nuthatches	10 0
3 Longtailed Tits	1 0 0
3 Golden-crested Wrens	1 0 0
1 Hen Wheatear	7 6
1 Hen Reed Warbler	7 6
1 Cock Nightingale	1 7 6
1 Cock Whinchat	7 6
Golden Pheasants, cocks in full colour	15 0
Do., Hens	7 6

Dr. Keays, who has joined the Army, and will shortly be leaving, is disposing of all his birds. All are in exceedingly fine condition, and there are no recent purchases among them. As the birds are still flying loose in the aviaries, neither immediate delivery nor the sex of all birds can be guaranteed, but a genuine effort will be made to send only true pairs, and as soon after the order has been received as possible. **Reasonable** offers will be entertained.
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SELL two Goldfinch Mules, 15/-, 12/-, Finch notes; four Roller cocks, 1916 birds, 9s. each; noe Norwich clear, £1; two hens, 3/-; two Linnet Mules, 10/-; two double breeders, 9/-; two Linnets, 3/- each; or exchange talking Parrot or centre second chronograph watch; approval, no rubbish offered or wanted: James Norburn, 47, Station-rd., Worsbrodale, nr. Barnsley. (402)

WANTED.

WANTED, birds, dogs, poultry, ferrets: Jopson, Newton Heath, Mauchester. (604)

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WANTED any quantity of young Canaries: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (500)

WANTED, Canaries and Mule birds, all classes: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (585)

WANTED Canaries all kinds: Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (586)

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WANTED, good large colour-fed Norwich, for cash, good prices paid, will deposit cash; please offer to: Edwin North, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (604)

WANTED, weekly, small supply of British birds, cock Canaries, fowls, pigeons, rabbits, new-laid eggs: Jones' Aviaries, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham. (584)

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BRADFORD EAST O.S.—Oct. 7, Park Chapel Schoolrooms. Members show. Judge, Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill). Birds staged 2.30. Entries Friday 8 to 9 p.m.—J. Spencer.

BURNLEY C.B.S.—Oct. 8, 75, Lindsay Street, 8. General meeting. Business important.—W. Broxup.

Bolton Roller C.C.—Oct. 10, Joiner's Arms 7.30. Show. Business important.—T. Ormston.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Three Tuns Inn, 7. Open show business.—A. Smith.

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DONCASTER C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Black Bull, 7.30.—H. Lumby.

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FARNWORTH C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Church House Church Road, 8. Show business; selecting judge, etc.—W. Dawson.

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GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES CLUB.—Oct. 7, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Lecture on the Border Fancy Canary, by Mr. R. I. Campbell, Dunfermline.—J. H. Adam.

GT. HORTON O.S.—Oct. 7, Station Hotel, Members' show birds. Staged at 3. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley.—B. Hainsworth.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Annual show business.—R. H. Dixon.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.—Oct. 9, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Monthly table show. Birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. G. Bray, Holmfirth.—A. Lawford.

HALIFAX C.B.S.—Oct. 7, King Cross Band Room, King Cross, Halifax. Birds staged 2.30. Members show. Judge, Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax.—A. Sutcliffe.

HALIFAX O.S.—Oct. 7, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Confirm classification for annual open show. Washing exhibition by Mr. S. Rolfe, and novice washing competition for silver medal.—J. J. Dunn.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show and other business.—C. W. Town.

LONDON C.B.A.—Oct. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 2, York Street, St. James. "Questions and Answers." Fanciers invited.—A. Wallington

LARKHALL C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Discussion: Shall we have an open show? Report from judges.—T. J. McGregor.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.—Oct. 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Preparing birds for exhibition, by Mr. A. E. Huyton. Fanciers invited.—T. R. Jones.

LONG EATON C.B.S.—Oct. 14, the Blue Bell Inn, 6.30. Classification for show.—J. Turner.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.—Oct. (date not stated, ED.), Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Show business and judging competition. Will members bring a few birds.—H. Best.

LEEDS C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Table show of unflighted canaries, and British birds. Judge Mr. W. Hall. Fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.—Oct. 12, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Compiling of schedule.—J. W. Thomson.

MAESTEG C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 6.30. Show committee meeting to arrange business in connection with show.—O. Cozens.

NEW KYO CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB, Oct. 8.—10.30 a.m. Election of judge, and compilation of schedule.—J. W. Christon.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Minutes; show arrangements for Nov. 9-10. Subs. and specials wanted—.G. H. Maclellan.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Brotherhood Rooms, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—S. B. Grayshon.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.—Oct. 11, instead of Oct. 12, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, 8. To arrange matters for annual show.—W. Lilley.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Oct. 7, Cyprus, 7. Schedule for annual show.—W. L. Smith.

TONG C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, 7.30. Open show business.—W. Walker.

WEST BROMWICH.—Oct. 7, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Special show business.—P. T. Cowley.

WINDHILL C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Self, Clayton. Entries Friday night, 7 to 9.30.—Taylor and Garnett.

WIGAN ROLLER CLUB, Oct. 11, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Framing of schedule. Contest, etc.—P. Greenall.

WIGAN C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—J. McAndrew.

WIBSEY C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Horse and Groom, 7. Arrangements for show and other business.—W. Chapman.

WALLSEND MID. TYNE C.B.A.—Oct. 11, Station Hotel, 7. Very important show business as regards another judge and specials. Subs. due. New members invited.—G. Greenwell.

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The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, Granby Hotel, Sept. 30; 53 birds were judged by Mr. A. M. Craven, Shipley. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Gregson; 3, Haggis. Buff Ck.: 1, Farrar; 2, Gregson; 3 and hc, Ambler; 4, Allatt; vhc, Haggis. Mkd. Buff Ck.: 1 and 3, Ambler; 2, Verity. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1 and 4, Womersley; 2, Farrar; 3 and c, Ambler; vhc, Sugden; hc, Allatt. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, Sugden; 2, Ambler; 4, Gregson; hc, Allatt; c, Myers. Mkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Allatt; 2, Verity; 3 and vhc, Ambler; 4, Gregson. Buff: 1, 3, Ambler; 2, Haggis; 4, Verity; vhc, hc, Allatt; c, Sugden. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Ambler; 2, Verity; 3, Rolfe; 4, Womersley; vhc, Sugden; hc, Blagbrough; c, Farrar.—W. Jagger, Sec.

A CAGE BIRD SHOW IN NEW ZEALAND.

White Canaries and Black Canaries on View.

The Wellington P.P. and Canary Society held its 34th annual show July 5, 6, 7, in Wellington Harbour Board's Shed. No less than 129 classes were provided for cage birds in the gigantic schedule of 747 classes. The support accorded was, however, very meagre, for the 129 classes contained only 145 birds, some of the classes having no entries, many of them only one, and the largest entry in any class being seven birds. Notwithstanding the fact that there was a three guinea trophy for most points in Yorkshires and another for most points in Norwich, and that there were no less than nine five-guinea challenge bowls in competition, the Yorkshires only mustered 58 entries in 21 classes and the Norwich 44 entries in 23 classes.

Mrs. J. Martin, whose claim to be the first to exhibit White Canaries will be familiar to old readers of Cage Birds, and who is certainly the first to show Black Canaries, was represented by one of each of these latter-day developments in Canary breeding. It may be remembered that on the outbreak of the war Mrs. Martin was about to send to our offices some Black Canaries for inspection, and that she has promised that when hostilities cease she will send one or more of these curiously coloured birds.

HIS CANARIES SAVED HIM.

A Bradford Fancier Exempted from Military Service.

The other day the Bradford Military Tribunal had before them the appeal of a well-known Yorkshire Canary specialist, who hails from the Eccleshill district. Our readers may be interested in solving the question of his identity.

Mr. Cawthron, who appeared for the appellant, said his client was formerly a quarryman, but had to give up that employment on account of two accidents which left him with one leg shorter than the other, whilst the other bent both ways, yet notwithstanding this he was passed as fit for general service. As a matter of fact one of the doctors who examined him at Halifax on August 18 told him wooden legs were quite good enough for the Army.

The Military Representative: I should rather doubt that statement.

Mr. Cawthron, continuing, said that, being unable to follow his ordinary employment, applicant saw a chance of making money in the Canary business, with which he had for a long period been interested. In the Canary line he claimed to be quite the top man in the country with Yorkshire Canaries. His bird business was largely export, and he turned over a large sum of money year by year. He had sold Canaries for as much as £15 each. He owned what was said to be the finest bird in the country, and it had taken all the principal prizes at the shows at which it had been exhibited.

The Military Representative: Can't his wife look after the birds?

Mr. Cawthron: No; he holds the view that high-class birds need as much supervision as human beings.

The Military Representative: He realises that there is a war on?

Mr. Cawthron: Yes, he does. I think we all realise that, but I suggest his physical condition is such that he is not fit for active service. He has had the offer of a position in a munition works, and is willing to go.

The appellant, in answer to questions, said he had about 200 birds, and that at the present time there was a greater demand than ever for the cheaper kinds. He sold Canaries in this country, but they were afterwards sent to America.

Exemption conditional upon his going into munition work was granted.

Strange Results from Experimental Colour Feeding.

What is the Active Principle in Colour Food?

By C. A. HOUSE.

I HAVE just been reading an article by a learned American biologist dealing with the changes wrought in animals and birds by feeding and environment. Some of the conclusions come to are most startling.

If one asked an enlightened British cage bird fancier what was the active principle in the different colour feeds which are used to improve the colour of exhibition birds, he would undoubtedly reply that the active principle, the thing that does the trick, is the colour pigment in the food given, but if we are to believe Professor M. A. Jull, the experiments conducted by Dr. Sauermann upset this idea altogether.

The experiments of Dr. Sauermann were conducted not only upon Canaries, but also upon fowls, and the results in each case led him, and his associates, to the conclusion that not the colour pigment, but a fatty substance known as triolein, is the active principle in changing the colour of the plumage of birds which are colour fed.

A New Theory.

Cayenne pepper was the ingredient with which Dr. Sauermann experimented. Cayenne pepper, of course, is a composite substance from which a number of distinct chemical substances can be extracted. The red colour of the cayenne is caused or derived from a pigment known as capsicin, which can be separated from the pepper. It is generally supposed, and has been faithfully believed by scientists, naturalists, and fanciers that this capsicin was what gave the birds their enhanced colour, and that the change from yellow to red was simply caused by a transference of the colour pigment from the cayenne to the blood of the Canary, or whatever bird was being fed upon it, during the moulting period. Dr. Sauermann states it is not so. Yellow-coloured Canaries were not in the very slightest degree affected by the pigment alone, but curiously enough variegated birds were, all birds of broken plumage did react, but in a curious manner the black or dark green portions of the plumage became distinctly lighter in tone of colour.

The real agent in changing the colour is, says Dr. Sauermann, the fatty substance known as triolein, which appears to convey the pigment to the blood and to produce the changing of yellow plumage into red. Surprised at the results obtained with Canaries Dr. Sauermann experimented with some fowls, and again most curious was the result, as some white fowls when fed with the pigment showed distinct traces of yellow in plumage, but here there were not racial, but only individual susceptibility and differences, as all the birds experimented with did not react to the stimulus of the colouring agent.

A similar series of experiments were made with some other colours, and it was found that with carmine the yellow colour of the Canaries was destroyed, and the birds became white. This should be of interest to those engaged in the production of White Canaries. This unexpected result is explained by the scientific fact that a mixture of violet and yellow produces white. The fact that the fatty constituent of the cayenne pepper, triolein, plays the chief part in the colouring of the plumage of Canaries may, perhaps, help to explain the very singular fact that green Amazon Parrots change from green to yellow when fed upon the fat of certain fishes. The natives of the Amazonian region are aware of this fact, and many of them feed the common green Parrots of the district with the fat of the large Siluorid fishes, and the birds thus treated become beautifully variegated with red and yellow feathers.

Another peculiar thing about Dr. Sauermann's experiments was that the fowls given the pigment were affected upon the breast only.

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Newly-Imported Grey Parrots and How to Acclimatise Them.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

An instructive article showing how the troubles so generally experienced by purchasers of these charming pet birds may be obviated.

THE gem of all that talented race, from a linguistic point of view, it is a pity indeed that so much difficulty should be experienced in acclimatising the Grey Parrot. Seeing that the bird is so hardy and easily managed when once acclimatised, that it is an eminently long-lived species, its length of years often totalling as great a sum as those of the human subject, it goes without saying that it is worth a considerable amount of trouble and inconvenience to get a bird safely settled in this country. As a talker it stands pre-eminent, and altogether forms a most companionable and charming pet.

The cause of the tremendous amount of mortality that is known to exist amongst newly-imported Greys has been ascribed to various causes, including "ship" fever and pneumonia, the latter consequent upon the vast change from the sunny skies of their native land to the inclement conditions of our own clime.

The Mischief of Improper Feeding.

But, after all, it seems to resolve itself into a question of management, or, rather, mismanagement, than anything else, although I do not for a moment mean to imply that climate has nothing to do with the matter. However, when we find a graminivorous species compelled to subsist on a diet consisting mainly of sops, or soft food, and fed in many instances upon bits of "anything that is going," in which animal substances figure side by side with puddings and sweet stuffs, it is little wonder that the digestive organs rebel, and the unfortunate subject becomes a dyspeptic, and not infrequently a feather eater, which craving is satisfied by plucking out and chewing its own plumage.

Now, to remedy or prevent all this misfortune, we will go back to the time when the birds arrive in this country, or are going to be purchased. Let the transaction be completed as soon as possible after the birds arrive, so that the health may not be undermined by improper treatment longer than is really necessary.

Endeavour also to procure a newly-imported bird towards the end of May or early in June, for the simple reason that then our summer is near at hand, and this, coupled with proper management, will increase the bird's chances of survival to a great degree.

When it arrives from a dealer the bird will in all probability have been fed on a diet of boiled maize and sop, and, being decidedly conservative in its habits, some care must be exercised in bringing about the required change in its bill of fare.

Do not imagine you will succeed by at one step placing a proper diet of hard seeds before it and compelling it to eat that because you know it is the proper thing—in short, treating it, as some will tell you, as you would a spoilt child. The change must be brought about by slow degrees.

Begin by decreasing its allowance of sop to almost vanishing point, and let this small portion be with-held on alternate days, after the first few days, and as soon as possible discontinue it altogether.

As this item gradually disappears, a drink of water should be offered the bird twice a day. It may be offered even whilst the sop is given, but will probably not be accepted.

Then fill its seed tin three-quarters full of a mixture of dry seeds—maize, wheat, dari, canary, and a little hemp and sunflower. Fill up the tin with the usual boiled maize, prepared fresh every day. Doubtless this quantity of boiled maize will be insufficient for the bird's daily need, and when this is eaten it will pick over the mixture of dry seeds, and, after a time, partake of them, and thus acquire a taste for its natural food.

In a few days' time the quantity of boiled maize should be still further decreased, and, as the bird takes to the dry seed, gradually dropped altogether. Finally, it should only be given on special occasions for some particular purpose.

Permanent Treatment Outlined.

Presuming that the bird has now taken kindly to the dry seeds offered, and has consequently been almost or quite weaned of all sloppy food and cooked maize, let its future diet consist of the above mixture of seeds, supplemented by an occasional piece of dry plain biscuit or crust of bread, and a small quantity of sweet, ripe fruit daily—bananas, grapes, oranges, or sweet apple or pear are all excellent and wholesome.

Water may be kept in the cage regularly provided the bird does not soak its food in it, in which case it must be taken away, and a drink offered morning and night.

Keep the cage and food vessels scrupulously clean, and do not forget to supply coarse, gritty sand to aid digestion. Fine sand is useless; these birds require a gravel of almost as coarse a nature as a pigeon.

For some weeks, or until the nights are quite warm, cover the cage over as soon as the bird has settled down for the night with a green baize cover, or a piece of blanket or flannel, and take every precaution to protect the bird from a direct draught.

Never allow it to stand in front of an open window until it is thoroughly acclimatised, and if it shows any signs of a cold at any time at once add a few pods of chillies to its seeds, and see that it is kept quite warm for a time.

It will also be advisable to resume the practice of covering its cage as soon as the nights become chilly in autumn, and continue it through its first winter in this country.

In cases where recently imported birds are not procured until the autumn months arrive this practice may be deemed quite necessary during its first winter with us. With these few simple precautions there is little, if any, difficulty in acclimatising the most delightful of pets—a Grey Parrot.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 11-12.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.

Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., H.W.B., J.H.P.

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Nov. 29-30—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.)

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.

Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Oct. 28.—**Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terr., Plasmarl, nr. Swansea.) C.B.S., J.H., J.E.J.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) G.F.P., E.H.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

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Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

Wadebridge F.A. is holding its annual county show on Dec. 11, and the Sec., Mr. E. Mitchell, Egloshayle Road, would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to help by guaranteeing a class or giving a special.

The annual show of the Gateshead C.B.S. will be held on Dec. 9. The judges are Messrs. F. Laidlow, T. Almond, D. Hamilton, and C. Waters. The hon. sec. of the society is Mr. W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.

Mardy P.P. and C.B.S., writes Mr. D. D. Jones, Gen. Sec., intend holding their show on Dec. 14, when some 15 classes for cage birds will be given. Local secretaries please make a note of this as we intend sticking to our day. We were clear of all surrounding shows last year and hope that others will do the same.

The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., writes Mr. S. Midgley, will offer for competition at all Union shows, also at the Sheffield show, which was granted the full patronage of the Union, and where all points gained for the various competitions will count, a ten-guinea trophy. The opening show will be the City of Bradford O.S., Oct. 14, when Mr. Peel, Skelmanthorpe, will judge Yorkshires, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill the remainder. The two British classes will be included in the schedule of all Union shows this season, and are open to all, members of the Union or not. It is hoped that British bird exhibitors will see that these are well patronised and thus encourage the various shows to extend them another season.

For our annual show, Nov. 25, we have fixed up the following judges, writes Mr. J. Thomson, sec. Pathhead "Kirkcaldy" C.B.S.: Scotch Fancy, J. Stenhouse, Kelty; Borders and Norwich, J. McLeay, Kirkintilloch; British and Foreign, J. Mackie, Frenchie; so with good classification, full prize money, and numerous specials, we hope to have a good show.

I should be glad, writes Mr. J. Hopkins, if you would kindly announce that in the Accrington schedule it was omitted to state that members of the N.P.C. competing for our specials must mark their entry forms "N.P.C." Members' subs. are due, and must be paid before members are entitled to compete. In case any member does not receive a schedule for a patronage show, he should write to the secretary concerned.

I had quite a pleasant surprise, writes Mr. F. Hutchinson, to see the drawing of my wee gem in last week's Cage Birds. I have been a successful breeder and exhibitor of the Borders during the past four years, and I attribute a great part of my success to the useful hints obtained from the fancier's friend, Cage Birds, and to the honest treatment by the breeders from whom I have purchased stock. I wish Cage Birds the success it so well deserves.

"British Birds" of October, Messrs. Witherby, 326, High Holborn, 1s. monthly, opens with an obituary of the celebrated Scottish naturalist, Dr. J. A. Harvie-Brown, who died on July 26 last, at the age of seventy-two. The leading article is the concluding portion of "Some Breeding Habits of the Sparrow-Hawk," by J. H. Burn, illustrated by some beautiful photographs by the author. The rest of the issue is taken up by the usual "Notes" which this month are up to even more than their usual interest to students of British bird-life.

We are very pleased to say, write Messrs. Day and Roberts, joint secs. Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., that we have secured the services of Mr. H. W. Battye (Canaries) and Mr. C. Houlton (British) as judges at our seventeenth annual open show, Nov. 4 and 6. We are anticipating a bumping entry, having increased our classification, there being 29 classes Canary section (extra Yorkshire classes) and 14 British, full prize money being guaranteed in several classes. Specials are rolling in, and we hope to have more than in previous years, as these have always been a special feature at our show.

The September issue of Bird Notes, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, contains an account by Mr. W. Shore Baily, of the breeding of the Jackson's Whydah. It is only a very few years since this beautiful bird appeared for the first time on our show benches and Mr. Baily is to be congratulated upon the early success which gains him the club's medal. Other articles are "Breeding Red-naped Lorikeets," by Mr. E. J. Brook, "Breeding Blue Budgerigars," by J. W. Marsden; "Pheasant Rearing Under Broodies," by G. E. Ratigan; "Aviary Experiences," by H. Carr Walker and "Some British Birds in my Aviaries," by W. Shore-Baily. The latter records another successful breeding of the Bearded Tit in an aviary.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Abertillery, Gymnasium Hall, Oct. 18; judge, J. Robson; 42 cl. Nor. 11 (3 Nov.); Yorks. 12 (4 Nov.); Bord. 4; A.O.V. 1; Mules 3; Brit 7; Sell. 4; prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. if 9 entries; sliding scale if less. Fee 1s. 6d, Ent. close Oct. 14 to W. Newell, 62, Princess St.

Newcastle C.B.S., Town Hall, Oct. 21. Judges, G. Dobinson, T. C. Crawhall, T. B. Tomlinson. 47 cl., Nov. 8 (2 Nov.); Crests 4; Yorks 7 (2 Nov.); Scotch Fancy 2; Bord. 9 (Nov. 2); A.O.V. 1; Sell. 2; Mules 3; Brit. 8; For. 2; Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. if 10 entries; half if less. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 16, to F. W. Laidlow, 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LIVERPOOL O.S.—St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road, Oct. 20-21. Judges, H. W. Battye, J. C. Barnes, G. Large, C. Houlton. 66 classes: Yorks. 24 (12 Nov.), Nor. 20 (8 Nov.), Bord. 9, Sell. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 7, Gift 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close first post Oct. 15 to G. Green, 5 Rocky Lane, Anfield, Liverpool.

LANDORE, PLASMARL C.B.S.—George and Dragon Hotel, Landore, Oct. 28. Judges, J. Hocking, J. E. Jeffreys. 48 classes: Nor. 12, Yorks. 12, Bord. 9, A.O.V. 2, Mules 4, Brit. 9. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., if 9 entries; sliding scale if less. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 23 to H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terrace, Plasmarl, nr. Swansea.

Our Front Page Drawings.

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Fine Prizes for Roller Canary Fanciers.

At the open show of the Provincial Roller C.C., Dec. 1, 2, £6 will be given for points competition in champion birds, and £6 for Novices.

Washing Demonstration in London.

A Washing Exhibition and competition will be held at the meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B., at The Church Institute, Paddington St., on Oct. 9 at 8. Mr. F. J. Martin, the hon. sec., writes that fanciers are invited, and novices in particular should attend early to secure a seat.

Some Newcastle Show Tickets Wrongly Dated.

On some of the admission tickets for Newcastle Show, the date Oct. 28 is printed, writes Mr. T. O. Crawhall. This is a mistake; it ought to be Oct. 21, and I shall esteem it a favour if you will make this known through Cage Birds, as I know several tickets were sold before the mistake was found out.

Resuscitation of the Welsh C.B.C.

I am desired, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone, to thank you for all you have done for the Welsh C.B.C. in the past, and trust that you will help us in the future. When I held office before you helped me to build up the club to a record, but I am sorry to say it has since dropped almost to zero. I hope with your co-operation to build it up again; this I know you will grant me. Out of the subscription of three shillings per year sixpence is placed to a benevolent fund, and from this fund grants are made for legal advice, or loss or damage to birds in transit to or from a show or while at the show. Societies wishing for the patronage of the club, or fanciers desiring to join, should write to Mr. Tedstone, at 5, Struet St., Brecon.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOB HARGREAVES (Eccleshill).

I am sorry, writes Mr. J. Firth, to inform you of the death of Mr. Job. Hargreaves, which occurred on 25 Sept. He was interred on Sept. 28, at Eccleshill Parish Church. He was known all over the British Isles as one of the largest breeders of Canaries, and was in a large way as a manufacturer of all classes of cages for over 60 years. As a Canary exhibitor, he won prizes all over the country and was widely known and respected.

"Cage Birds" Roll of Honour.

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. J. Ellwood, hon. treas., Cockermouth F.S., that I have to inform you of the great loss sustained by our esteemed sec. Mr. John Jackson, in the death of his son Pte. Hubert Jackson, of the 5th Border Regt., who was killed in action in France, on Sept. 16, in his 21st year. Bertie was one of our best working members, and his father's right hand man. I feel sure all fanciers who have the acquaintance of our secretary, and they are many, will sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and their young son in this great sorrow.

Clapham Entries Extended.

At the time of writing, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec. Clapham C.B.A., I have only received a dozen entries, so will have to extend time of closing till last post on Saturday next, Oct. 7.

Change of Show Date.

Please note, writes Mr. H. M. Ferguson, sec. Ayr C.B.C., that instead of Nov. 25 our annual open show (Red Cross) will be held on Dec. 9 to prevent clashing with dates of neighbouring shows.

The Patronage of the British Roller C.C.

Roller societies desiring the patronage of the British Roller C.C. should write at once to me, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, S.E., so that I may bring the applications before our next meeting, Oct. 17.

What is a "British" Bird?

In the British section of the schedule for the show of the Clapham C.B.A., every class except the two for insectivorous birds is distinctly stated to be for *British* birds, and it will be interesting to see the result in some of the classes. Very many Siskins, Greenfinches and Hawfinches, for instance, have in the past come almost direct from the Continent to the show benches via "Club Row," and, although this will not happen this year, many of these birds which have had an assisted passage to our shores are still in the flesh.

Pleasant Evenings for Bird-Keepers

An instructive evening is open to bird lovers in London at the next meeting of the London C.B.A., Oct. 12, at the "Red Lion," 2, York St., St. James's, at 8 o'clock. The evening will be devoted to questions and answers, and anyone interested is cordially invited. Gateshead fanciers should attend the meeting of the Gateshead C.B.S., on Oct. 14, at Lockhart's, High St., at 7.30, when Messrs. J. Maddison and W. Curry will discuss the respective merits of British bird and Canary keeping.

The Rare Bearded Titmouse.

The Bearded Tit has been recorded from Berkshire, the first appearance in the county for more than seventy years.

A Near Thing.

Cage Birds last week was very nearly coming out under a new Editor, for it was only by a very short distance that the first bombs dropped in the Zeppelin raid on Sept. 24 missed our present Editor's house. He was awakened out of his beauty sleep by the explosions, and was further scared by the flashes and reports of a couple of "Star lights" which were sent up from a defensive station within a very few yards from his windows. His nerves are not so strong as they once were, and as this was the second time he has been "put through it," he wishes to apologise for any shortcomings in last week's issue. He says it shall not occur again if he can avoid it.

MY STARLING "BOBBY."

By Mrs. E. M. SARGEANT.

THE kind reception by the Editor of my previous notes emboldens me to write an account of my Starling, "Bobby." He was brought me in a nest with two others by two small scout boys who had been camping at the Old Hills for a week-end (this is many years ago, and both are now serving their country at the front). They had had some trouble to get them out of the hole in a tree, and the nest was rather an untidy affair, inside of which were three little balls of grey fluff and three little yellow sun-bonnets with wide brims.

And what hungry little things they were! The little bonnets were everlastingly opening for a morsel of something good. I fed them at first on bread and milk, with a little hard-boiled egg and scraped beef, and as they got older I used biscuit meal and chopped green food, "scalded" and made crumbly moist with barley meal or sharps, and a little bit of meat or egg each day.

I think they were the very laziest birds I ever had. It must have been six weeks before they attempted to leave the nest, and all this time the sunbonnets had been undergoing a metamorphosis, dwindling as to width and taking leaps and bounds in the diminution of length.

One of the young birds was very tame, and would follow me about as he got older, so I decided that was the one I would keep, and I christened him "Bob." He soon got to know his name, and called himself by it. I used to put a little piece of meat on my head, and he would fly up for it when I patted my head and said "Up, Bob." Sometimes I would show it to him and then double my hand up over it, and he would perch on my wrist and prize my fingers open with his beak till he found it.

He was particularly fond of music, especially dance music, and while it was being played he would stand on my head, stretching up and down, and sing the tune to his own name, saying "Bobby, Bobby, Bobby," over and over again. He would go round and take a bit of food from all the other birds, and was just a spoilt tyrant.

After a time his grey suit was changed for a most beautiful one of shot silk, green and blue, and pink in some lights, dotted over with a thousand pearls. It was then he began to take a great interest in a house at the top of the street which he could see through our back window, for there two Starlings were keeping house in a little hole under the eaves. They would come down the road for pieces of bread when the snow was on the ground, actually taking them off the Sparrows, who would have to stand around at a respectful distance while the Starlings broke the big pieces up, and they could rush forward for the little bits.

When the spring came Bob was looking fine and glossy, for he never failed to have three or four baths a day. And my head was his drying ground! Alas! one day towards summer I had failed to close the door securely, and Bobby got away, straight down the street, and up on to the roof where the household affairs of his friends were proceeding. All the entreaties and all the large pieces of meat placed conspicuously on my head had no effect; there he stood, shrieking "Bobby! Bobby!" at me, and dancing about in glee.

After a bit there came another Starling, and two dwelling houses under the eaves, and all four of them would come down in the following winter for bits. Some boys caught Bobby under a riddle, but I gave them something for him and let him go: he had tasted liberty, and had his mate, and, much as I loved him, I could not find it in my heart to deprive him of them. He was still there when I left the following spring.

CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

THE chief object in writing these articles is to assist beginners and to give readers generally the results of a good many years' experience and observation. We do not claim to know everything, and we shall not attempt to explain mysteries about which we know nothing. No doubt many omissions will be made, and we shall be only thankful if those fanciers who are in a position to supply the deficiencies will have the goodness to do so.

Although the subject has been discussed over and over again, yet many new readers have not shared in the proceedings, and different people have different ways of saying the same thing, so that perhaps even those who have read and observed as much as, or more than we have, will bear patiently with us while we go over the elementary course.

We do not intend to take up a lot of room in narrating the history of the origin of Canaries, nor in arguing as to the exact date when they were subjugated to domestication, yet, as they will never entirely lose the attributes with which they were at first endowed, and which are constantly presenting themselves in various forms to those who study their breeding and rearing, it is advisable to understand to what order and family of birds Canaries belong, and their habitat or place of original naturalisation.

What is a Canary?

Thus, one should know whether or not the Canary belongs to the great family of Warblers, such as Nightingale or Blackcap, or to the Buntings, of which the Yellowhammer is a familiar example, and to which the Canary is more closely allied.

It has many resemblances to both of these, yet it belongs to neither. Its volume of song, its compass of musical notes, its vivacity of execution present a similarity to the former, while its colour and marking and size render it not unlike many species of Bunting.

The instincts of the Canary prompt it to seek, and its internal organisation permit it to assimilate, seeds of various kinds, chiefly grasses, but the food of the true Warblers is mostly derived from the animal world, while that of the Buntings consists of portions of both.

Anyone that has been accustomed to observe the habits of Finches will readily see that those of a Canary are very similar. It has the size and build, or type, of a Finch, it behaves like a Finch. Its food, its nest, its eggs, all indicate its relationship. It is a true Finch and very characteristic of the tribe, and its scientific name is *fringilla canariensis*, or Canary Finch. Some may exclaim: "It's all very well to say a Canary is a Finch; but how can you prove it?" In this way—that it has never been crossed with any bird that was not a true Finch.

The Dawn of Canary Breeding.

It is thought that the first Canaries that were bred in cages went from St. Helena to Elba over three centuries ago, and for many years it would seem that the variations under domestication did not amount to the establishment of anything like the distinct classes as we understand them now.

No doubt there were several Continental varieties, such as Belgian; high-shouldered Flemish, big in body and coarse in feather; and also French, which were spangled, possibly something between what we now know as "Lizards" and "London Fancies"—many years before there were any distinct breeds in England.

The original Canary was doubtless possessed of that full share of versatility that is so characteristic of members of the Finch tribe. You may look into the store-cage of the birdcatcher, and amongst the crowd of Linnets or of Goldfinches a fanciers' eye will at once commence to find points of difference in size, and shape, and colour.

How Varieties Were Produced.

These differences would exist just as likely amongst a lot of wild Canaries, and possibly more so, because their plumage is not that of simple colour, but compounded of inky blue and yellow, forming golden-green, and under domestication the non-production of the blue pigment, at first, probably in patches on the under-part only, would leave the yellow pure.

This would be appreciated by those who were taking trouble to reproduce them, and a selection would be started by pairing together those that showed proclivities in the desired direction, so that we see from very early times selection and pedigree-breeding have constituted, just as they do to this day, the trunk lines by way of which the maintainance of distinguishing classes can be perpetuated and perfected.

A Universal Hobby.

The cultivation of the domesticated Canary is not confined to any particular class of society. It is to be found in the palaces of the rich, and in the garrets, and, we regret to say, in the cellars of the poor. They are bred as affording pleasure as pets, for prizes, and for profit by different people in every walk of life.

The love of birds is a humane sentiment, and the desire to cultivate them in captivity is a laudable occupation, and the study of it affords means of recreation to many busy people. The rearing of Canaries, whether for singing purposes or for prize competition, is the means in many homes of augmenting the income, and the friendly emulation at exhibitions, and the meetings of clubs and societies for the reading of papers and the comparison of specimens give vitality to the cult, and make for the elevation of it far above the level of mere marketing.

Some of our readers are fond of Canaries that are pure yellow in colour, others prefer marked or variegated birds, a third party leans to size or length before either colour or marking, then also the Crested variety has its followers, some accepting the dark-crested Norwich, and others the large, majestic, clear, Lancashire birds.

Then there are the Cinnamons, so named from their colour being considered to resemble that of the spicy bark, and lastly the Lizards, with dark spangled backs and clear caps, about as opposite in all æsthetic properties as a Canary could be from the Lancashires, and yet extensively bred in the same localities, side by side.

Better to Have the Best.

Many of our readers possess Canaries of no particular breed, and it is quite likely that a few might be found who would not admit there existed any different classes of them, and who would deny that there could possibly any better Canary than the one they petted.

This state of things is all very well and excusable, but our object is to help our readers in the selection of a specific variety, and to explain to them the best manner of pairing, for the purpose of maintaining and strengthening the distinctive points of difference and of excellence.

It costs no more to feed and rear first-class birds that excel in size and shape and colour than to keep weedy little things that have no pretension to beauty in any shape or form.

It would be as well for us now, perhaps, having just indicated the different varieties, to proceed with giving our views generally on breeding and management, reserving until another occasion remarks on the peculiarities of each variety, and the best means of pairing for the keep-up of or improvement in fancy points.

Yet in doing so, we do not want to appear neglectful of that portion of our readers who only keep one Canary, or perhaps a few, as household pets or singing-birds, and do not wish to embark on the anything but tranquil sphere of the full-blown Canary fancier. The owners of such birds receive their full measure of enjoyment by their careful attention to their pets, and the birds make return for such kindness by livening everyone up with their joyous song and sprightly ways.

How *Not* to Keep Canaries.

Yet there is a seamy side even to this simple pleasure, inasmuch as the little prisoner is apt to go off song, to sit "humpy" on the perch, or to sleep a lot too much; to cough, or sneeze, and to cast its feathers at unseasonable times. Some will also make a mess with the husks of their seed, or will throw the seed itself about, or splash their drinking-water in one's face.

These latter trivialities can be easily remedied, and are generally got over by surrounding the cage with yellow or green leno, which, being shaped like a bag and run with a string or light cord in the hem, can be easily removed, cleaned, and returned, while the annoyance of splashed water on one's face, or where it shows more plainly on the window-panes, can be avoided by giving the water in vessels that are not open at top like a cup or pot, but enclosed like the ordinary bird bottle of the shops.

Latterly, however, very nicely made white china or earthenware water-pots have been put on the market that can easily be kept clean, and, being covered for the most part, the water is preserved cool and pure.

Those deterrent elements which we noticed on the seamy side of the house Canary-keeping, arise chiefly through the bird being kept in an all-wire cage through which every available draught runs its course, and, as if there were not enough of them in any part of any room, the poor little bird is placed in the window, where he gets them with all the vigour of freshly-made things: the heat of the sun, concentrated through the glass, and the chills of a frosty night, which the windows cannot affect or soften.

In addition to all this, his strenuous exertions to find a mate, the desire for which is one of the causes of his frequent whistling, appeal to callous ears; the exuberance of his spirit flags, the music of his voice is gone, he pines and mopes in solitude.

We don't know whether or not it is possible to construct a decently lighted and ventilated room without having a draught from the window, but what we do know, and what concerns us, is that nine hundred and ninety-nine Canaries out of a thousand have not found such rooms, and the proportion of those that are kept in the uncomfortable round or square all wire cages is almost as great.

The Proper Kind of Cage.

We are aware that in addition to the lenobag protector, already mentioned, many good people provide light-coloured and dark-coloured wraps for their cages, the former for day use and the latter for night, and given constant attention. There is nothing to be said against their use, but what we, in the interests of the birds, and consequently in the interests of the owners also, condemn is the all-wire cage when another should be used that can be made equally nice looking and a great deal more comfortable.

This should be made of pinewood for all parts except the front, which alone should be wired, the door being in the centre of it, so that a bath might be attached occasionally.

The seed and water bottles should be placed one on the outside of each end, and a perch should run from one bottle-hole to the other across the cage. Above this two other perches should be placed in parallel positions from front to back, so that the bird can exercise himself properly, both in a to-and-fro manner between the parallel bars and up and down to the perch running lengthways.

The size of the cage should not be less than thirteen or fourteen inches broad, twelve inches high, and eight inches from back to front. The woodwork may be stained and varnished—there seems no time for French polishing bird cages nowadays—or two tones of the same colour in enamel may be used with artistic effect. Very light blue or green, or both blended, for the inside, and the corresponding colour in very dark shades for the outside looks very nice.

Such a cage might hang on any wall without bringing discredit to it, and its position should be studied so that as much light as possible passes into it. There could be no harm accrue to the occupant if this cage were brought quite close to the window, or even suspended from the ceiling near to it, and attached to a loop in the centre of the cage top.

Many people might easily imagine that the owner of the batchelor Canary was not far removed in sentiment from the Canary breeder or aviculturist, and that, given the opportunity, one might slide, almost as a matter of evolution, from one to the other.

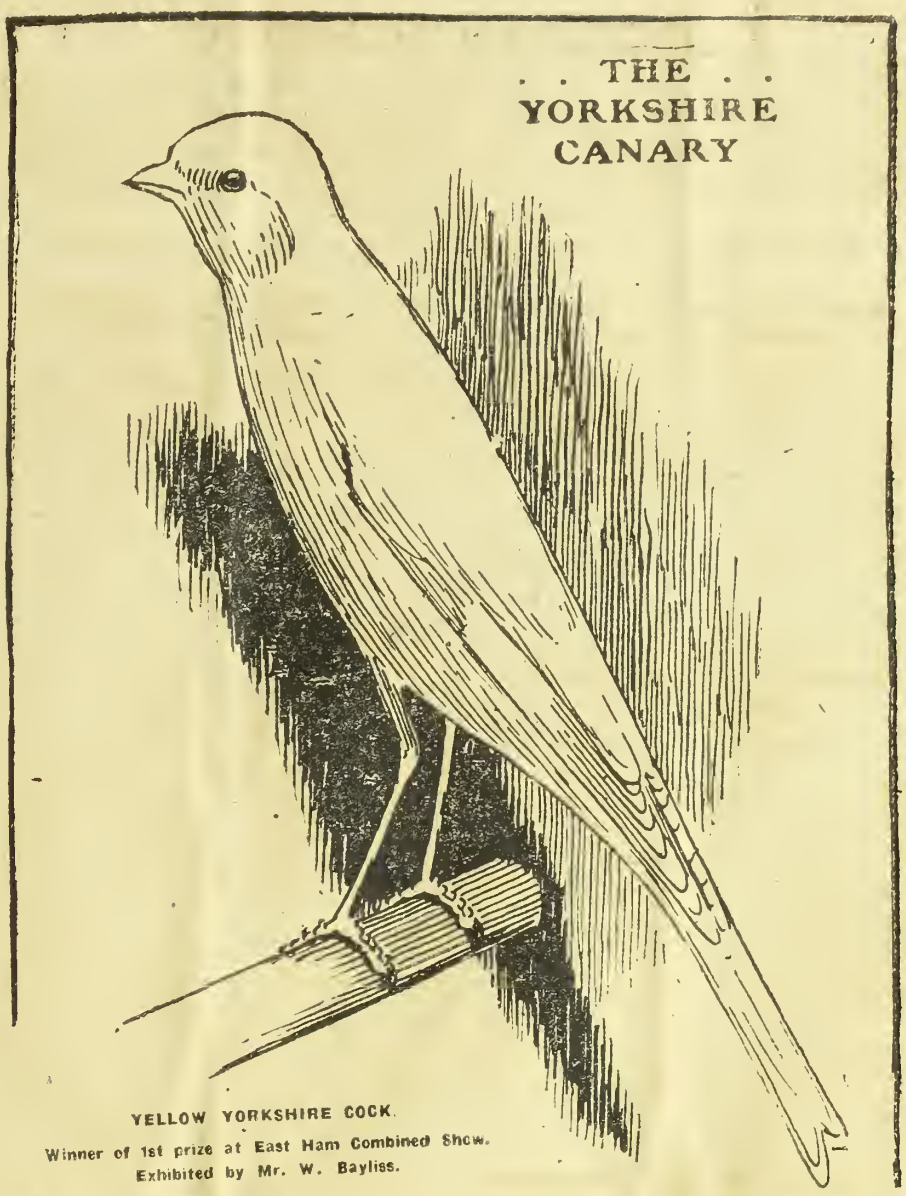
We do not say that this is impossible or improbable, neither do we think that anything but genuine pleasure and relaxation is likely to be the result, yet we have discovered an intermediate or connecting link in a class of hobbyists who say they have no appreciation of fanciers' distinctions, and even go so far as to stigmatize as "monstrosities" many of the advanced specimens that show classic perfection in a remarkable degree.

Such people pretend to greatly admire Canaries and British birds on account of their natural beauty of plumage and their characteristic ways, but we very much fear that if the uncultured and normal plumaged Canary were shown to them, they would not feel very enthusiastic about troubling to breed it in cages.

A Mistaken Idea.

Too many people take it for granted that in some undefinable portion of the globe, clear yellow and clear buff Canaries fly about in the woods and groves. If such people have sufficient time for and feel any pleasure in breeding Canaries that neither appeal to the eye of the ordinary observer, and that possess no distinctive class qualification, nor money value, by all means let them do so. To say, however, that any fancy bird can possess such an amount of standard properties as to render it a "monstrosity" is equivalent to saying that a cat or dog, or a horse, or a lady, can be too beautiful, or that anyone has got such a lot of gold that they are too rich.

(To be continued.)



YELLOW YORKSHIRE COCK.
Winner of 1st prize at East Ham Combined Show.
Exhibited by Mr. W. Bayliss.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. Jeffrey, 1, Vicarage Road, Harborne.

Extra Classes for Border Canaries at Clapham.

An Example Worth Following.

SIR,—I was pleased to see, on receiving the schedule from the Clapham C.B.S. that they are making what I think a step in the right direction in giving two classes for unlighted Borders. It is asking too much for a young bird to have in one year the development of an old bird.

They have also put on a selling class for Borders, and I think these classes, if run at other shows, would meet with good results. I wish Clapham Show every success.

Cheltenham. H. ELSTON.

Helpful Articles on Canary Management.

A Request for a Reprint.

SIR,—Some twelve years or more ago you published in CAGE BIRDS some most helpful articles on Canary Management; I think by Mr. North, who at that time answered the Canary queries in your columns. I have a keen recollection of the enjoyment with which as a young fancier I read these articles as they appeared, and I am sure that if you could see your way to republish them you would be conferring a favour upon many fanciers who are not such old readers of CAGE BIRDS as I am myself.

J. A. JAMESON.

[We have referred to the articles mentioned by our correspondent, and in the interests of our novice readers we have pleasure in reprinting a first instalment this week. The remainder will follow in due course.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

A Hybrid Winner in British Bird Class.

The Judge Tenders an Explanation.

SIR,—In your issue of September 16, Mr. Jeffreys, of Swansea, seeks my reason for giving my decision at the Ystradgynlais Show recently in favour of a bird crossed between a Goldfinch and a Greenfinch—in other words, a Hybrid—in a class which was catalogued as "Any variety British bird," and, furthermore, Mr. Jeffreys complains that such a bird is not eligible to compete in a class with this heading.

As the judge in this particular case, I should like to justify my decision, and also to enlighten Mr. Jeffreys, and Mr. Castree, who in the following week's issue also seeks enlightenment.

May I ask what are British birds? In this case the prize winner was a direct descendant of true species, viz., a Goldfinch and a Greenfinch, and I maintain that, although in the category of a Hybrid, a bird got from such parents, which have only the single difference that one is "Gold" and the other "Green" Finch is nothing less than a true British species. May I go outside the Fancy to give an illustration: If a cat has kittens in a herring basket, is it necessary that the kittens are herrings? If an Englishman weds a Welshwoman, is it necessary their offspring are half-castes? And if we cross a Goldfinch with a Greenfinch, is the blood coursing through their veins other than British? It is true such a specimen is called a "Hybrid," but as you Mr. Editor pointed out in "General Queries" in the issue of Sept. 23, a Hybrid is not necessarily "Mule," and a Mule is the result obtained from crossing with that which is foreign, such as a horse and an ass.

It is a well-known fact such a bird as that obtained from a Goldfinch and a Greenfinch is most difficult to breed, and surely a judge is justified in recognising the hybridiser; at least, I think so.

The point which requires clearing is this: Is the Goldfinch a British bird? I maintain it is. Is the Greenfinch? It is. Is the product from two such species a British one? As one who has given years of study to the subject, my views are clear, and I shall always maintain that such a specimen has a perfect right to compete with the Redpoll which Mr. Jeffreys entered for the competition, especially when taking into consideration that Redpolls can be caught, tamed, trained, and judged in ten minutes.

ARTHUR COOK.

Ystalyfera.

How I Bred My Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

A Lady Bird-keeper's Success After Several Failures.

SIR,—It must now be some seven or eight years ago that one of your coloured plates fired me with an intense longing to possess a bird like the one pictured. It was the beautiful picture of a Greenfinch-Bullfinch which forms the frontispiece to Mr. Charles Houlton's splendid book, "Cage Bird Hybrids." I had a Greenfinch (one of my first birds), and procured a Bullfinch hen. They agreed together well, but the Bullfinch did not go to nest till the second year. I had had a nest of Greenfinch-Canaries from the cock the year before. The Bullfinch was not a very good nest builder in a cage, for she would carry horsehair and other materials, but mostly horsehair, all day long, first to and then from the nesting place. Indeed, in the end I had to make the nest for her where she laid her eggs, all clear, but in the next lot she had two good ones. I had let them have the range of the room this time, leaving the cage door open. Now she sat quite steadily, and hatched out two, but did not rear them, probably owing to my inquisitiveness.

Next year she built in the same cage, and brought out one in the first nest. I saw it when she was off after the first few days, a very fine bird indeed, with a good cropful. Then for several days she did not seem to come off at all, and looked very poorly, so at last I thought I had better see if anything was wrong, and I found that the poor hen was fastened securely round the legs with the horsehair, and the chick was dead.

A Lapse and a Reformation.

During the next two or three years they were amongst more birds loose in a room, and the Greenfinch took up with a Canary or a Greenfinch hen and reared several nests, but last year he returned to his old love, and she had a first nest with two good eggs, which I put under a Canary. She brought up both, but they died in the nest.

Next nest there was one good egg, and I let her hatch it out, but at the end of three days I found she was not feeding the young bird, and it was the tiniest bird I had ever seen, so I put it with a nest of Canaries. The Bullfinch consoled herself by appropriating and helping to feed a nest of Greenfinches which were already being tended by the right mother and a disappointed Canary hen. It was, as I said, so tiny that it did not get a proper share of food, so I moistened egg yolk with cod liver oil and malt, and fed it myself when the hen was off. To my unbounded delight the little thing lived, but its bones were so soft that the little feet became deformed, the outside claws of both feet going right under the other two, and all I could do was of no avail, as if I put on rubber tubing the little leg itself bent nearly double. So I decided to leave it alone, and by and bye its pretty breast feathers began to shine and look quite sleek, and it began to perch, and presently to sing something between a Canary and a Skylark's song. It is very tame and confiding; it will stand on my finger and eat from my hand, but I have never been able to do anything for its feet. It is now coming slowly through the moult; if it gets through I shall be glad to hear it singing again.

I was going to try again this year, but the Bullfinch I reared turned out a cock, also the Greenfinch, but the Greenfinch has brought me three dark Mules, two of which are cocks, both singing splendidly, and the Bullfinch has been with a hen Canary and two young ones. He has assisted in teaching them to fly, and is still agreeable, although one is beginning to sing, and fights the other young one, till Mr. Bullie puts his foot down, and then there is peace for a while. If he lives I will try him with a hen Canary next year; I purpose keeping him through the winter with this hen unless he knocks her about. Perhaps I will get them a little aviary or a large cage built out of doors with my prize money, for you will guess how pleased and surprised I was to see my name at the head of the correspondence page of CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 2 as having won with the account of my tame Rook one of your weekly prizes for the best letter sent in. "Jack Corvus" had an extra piece of beef on the strength of it.

(Mrs.) E. M. SARGEANT.

Bristol Show to be held as Usual.

Preliminary Difficulties Overcome.

SIR,—The Bristol Fanciers' Association has, after what looked like being an impossibility, been fortunate in securing a Hall to hold its 26th Annual Show, which will now be held at the Corn Exchange, Bristol, on Saturday and Monday, Dec. 2 and 4, this being the only dates available. The hall is second to none in the kingdom for show purposes, being exceptionally lighted, and free from draughts, and situated in the centre of the City.

The show is receiving the support and interest of the Bristol Constabulary and the Chief Constable of Bristol, and to the good offices of the latter we owe our thanks for such a splendid venue. The whole of the profits will be devoted to the late Inspector Harrison Fund. By the way of explanation, I must regretfully state that Inspector Harrison lost his life in the course of performing his duty in a recent Bristol fire, and left six orphaned children. This cause naturally commends itself to everyone, and needs no further comment to the cage bird fancy.

The Cage Bird Section will again be under the capable management of Mr. J. A. Greenslade, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Tristem, and other experienced fanciers as stewards, and although the show will entail a three days stay for the birds, during Sunday they will have a quiet rest, this, combined with our good attention, will be to their advantage than otherwise.

All exhibits will be sent home on Monday evening, with the usual attention they always receive at Bristol, which has so often been favourably commented on by exhibitors in the past. Schedules will be ready shortly, and will be sent to known present exhibitors, but anyone overlooked should please write.

G. T. MAGGS.

9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.

Ants' Cocoons as Food for Insectivorous Birds.

How to Procure and Prepare them.

SIR,—As the above subject has been so prominently brought before the readers of CAGE BIRDS by such noted aviculturists as Messrs. Teschemaker and Bent, I feel I should like to give my own experience on the use of such a valuable asset in the diet of British Softbills. It is well known that the natural protection of the ants lies in the fumes which they emit from their bodies. Were it not so, they would have a very small chance against such enemies as Fowls, Pheasants, Partridges, Jays, Magpies, etc. I have proved over and over again that if a good-sized nest is scattered about and any of the above birds come across the eggs before the ants have time to gather themselves together, very short work is made of them. On one occasion I left a lot to clear themselves, and on going to gather up the eggs a couple of hours afterwards was surprised to see a pair of Jays and what appeared to be their young brood having a rare time among the ants' eggs. Seven or eight of these birds scampered off on my approach.

I know a keeper who last summer reared nearly a thousand young Pheasants with ants' eggs gathered in this wood, which is near Harborne. I have reared scores of Softbills annually on ants' eggs alone. Among the birds I have kept in this way have been Tree Creepers, Wrynecks, Nightingales, Redstarts, Willow Warblers, Garden Warblers, Fly catchers, Wheatears, etc.

But I don't use live ants' eggs in large quantities, and I fancy this is where the difference comes in, so I will endeavour to give my own procedure. First of all I open the nest carefully, and gather the eggs with as little as possible of the structure of the ant hill, then I riddle the larger sticks away on the spot and take home the portion which goes through the sieve. On reaching home I put this through a finer sieve, which takes out all but the eggs and dust; then I use another sieve which retains the eggs, and allows the dust to drop through.

All that is left after this is a nice sample of eggs and some clean light fibre. This I turn into a tin box and subject to a sharp heat in a good stove, then I spread thinly on to a sheet of brown paper in a nice airy place to dry. It is necessary to see that the eggs should not be placed in a back yard or garden to dry, otherwise the Sparrows will take the lot. The advantage of retaining the fibre with the eggs is that the eggs can be kept quite nicely in this way with much less drying than if the fibre were not used. In my own back garden I rear a lot of chickens, and what I riddle through the sieve is very soon devoured by them; they are ready for a fresh lot as it comes round each week, and they thrive remarkably. Those who have not the convenience for completing the clearing of the eggs at home should finish the work in the woods ready for the stoving. J. JEFFREY.

Escaped Canary Mates with a Wild Goldfinch.

SIR,—Last year I gave an officer of the Royal Garrison Artillery a dock Canary which used to fly about the room, and had got very tame. It always had its bath on the table, and would perch on its owner's finger. Last May I was called away when it was flying about the room, and I left without noticing that the window was slightly open. When I returned I found the bird had flown away, and it was not seen for several days. It was then noticed flying about with the Sparrows, but it was missed again till about a fortnight later, when it was seen by the Admiral's gardener in his garden. It mated with a hen Goldfinch, and flies about with its young. I have not seen them yet, but the gardener has. Should I be able to do so, I will let you know as soon as possible. GR. E. J. BREWER.

Sheerness.

"An Economic Problem."

The Poorer Fancier's Consolation.

SIR,—Mr. Wallace in his letter in the Sept. 30 issue of CAGE BIRDS, has put in writing the thoughts of many fanciers in his position, myself for instance. With a few fairly good birds to start with, I went through the novice and amateur classes in three or four years, then to the champion and how do I stand now? If I manage to breed a bird worth keeping, what happens to it? I send it out and it is claimed by the man with the deep pocket, so that the only thing to do is to keep it at home. If a man does have to pinch a bit to keep a few birds, he does not want the best taken, for we all know they cannot be bred quite so easily as they can be bought. But cheer up Mr. W., our time will come; there is a pleasure you have that is very often denied to the man with the deep pocket, that is, your wife and kiddies to take an interest in the birds. Perhaps you have a little fellow about four years old out with his "mum." and he brings home a bit of thistle or something for the birds, and gives it to you feeling very pleased and important over it; that is a pleasure that money cannot buy.

I was reading the letter from "Beeni Sonning" in another issue, and I cannot understand him sending nearly a hundred miles for Linnets and Greenfinches only to get them nearly dead, and dead ones in the box. If he will get permission from one of the landowners around Sonning and let me know, I would go over with the nets and birds and make him a present of part of the catch, as I am not very many miles from Sonning. Ask the Editor for my address, Mr. Beeni. YELNEH.

The Clashing of Show Dates.

Pontypool C.B.S. Alters Its Date, and Members will Attend a Conference at Cardiff.

SIR,—At a meeting, Baker's Restaurant, Sept. 30, Mr. D. R. Smith in the chair, and a good attendance, a letter was read from Mr. G. Broome re awarding of specials. This created an interesting discussion, and it was ultimately resolved not to place the specials this season. The question of clashing of our show next occupied attention, and it was felt that if we held our show on the fixed date it would result in failure, which would mean disaster to our society, as we are all working men fanciers.

The members did not appreciate the idea of abandoning the show, so it was decided to alter the date to Jan. 4, if we can arrange for the hall and judge. We trust we shall not inconvenience any society or fanciers by so doing, as we have endeavoured to fix a date without pirating that of anyone else. If we have unwittingly done so, we trust to hear immediately.

The question of how best to get a pair of birds for one of our members wounded in France and discharged disabled was soon dealt with, it being decided to try and obtain £4 from the members of our club, Mr. D. R. Smith to have charge of the subscription list.

Mr. E. Sweet was appointed Assist. Treas. during the absence of Mr. Ashman, who makes another of our members called to do his bit.

Mr. Banks's letter in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 30, suggesting that a committee of three members from each Welsh society meet once yearly at Cardiff to discuss show business, with the special object of avoiding the clashing of dates, was read, and it was unanimously resolved to accept the invitation to attend a preliminary meeting at Cardiff Show, Nov. 29, and we shall probably attend Cardiff in force. Notice of motion was given that all members produce their CAGE BIRDS at meetings or be fined twopence, the same to be added to funds. We hope to see all members endeavour to attend regularly, so that we can arrange lectures, and invite friends. More new members are wanted.

W. D. LEWIS, Sec.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 590.)

Second Nesting of Rooks and Jackdaws.

Sir,—I should be glad to hear if any of your readers ever heard of Rooks and Jackdaws having a second brood in the year. At Springfield, near here, where there is a large rookery, it has happened this year, and it has been thought very curious, and a sign of an "Indian Summer." Young Rooks have been found which have fallen from their nests. I take Cage Birds regularly, and have been much interested in the correspondence.

C. Griffin.

Society Wanted for Durham City.

Sir,—I was pleased to read the letters of Mr. Robson and Mr. Stanger re the above, but I do not quite agree with Mr. Stanger when he writes about a newly formed Society having a show this year, while old-established and well-managed societies have difficulty in running successful shows. I do think, however, that a society might be formed, get into thorough working order, try a members' show first, and then launch out for something big, not to start at the top of the ladder and come down with a rattle. There are not many fanciers actually in the city, but there are hundreds in the surrounding districts. I trust we shall have some other opinions on the matter.

J. Gillespie.

Canaries With One Wing.

Some Further Examples.

Sir,—I notice in this week's Cage Birds Mr. W. Cartwright inquiring if any fancier has bred a Canary with one wing. I had the bad luck to breed one in the last round; it was in a nest of three Yorkshire-Borders. When they left the nest I noticed to my surprise that one of them only had one wing. The bird was lying in the bottom of the cage on its side, and I fancy was otherwise deformed, as when it got on its side it could not right itself again, so I promptly put it out of its misery.

A. Cunningham.

One that Lived for Eight Years.

Sir,—W. Cartwright asks us in Cage Birds, dated Sept. 30, if anyone has reared a Canary with one wing. I reared one in 1904, it was one of a nest of four of Norwich Plainheads, and turned out to be a fine Yellow cock and a splendid singer, a strong, healthy bird. I gave it to my sister, and it lived with her for eight years. On account of its being one wing short, it sometimes toppled over, and could not balance itself to get on its feet again for a second or two. There was no sign whatever of a growth of a wing on the side where it was missing.

W. C. Keynes.

The Abertillery Penny Fund.

What it Has Done and Is Doing.

Sir,—I hope you will be able to find room for the enclosed letter from the hon. sec. of the Abertillery Penny Fund, so that exhibitors may see what the Abertillery C.B.S. is trying to do as its share in helping on the good cause. W. Newell, Hon. Sec.

"The Abertillery Penny Fund, in aid of which the Abertillery C.B.S. are this year running their annual show, was instituted in Sept., 1915, for the purpose of providing comforts for men on active service from that locality, for welcoming service men home on leave, for the provision of necessities for men who are prisoners of war, and for the recognition of men who have distinguished themselves in the field. From its inception the fund has been fortunate in the possession of an untiring committee and officers whose unfailing devotion to the work has been the means of the fund making its usefulness increasingly appreciated. At present no less than 300 workers are connected with the movement, all work is voluntarily rendered, and not one penny has been paid for time lost or given to carry on the work. Over 3,000 parcels have been sent to the fighting sphere, and in the majority of cases acknowledgments have been received from the men. Upwards of 400 parcels have been given to men when on leave; three public receptions and presentations have been organised for men who have distinguished themselves in the field, and in every case where knowledge of a wounded man's arrival has been available, a motor car has been placed at his disposal for safe removal home. Necessities have been regularly sent to men from the district who are prisoners of war, and the number of these at the present date is 21.

"The Abertillery C.B.S., in lending their assistance to such a cause, are fulfilling their part in that great effort of 'Taming the Hun,' which is the determined idea of every true patriot."

(Signed) R. J. Horsham.

A Second Dispersal in a Year.

Dr. Lovell-Keays Joins the Army and Bids Good-bye.

Sir,—I have already begun to break up my collection, although I have never kept the same number of birds as when I so nearly gave up twelve months ago. I have joined the army now as an army doctor, so this must be the final good-bye to birds till after the war when it will be in some place other than East Hoathly. I should be glad if you would express for me my adieux to all bird lovers amongst whom I have made many many friends, and found much help and happiness. Also I should like to say how invaluable I have found Cage Birds. I tell all budding aviculturists that Cage Birds is as essential to them as an aviary. I am having it sent out to me wherever I go.

L. Lovell-Keays.

While conveying Dr. Lovell-Keay's message, we know we shall have the support of a large section of our readers in responding to his good wishes, and in saying "Au revoir, but not adieu."—Editor, Cage Birds.

Barrow and Sheffield Red Cross Show.

Barrow Secretary Repeats His Original Proposition.

Sir,—I was surprised to find that Mr. Woodall has taken such a view of my challenge. My challenge is merely a sporting proposal with a view to raise interest in both shows. I am prepared to still hold up our hero, Mr. Trantor, to sell more tickets than the Sheffield two members for the proposed amount, and personally I see no difficulty in knowing the actual number of tickets sold. Why not take it as honesty on both sides, and trust to either giving an honest return of the tickets sold? We are enthusiastic in our wish to make the show a success for a good cause, but to accept Mr. Woodall's proposal would be far out of our reach, as this is our first open show for many years, and to give a larger schedule than an old established society like Sheffield would be preposterous. But our schedule is of the best, and our specials are in galore, so you see we are out for a successful show at Barrow for a good and noble cause. So if Mr. Woodall cares to accept our proposal and rely on honesty as to the number of tickets sold by the representatives of both societies, well and good; if not, the correspondence will cease. Mr. Trantor, our own representative, is out for business and a good show.

D. McFarlane.

Earwigs as Red Mite Destroyers

Drastic Measures More Effective.

Sir,—Reading Mr. Bastock's letter re "Earwigs as red mite destroyers" brought before me an experience of mine. One year I had up eight hens for breeding in a room facing south, which got the full glare of the sun, which, by the bye, seems in my opinion to encourage the mite to multiply by scores if left alone for a week or two, more so than a room facing the north, that gets no sun at all.

Now that year I was taken very bad with my eyes, and was almost blind for a few weeks, with the result that I could not look after the birds myself, so they got a bit neglected as far as the cleaning out was concerned. When I got better I found the "mighty mite" had got a firm hold; they were everywhere, under cages, on top of cages, and in every nook and corner, and as I was turning down the cages I found one of those mite destroyers that Mr. Bastock brings before us, an earwig.

Did I leave them, that is, the mites, to him? No fear; I set to work with my sleeves up, got a camel hair brush, mixed some hot water and Sanitas disinfecting fluid, and applied the fluid mixture to all cracks and crevices that I could see, or any other place where they had got a hold, such as ends of spars, end doors, etc. The mixture brought them out of their lairs, and then I applied pressure of my fingers, and they were gone. Then I got a moulder's trowel and some putty, and set to work to fill up all places in which they had congregated, and then cleaned up all loose dust that was lying about, and retired dead tired after such a fight against the enemy.

A week later I had another good "scrunty," and again found a few between end doors, on the ends of spars, and between turn-rails of cages. I applied again the fluid mixture with the brush, and again finished them off with the fingers, cleaned up again, and sat down this time to live and learn by reading Cage Birds. From that day to this I have not been much bothered with red mite; if I should see any I just repeat the dose, and when giving the birds their bath I drop a little quassia liquid into the water, which helps to keep them off the birds if there should be any about.

I do not want Mr. Bastock to surmise that I do not believe that earwigs can devour red mite, although I hae ma doots, as their natural sphere is out in the open in garden and field, and not inside a bird room. My advice to anyone who is troubled with red mite is, roll up your sleeves and go in for some good exercise to the detriment of the mighty mite. I thank you, Mr. Editor, for space granted for former letters. T. R. Wallace.

Breeding Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

A Model Bullfinch Hen.

Sir,—On receipt of Cage Birds each week, my first interest in the paper is to see what progress is being made in breeding new varieties of Hybrids. I was very pleased to see a few weeks since a claim made by one of your correspondents of having bred a Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, but since the claim was made I do not remember seeing anything further of the case. I hope the bird is alive now; perhaps the owner will let us know.

Last year I furnished you with an account of how I had bred a Hybrid between a Goldfinch and one of my hen Bullfinches. The hen Bullfinch on that occasion sat her full time, fed and brought up the young Hybrid, and had previously brought up two young Canaries. The Goldfinch and Bullfinch have not since been parted, but have been kept together in a cage in the aviary. This year in May she laid five eggs, all in the nest, and sat the full time, but all the eggs proved infertile. In June she nested again with five more eggs, and one of these produced a young Hybrid on July 3rd. She fed and brought this young bird up together with a young Yorkshire, which she must have fed well as it measured nearly 7 in. at 7 weeks' old. She nested again in July, with five more eggs, and this time two Hybrids were hatched, August 8 and 9, but the one hatched on the 9th had only one eye. All the four Hybrids bred from the Bullfinch hen are still alive and doing well, but it seems very strange that although I have bred more Hybrids than any other breeder in the city in which I live, I have never had a *hen* Goldfinch-Bullfinch yet, all of the Hybrids being cock birds, and these last three also have the appearance of being cocks.

I had a Goldfinch paired with a Chaffinch hen, and the hen laid five eggs, but all were infertile. The Yorkshire cock Canary brought up last year by the hen Bullfinch I paired with a hen Chaffinch, which in two nests laid eight eggs, but all were infertile. The hen Greenfinch paired with a cock Chaffinch, but did not nest, neither did a pair of Greenfinches.

You will observe that the two last Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids were hatched rather late, so I thought I would help her a little in feeding them. This hen was so tame that it was not at all unusual for me to be feeding one of the young at the same time that she was feeding the other. She would rise from the nest when I put my hand in and let me take the young from under her and put it back again in the nest while she was still sitting in it. I think the great secret in breeding Hybrids is to keep the parents very tame and attached to the owner.

I feed my Hybrids in a way of my own, and this I gave to you some months ago. I beat up some egg and milk, and boil it for about 20 minutes until it becomes quite firm; then I press it through the ordinary perforated zinc, and mix with some very dry bread crumbs and a little finely chopped suet. I give green food as in season, and find the birds are very fond of the hearts of lettuce. This is the second hen Bullfinch I have had which has proved equally good for bringing up either Canary or Hybrid young. J. F.

The Other End of the String.

Does the Movement of the Needle Really Indicate Sex?

Sir,—When I first saw Mr. Williams' letter in Cage Birds, of Aug. 26, stating how to sex birds by means of a needle and string, I thought it was a hoax, but on seeing it referred to a second time I tried it. I have three old birds, the sex of which I know, and three young, of which I was not sure of sex. With the old birds the needle made one motion for cocks and another for the hens, and I was surprised and delighted. I then referred to Mr. Williams' article, but lo; the needle had made the wrong motions, and my birds were the wrong sex, but I knew the old birds sex, and had my own opinion regarding the others. So I took a cock bird out and tried again. Then the needle revolved (which was correct). Well, I thought, this is funny, and while thinking the needle steadied and started the pendulum motion, while the same bird was in my hand. From this I thought the movement of the needle must be controlled by the mind, so in my mind I said "stop," and the energy seemed to leave the needle and it came to rest.

On a florin there is a sort of a cross; I set my mind on one direction of this cross, and the needle swung that way. Then I changed my mind to the other direction of the cross (right angles), and the needle steadied, then moved in that direction, keeping on the lines of the cross. The cock bird was in my hand all this time, so it seems as if the needle is controlled by a concentrated mind.

Perhaps if I had had the orthodox motions of the needle in my thoughts it might have worked correctly in the first instance, but when it revolved for hens, and gave the pendulum motion for cocks, there seemed something out of course. I have delayed writing this for about three weeks, thinking someone more able might have a similar experience and write their account of it, but others can experiment for themselves while I await developments.

F. Head.

Exploded Long Ago.

Sir,—I note your correspondent J. K. Williams is anxious to know the opinion of Messrs. Norman and Page about what he terms "his method of sexing birds." It is rather late in the day to claim this method as his own, seeing that it appears in a journal, of which I possess a volume, published close on fifty years ago, and even prior to that time it had been given in a book devoted to animal magnetism and kindred subjects. I myself fully described the method in an article in "C.B." somewhere about 10 or 12 years ago, about which time the subject was much discussed, and matters went so far that some kind of mechanical device was invented, which was believed by its supporters to demonstrate the method infallibly. But, as the device in question soon disappeared from publicity, its utility, one would suppose, may have been somewhat exaggerated. My own experience, after giving the method a good test and seeing many tests made by others, was that sometimes the needle acted in accordance with "the book," but often it did not, and at other times was most erratic, and would giddily indicate any sex or no sex at all for the same bird. The fancier who relies implicitly upon this method of sexing his birds is in for a time of glorious muddle. Far better cultivate the faculty of close observation.

Claude St. John.

How to Catch Linnets.

And a Recipe for Making Bird-lime.

Sir,—Kindly allow me through your wonderful paper Cage Birds to give my method of catching Linnets in the hope that it may be of some use to the enquirers whose letters have recently been appearing.

I get about 50 twigs of privet, about 10in. long, and from the thick end of each twig I cut out a "v" shaped aperture and split the end up for about 3 ins. These are for fixing on the top of the bushes. The bark of the twigs is peeled off, and then they are ready for liming.

Then I trim the hedge where the twigs are to be placed quite level, and place the twigs at about a foot apart with the points facing the light, so that they do not glitter as the sun strikes them. Be sure not to stick them perpendicularly upwards, as they are intended to be used as perches for the birds you are out to catch. When they are set, keep a sharp look out for the birds perching on them, otherwise you are not only giving the birds unnecessary fright, but you are in danger of losing them from weasels or other vermin.

To lime the twigs I take a portion of the bird-lime between two fingers and the thumb of the left hand, and twist the twig round, beginning from the bottom and drawing it through until it is covered to the top.

I make my bird lime as follows:—I take three gills of unboiled linseed oil, and place this on the fire in a pan large enough to allow it to boil without boiling over. As soon as the oil boils up the pan should be shifted to the side of the fire so that it boils very slowly, and it gradually thickens until strong enough for use. Then the pan is placed in a cool place, and when the oil is quite cold about a tablespoonful of Stockholm tar is well mixed into the jar, and it is then ready for use. W. S.

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THE PROS AND CONS OF IN-BREEDING.

(Continued from page 576.)

Personalities Rebuked.

Immoderate Language Defeats Its Own Object.

Sir,—I have seen Mr. Bastock's letter in this week's Cage Birds, and I greatly regret it. I hope he will withdraw what he has written about Mr. House, and apologise for his unpardonable breach of good taste. I do not think he can do anything less in view of the letter from Mr. Edward Fox. Mr. Bastock could hardly have been more offensive had he given Mr. House the lie direct. It is not the kind of letter which is wanted in this discussiou, and if Mr. Bastock cannot couch his language in more reasonable terms he would be far better out of the discussion altogether. Vulgar bombast never carries conviction.

J. W. Gordon Stewart.

Sir,—I thought that I had finished with this correspondence, but I cannot allow such a letter as Mr. Bastock's to pass without a protest, although no doubt Mr. House's high reputation and long experience as breeder and judge and his position as the chief fancier's authority upon the subject of in-breeding will stand him in greater stead than any attempt of mine to defend him. I can mention names of others in Canarydom who, if not out and out inbreeders, at any rate recognise its use in certain cases. Names of equal if not greater repute in the Canary world than J. Bastock's. For instance, W. H. Shackleton in "The Yorkshire Canary," says "I was under the impression that the credit for my successes must be given to my good selection in the first place, but it came to my knowledge that although owned by two different fanciers they were of the same strain and blood, and had actually come from the same yard." Later on he says "These experiences proved to me that face value and mere selection are very weak reeds." and again "I have always strongly advocated inbreeding as means of forming a reliable strain."

H. W. Battye, whom no one can accuse of being an out and out inbreeder, says, "I do not object to the system under certain limitations and conditions"; again "If the has a stud of really high class birds he may practice it judiciously, and with great care, for the purpose of maintaining the perfection of that stud. Always he should use his best birds, those that are nearest perfection in type and position, and above all other things, be sure they are in sound health and sound constitutionally." J. Broadley, in his book says, "You must keep the best from the year's breeding and breed them a little akin. You will thus build up a strain of your own. You can go on breeding in this way for a year or two. You will then want some new blood."

Had I time I might give many more quotations, but these will suffice to show your correspondent is one of the bricks in that stone wall of ignorance against which it seems to be useless to batter.

T. C. Crawhall.

Mr. C. A. House, the Author of "Inbreeding, What it is, and What it Does," Replies to Mr. Bastock.

Sir,—It is not my wish to indulge in lurid personalities nor to attempt to destroy Mr. Bastock's reputation. I may only have "dabbled," but my dabbling has enabled me to do what many men have tried to do and failed. I have produced birds which have gone through six seasons without defeat, and which have won many cups, medals, and specials for myself, and when sold by me at record prices have continued to defeat all comers. Thus my dabbling, if I have only "dabbled," has brought myself and others considerable fame and benefit. It also proves that, as a believer in and exponent of in-breeding, I have derived considerable success by its practice. In a word, I have made my mark.

Mr. Bastock has made his mark as an horticulturist during the years he has been quiescent as a fancier. As I write I see, in my little garden, some lovely violas which bear the prefix "Moseley," and am proud to know that an old Canary fancier has given me the enjoyment derived from them. Knowing this, I should be ashamed to say Mr. Bastock has "dabbled" in gardening.

Mr. Bastock asks for proofs. They can be found in show catalogues and the Fancy Press for thirty-six years past. I have no wish to flaunt them here. Beyond the fact that they show what can be done by in-breeding, they have no bearing upon this discussion. If Mr. Bastock is so ignorant, as he says, there are gentlemen in his own city who would, no doubt, be pleased to remove his ignorance did he ask them. Messrs. H. Allsop, F. Machin, J. Mitchell, and J. Dixon Jenkinson, all leading lights in the Columbarian world, could give him instruction in my past if he really does not know, also Mr. G. E. Russell. These men are of world-wide fame, and their integrity beyond dispute.

Indulgence in personalities will not assist the readers of Cage Birds to understand the problems of in-breeding, but such letters as that of my old friend "Teddy" Fox in Cage Birds of Sept. 30 will prove what in-breeding will do. Mr. Bastock will not believe me. Will he believe Mr. Fox?

My thanks are due to you, sir, for your splendid notice of my little book on In-Breeding. Yourself and several members of your staff have first-hand knowledge of what I have done in several different branches of the Fancy. You know that if I have "dabbled," I have "dabbled" "to some purpose," as we say here in Yorkshire.

C. A. House.

Says it Wants More Understanding.

Sir,—When writing of the Norwich Plainhead it is easy for the fancier to conjure in his mind's eye the picture of the handsome dashing, sprightly bird, with its flashing eye and restless demeanour, brimming over with the joyousness of life. Such a bird truly is a beautiful picture, and no more like its progenitors than is the Queen of the garden like its ancestor the wild rose of our hedgerows. Both are almost solely the results of man's own creative genius.

Even to-day, however, we often see in our Norwich show cages, carrying off the money prizes, large drowsy specimens, seemingly without sufficient strength to stand upright on their legs, resting their weary bodies on the perches, and looking for all the world as if life had become an intolerable burden to them. Such birds ought not to win, but unfortunately they often do.

Now I do not suggest that inbreeding is solely responsible for the last mentioned condition, nor for the first, but I would ask whether it is a remedy. The inbreeder says: "Oh, dear, no, you must have your birds perfect, perfected by careful selection, or any other means, before you may think of in-breeding." The point Mr. Crawhall was so good as to miss one writer makes rather a lot of, Nature being a great inbreeder; but when Nature inbreeds she does so entirely by chance, not with the cold calculation of the inbreeding Bantam and lapdog fancier who inbreeds for the express purpose of reducing size. How does that suit the Norwich Plainhead breeder whose sole aim is ever larger birds.

But are those hundred-year-old rookeries the select communities he would have us believe? What happens when Miss Winsome, of the Hall Rookery, tips the glad eye to young Jock, of the Manse rookery, when they meet by chance on some poor farmer's seed bed in spring? Well; fresh blood, of course. And who has not seen the picture in our "Harmsworth's" of our own ancestor coming from over the border with his fresh wife in one hand and his trusty club in the other? He may have raided the neighbouring community for quite ulterior motives, but anyway, fresh blood was what he had got, and who is to estimate the value of the Rejuvenated stock?

Inbreeding is the first law of evolution; a universal natural law; but if persisted in in small communities it soon makes its presence felt in the shape of weak, unhealthy stock, which are soon quite unable to reproduce their kind. I never said the Canary was not a robust animal; he is, if kept under proper conditions, but we so often find him coddled up in heated sheds, carefully protected from every draught, and carefully shielded from every cold wind or storm until the least variation in the atmospheric conditions upsets his apple cart, and we find him just before breeding time full in the moult. Then listen to the man in all his wisdom complaining of clear eggs, sweating hens, youngsters going light, swearing at his wife for milksop, castor oil, and the like, and ending up by declaring the fates are against him, it is just his bad luck, and so on.

The Norwich Plainhead stands to-day on the highest pedestal of its existence. It has been placed there by years of careful selection, years of patient effort, careful forethought, and endeavour, and it behoves present-day fanciers to be very careful lest by a short-sighted policy, or some false system a false step is taken, and down comes the whole structure, crash, and the cry is raised, "if we had only known." The subject is an interesting one, but a few more letters like the one from an old breeder in your last issue should do much to clear away the mists and enable us to understand the subject better. Wm. Robinson.

A Request for Authoritative Literature.

Sir,—One of the most useful and interesting letters on this subject appeared in Cage Birds of June 17, page 335, over the initials F. T. H., accompanied by an instructive diagram. In this letter your correspondent writes: "Fortunately Canary breeders have, if they choose to profit by it, the benefit of the labours of poultry breeders," etc., etc. Now, as many of us are seeking for facts based on system, I for one should be glad to get hold of some of this literature. As the laws that govern the production of fowls' combs may interest Crest breeders, and colour of feather, etc., a host of other Canary breeders, I think the greatest help for a Roller breeder would be to learn of the principles discovered regulating size, deep chested birds, deep voiced birds, etc. Can you, Mr. Editor, or F. T. H., help us?

In reply to Mrs. E. M. Sargeant, it is clear from her letter that she has been breeding for colour, and in order to secure this she is parting with the quality of song; time will show. While breeding for certain colours and markings it is impossible to improve the song, much less to produce a prime songster; the tendency will be backwards, although if she buys a first class songster to supply the place of the one she has been using she will benefit her young birds, but it will be doubtful if she succeeds if she waits till next year. If her birds are hollow roll songsters they possess throat formation to produce this tour, but it must be brought out by the schoolmaster, and for that purpose the better the bird the better the pupil. H. W. Gutierrez.

Some books which would be of immense assistance to the student of scientific breeding with a definite object are: "The Biology of Poultry Keeping," Dr. Raymond Pearl, 1913; "Principles of Breeding," Prof. E. Davenport; "Mendelism," R. C. Punnett, 1907; "The Poultry Manual," 1915 edition, Rev. T. W. Sturgess; "Heredity," Prof. J. A Thompson, 1908; "Inheritance in Poultry," C. B. Davenport, 1906; and, above all, the fine work by Professor Bateson, entitled "Mendel's Principles of Heredity." Most of these books, however, are costly, and the useful little work "Inbreeding, What it is, and What it Does," by C. A. House, costs but a fraction of any of them, and will be found a veritable mine of information.—Ed., Cage Birds.

Practical Advice Desired.

Sir,—I am much interested in the discussion going on in your columns, and this, I trust, will serve as my excuse for this letter. My variety is the Norwich Plainhead, and I have for some years been desirous of making the experiment of inbreeding, but keeping in view what I have always understood to be a sine qua non, viz., the highest degree of excellence in the birds to be utilised, I have from time to time postponed the matter, doubtless with the caution characteristic of my race.

I may state that I have some good show birds, but I would point out that many winners, although excellent birds, exhibit in some degree a fault. For example, many of our winners in the Norwich section, in these days of large birds, have faulty wing carriage, a fairly large percentage, I think, and this brings me to the point on which I seek information: Would it be advisable to inbreed with a bird failing in wing carriage, but first class in all other points, assuming that the mate to be used is good in wing carriage?

Personally I have bred this season, among others, a very nice clear yellow hen of perfect type, very full fronted, best of quality, and good size. This hen has nothing to spare in head, that is to say, the head, though of nice shape, could be more massive, and this is, I think, a usual experience with deep-chested birds. To match this hen I have an excellent buff variegated cock, extra good in head and size, in fact, a good all round show bird. The cock has already won on the show bench, and the hen, I am sure, will win, though I know she would be improved with a larger head.

I feel if I am to wait until I get a perfect pair for a foundation I will never get a start to inbreed at all. Will someone with experience of the art advise me if this pair would be suitable to lay the foundation for inbreeding? They are not related, but would it be wise, assuming that I can get a good young buff cock from them next season having a good head, to pair him to his mother in the following season? The birds are well bred, and I know their history.

Much has been written on the subject in general terms, but I have not seen this very practical point raised in your columns. We are constantly being told, "Let the birds be good before you start inbreeding," and I am sure many like myself will wish some guidance exactly as to how good the birds must be.

Thistle.

The Keeping of Cage Birds; a Working Man's Hobby.

How Bird-keeping Brighters Life.

Sir,—For close on thirty years cage bird keeping has been my favourite hobby, and although I have gone in for others as well, dog fancying, fishing and, when younger, such sports as boxing, swimming, and running, with some success, nothing has given me half the pleasure, nor have the prizes won in them given half the satisfaction as those won with the birds.

Bird life of every kind has my entire sympathy, and I can see beauty in every feathered creature. When one goes out into the country lanes, what joy to see the flocks of Linnets and Starlings, and in the late summer and autumn there is the pleasure of watching the homeward flight of host after host of Rooks to their roosting place.

But it is the bird-keeping part of the hobby that I love best. After a man has had a trying day's business, what a relief after tea is over to go into the aviary and attend to the wants of the birds. Their needs satisfied, what greater joy than to light up the tobacco, if one is a smoker, and sit watching the birds, always one or another on the move. Nothing brings one's best thoughts to the top, and makes kindness show itself everywhere, more than having live stock as a hobby, and a bird keeper, with such tiny bits of live nature to tend, must be kindness itself, or he cannot show it to the birds.

When one handles a bird the size of a Linnet or a Canary, feel how the little heart throbs, even if the bird is used to being handled. Then there is generally a kind word to the bird to let it know that its life is in no danger, and with a gentle stroke of the finger across its head, the bird seems to know that one won't hurt it. I have at the present time several of my birds that are finger-tame; in fact, if one is taken out of its cage I can almost see the jealousy of the others. I believe, if birds cannot really think, they are quite conscious of many of our doings with them. Feeding time alone tells us this, for if one is used to going a regular way round the birds, and for some reason a particular bird's wants are not attended to in rotation, it is not long before the fact is made known by the bird.

The Necessity of Not Overdoing It.

I usually keep from 40 to 50 birds, including Norwich Canaries, Foreign birds, and a few Britishers, and although I should like to keep three times as many, I do not believe in keeping a bird more than one can properly look after, for if one has more birds than he has time to attend to, the pleasure they give would soon become a toil, and then what really was a pleasant hobby becomes irksome.

I always make a point of feeding my birds at a regular time, and unless something unforeseen happens, I do not alter that time. Just after tea I spend an hour or more in the aviary; again first thing in the morning I have a good look round to see that all is right, and I take just a peep at dinner time, with the wife saying: "I am sure those birds will be all right until you come home to tea." Yet she is ever ready with any help that is needed. And when the breeding season, with its expectations, joys, and sometimes disappointments come round, we are only too glad, sometimes, to avail ourselves of the good wife's help, perhaps in the way of feeding a nest of young ones when the hen has died, or giving the green food for us when it would be a little inconvenient to have it as fresh as we should like it. Then again it keeps a man at home, and what wife is there who does not like to see that the attractions the home has for her husband are greater than those he would perhaps seek elsewhere?

As a final word I would say one rarely finds, once a man has kept birds, that he is long without them, even if they have to be temporarily given up for some cause or other, and for a working man bird-keeping is the hobby par excellence. It can be made to pay its way, or nearly so. It is a clean and pleasant pastime, and will help to pass away many happy hours. W. Lidgett.

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Budgerigars: Their Management and Breeding.

By T. A. BOWES.

(Continued from page 529).

ALWAYS examine the floor of the aviary and the husk. Prevention is better than cure, so to avoid egg binding (for the bird dies if not speedily relieved) it is advisable never to let weakly or young hens breed, not to give oats till the young appear, always to provide a plentiful supply of egg-shell, grit, etc., to supply the necessary lime for the shell, to give plenty of green-food, not to breed out of season, and not to attempt more than three nests in the year.

The means suggested for relief are:—(1) Oil to the vent and by mouth; this by its aperient action, induces additional muscular effort. (2) Administration of whisky or brandy, for their general stimulant effect. (3) Hot-water and steaming the vent, to relieve inflammation and spasm locally.

Attempts to make the hen eat egg-shell are quite useless, as she is too ill to eat anything. Puncturing the egg is a dangerous proceeding, as serious damage may be done to other parts. To do it properly the egg must be seen, and if it can be seen, puncture is unnecessary.

Having tried all these except the last (puncturing the egg) and found them wanting, it struck me that assistance by manipulation to increase the force of expulsion behind would be of the greatest benefit.

Egg-Binding and Its Cure.

I now always relieve egg-binding by manipulation, from whatever cause it arises, and whether the eggs are hard or soft. It is quick, relief is speedy, recovery rapid, and it is quite safe. I have done it five times in succession to the same hen, with subsequent rearing of the young.

The duct in which the egg is formed opens into the vent by an aperture less in diameter than the interior of the duct itself, and it is just at this point the obstruction occurs.

The difficulty the hen has is to drive the egg through this narrow portion of the channel, the tissue of the vent being very elastic and offering little resistance to the laying of the egg.

To perform the method, put a glove on the left hand (for the bird may still bite severely). Take the bird in this hand, its back resting on the palm, the head towards you, the tail pointing away from you, and the vent therefore upwards. No glove on the right hand, as it interferes with the delicacy of your touch.

With the right fore-finger and thumb it is quite easy to locate the egg. Place them on either side near the vent, draw the tissues slightly towards you to put them on the stretch, and, gently holding them against the egg, slip the finger and thumb over the egg till they lie in front of it.

Then push everything gently and steadily towards the tail of the bird. The vent opens, the end of the orifice of the egg-passage appears and rapidly dilates, exposing the egg, and a little more persuasion delivers it through this orifice into the palm of the right hand, when it can be transferred to the nest.

The hen, though nearly dead before this, in an hour's time is quite lively again. In one severe case I accidentally broke a hard egg, but was still able by this method to get rid of the broken egg-shell.

Its action is equally satisfactory with soft eggs. Before I conceived the method I lost many hens through egg-binding; afterwards only one, and that one I was accidentally prevented from seeing before it succumbed; but even after death, when quite cold and stiff, I had no difficulty in delivering a soft egg which the hen had been unable to negotiate.

A prolapsed oviduct I have meet with once only. A red body the size of a raspberry, and easily bleeding, projected from the vent of the hen, and on the floor was a broken soft egg. With the aid of a smooth rounded implement it was tucked back into the vent, and did not return again.

The cause was relaxation of the parts from excessive egg production. The cure was to return it, and rest the hen from laying, after which she subsequently bred again.

Some Infantile Complaints.

Turning to diseases of the young; the first are congenital deformities, affecting chiefly toes and beak. Nothing can be done, and do not breed with such birds.

French moult manifests itself early by a deficiency of feather in the young birds. My experience has been that feathers on the head, back and body are most affected; but the tail and wings may be affected also. The young look half naked when flying from the nest.

In mild cases I have seen the feathers grow again, so that after the moult the birds appear perfect. Its causes are said to be breeding excessively, or from too young birds, or during moulting, or that it is an hereditary constitutional complaint.

I have had it crop up suddenly, after two healthy nests from a hen that on careful examination showed a few feathers missing on the neck and some roughening of the beak. Also from a hen which had not nested for a year, and which was paired with a different cock to the last nest of the previous year, which had showed French moult in the young.

I have also had it from an Australian hen that I obtained in her nest feathers. All these hens were adults. I made absolutely certain that lice and ringworm were not the origin of it.

The exact factors in its production seem, therefore, not quite determined. By always ringing your young birds, should this disease suddenly crop up from one pair of birds, you have the power to eradicate it.

I have seen one kind of paralysis affecting the legs of young birds, and I made it out to be due to keeping young birds just off the nest in a small cage. There was not sufficient room for them to fly from perch to perch, so they always climbed round the wires. So much strain was thrown on the legs that they lost power in them, and never recovered.

There are some points which may be mentioned here, as they affect young birds. After a first nest in the old style husk, examine the bottom carefully, as a gap may appear through shrinkage by drying, and the second nest of young, when just hatched, may fall through the gap. I have lost birds in this way.

Incubation begins with the second egg laid, and as the clutch (usually five), may be as many as ten, the last will be hatched a week after the first, and may get crushed by its comrades. Therefore examine nests about this time, and if any youngsters are dead remove them with the forceps, or they will smell badly.

Some young birds before they can properly fly, will come off the nest, fall to the floor, creep to the nearest corner, and are not fed by the parents busy with the nest above, and die of starvation. I have found it answer satisfactorily to put them back again, once or twice a day if necessary, until they can look after themselves.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

A MARVELLOUS BRITISH BIRD.

A BLACKCAP WITH SNOW-WHITE PLUMAGE.

MEMBERS of the committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club present at the meeting of Thursday, Sept. 28, had a rare treat in the shape of an exquisitely plumaged Blackcap kindly brought by Mr. J. P. Carr for their inspection.

This marvellous little specimen came into the possession of Mr. Carr last year as a nestling, and it was then in normal plumage. The body feathers in its last moult have come out of the purest possible snow-white, and only the flight and tail feathers, and just a few on the back and in the cap, are of normal colour.

As a young bird, this and another Blackcap were kept with a Robin, and the Robin killed the other Blackcap outright, and had very nearly finished this one when a rescue was effected. Some amusement was caused by a humorous suggestion of Mr. Carr that the bird's hair, so to speak, had been turned white by the fright.

However this may be, Mr. Carr is in possession of a bird which is as unique as it is beautiful. We understand that our old friend "Sam" Cook, the veteran British bird judge, has searched his complete collection of Crystal Palace, Aquarium, and other catalogues without being able to find a record of a single abnormally-coloured Blackcap among the host of Albino and other curiously feathered birds which have appeared on the show benches, and other Blackcap enthusiasts, such as Messrs. W. A. Lott and O. Puck, also say that they have never before seen a Blackcap of other than normal colouring.

Mr. Carr was kind enough to say that, if possible, he would send this feathered exquisite to Clapham Show at St. Ann's Hall, Venn Street, Clapham Common, on Oct. 11 and 12, although there is no class provided for rare-feathered birds, and if he can manage this it is safe to say that no bird throughout the whole show will hold such a levee.

THE SISKIN.



The pretty little Siskin is one of the easiest of all birds to train as a "Homer," as will be explained in the article which commences below.

"HOMING" SONG BIRDS.

By A. R.

A charming account, by a life-long bird lover, of his birds which he trained to leave and return to their cages.

WHAT are "homing" song-birds? I call cage birds which voluntarily return to their "prison" after having regained their liberty Homing Song-birds; birds which have been kept in confinement for our pleasure and have then become sufficiently tame to emulate the habits of the domestic pigeon as far as leaving and entering its cote goes. "Homer" pigeons do more than that, but all pigeons do a certain amount of "homing," and as the birds I refer to did the same thing, also in the open, their freedom being restored to them, I added the qualification "Homer" to their name.

Encouraging certain of my song-birds to act in that manner has been my practice and great pleasure for many years, I may say ever since the possibility of achieving success was revealed to me as the outcome of another practice of mine, viz., that of preserving sickly bird's lives by restoring them to freedom "while it was yet time." I was ever of opinion that by resorting to nature for a nurse, I should contribute more successfully towards certain birds' recovery than by doctoring them. Thus, the exercise of a touch of philanthropy accidentally put me in possession of what I now call "Homers."

How the Idea Originated.

Later on, a desire to overcome greater difficulties set in, and ambition became the incentive. If an ailing bird could recuperate by a timely dose of nature's restoratives, would not a healthy bird be better preserved in that condition by having periodical access to the same medicine chest? Why wait until they were actually ill? My ambition rose to turning healthy birds into Homers.

I reflected that if the birdcatcher, with the assistance of call-birds, can beguile a flock of wild ones into dropping from the clouds in the net, if a hen Bullfinch can allure numbers of her congeners to destruction, if numbers of Tits, Nuthatches and even Chaffinches can be easily taught to enter an open cage on a window-sill for food, why could not a sound song-bird be trained to love the home where, for a considerable part of his life, it had met with all its natural requirements, including congenial companions? By fostering their propensities, and exploiting their instincts, I hoped to obtain some likely subjects with which I could try to satisfy my ambition.

The training was somewhat circumscribed; selecting the most docile specimens caught in autumn, taming one or other of them by making a frequent companion of it, teaching it to fly freely in and out of its cage, familiarising it with the person and voice of its keeper, and encouraging any signs of attachment to one of its companions; these were the first elements to be worked up, and constituted all the training I could apply.

A roomy breeding cage, with a separate compartment for the companion, which would have to serve as call-bird and attraction, had to be provided, a useful length of twine to be fastened to the door, a handy perch projecting six inches to be fixed near that. Finally, the selected bird had to become used to finding a tit-bit just inside that door when it returned from its occasional excursions round the room.

Canaries not Good "Homers."

Not all song-birds lend themselves to my experiment. Canaries, presenting themselves first to most minds as handy candidates, are to be excluded. They have never had to protect themselves by quick flight, and would be stalked sooner or later by the first passing marauder, biped or quadruped. Certainly, if one of a pair happens to escape, it will wait for its mate and return to it, if it is able and allowed to do so. I have had many such, but they had to be protected and watched all the time.

Even if the proffered assistance of officious friends and neighbours is firmly declined, and the neighbouring cats are enjoying their midday sleep, there is still the ubiquitous Sparrow, who will resent the intrusion on his domain. I well remember the instance of a hen Canary which ultimately would fly some fifty yards in a bee line to a well known second floor window, but that was not the homing I wanted. She had to be carried to a particular starting point against her will, and would have lost her way if liberated elsewhere.

(To be continued.)

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Linnet contest, Oct. 1; 15 birds sang. 1, Shaw; 2, Marshall; 3, Newsome. Judges, J. Smith, W. Lacy.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Grand contest Oct. 1, Breakwater Hotel; 12 birds. Judges, T. Johnson and A. Lorriеman; 1, Ridgeyard, 2 and 3, Bamfield.—F Turner, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Oct. 1, 18 birds sang:—1, Sellers; 2, Sissons; 3, Chippindale; 4, Sissons. Judges, Hardcastle and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner's Lane, Leeds, Oct. 1. 16 birds faced the judges, and some good singing was heard: 1, Kilbride; 2, Shepheard; 3, Brown. Judges, H. Wigfield and A. Binns.—T. E. Summers, Hon Sec.

Club Reports.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Sept. 30, Mr. Massey, presiding. Mr R. Vernon, Wigan, and Mr. T. Hunt, Swinton, ere elected members. Patronage was granted to Leeds Roller Club. Mr. Wareing, president, and Mr. Smith, sec., were elected to attend Roller conference at Leeds, Nov. 4. Decided to have five classes at open show, Dec. 1 and 2: Champion young birds, novice young, champion any age, amateur any age, £2 limit open, also to give £6 in champion and £6 in novice young birds point competition. This will prove an interesting competition, as the P.R.C.C. rings have been greatly patronised by other Roller Clubs.—J. T. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY (Dove Inn) L.C.

Committee meeting, Sept. 30. Audited accounts were passed as correct. Decided that sec. should have a levy of fourpence per member as salary, and that members interrupting the general meeting be fined a penny for each offence.

General meeting Oct. 1, one of the best meetings since the club started; Mr. Fishwick chair. Officers elected:—Pres., J. Dunk; Sec., F. Hardman; Assist. Sec., F. Fishwick; Committee, J. Muldoon, A. Dickinson, J. Croops, J. Hayes, G. Wright, and F. Shepherd. Timer, F. Shepherd; Assist., J. Dunk; Chalker, J. Walton; Assist., J. W. Bamforth. New membersship left for committee to arrange. Vote of thanks to chair closed the meeting. We have in hand £6 9s. 6d. to start the season, a good result for a first year's working.—J. Hardman, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Sept. 28, headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John St., Wolverhampton. In the absence of the chairman, vice-chairman Mr. Bird presided over a good attendance. New member elected, Mr. Layland, Birmingham. Decided to have schedule and prize money as last year. Champion Young Birds, 1916, judge, Mr. Netherwood; Nov., judge, Mr. Willow; Open to all birds. Novice, (any age), Open limit, judge, Mr. Tomlinson. Decided to call a special meeting for Oct. 12, to compile schedule. Will members and fanciers who have received subscription lists kindly let me have them on or before Oct. 12. After business, Mr. T. Twigg gave his paper on training; great attention was given, and his paper was much appreciated. An interesting discussion followed, and many questions were asked to which the lecturer ably replied. A vote of thanks to Mr. Twigg concluded a very enjoyable evening.—J. W. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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NEWCASTLE EAST END C.B.S.

Meeting, 161, Shields Road, kindly lent by Mr. G. Armstrong, Sept. 27, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, chair. Membership of Mr. R. Henderson was confirmed. The rest of the classification for show was gone into, and it was curtailed to 50 classes: 9 Nor (including one natural colour), 7 Crest and C.B., 3 Cinnamons, 6 Yorks., 9 Borders, 1 Lizard, 1 Scotch fancy, 2 Mules, 7 British, 1 foreign, and 1 A.O.V. Canary. Each variety was fairly well represented, and we had a good meeting.—Ed. Coltman, Sec.

AYRSHIRE SCOTCH FANCY C.A.

Meeting, Ossington Coffee House, Kilmarnock, Sept. 30; Bailie Robertson presiding. Present, Messrs. Hainey (V.P.), E. Ralston, Rodger, Morley, Lyon, MacDowall Burgess, Campbell, R. Allan, and Ferguson. Sec. intimated that arrangements were made with the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C. to share with them the Co-operative Hall, in John Finnie Street, as last year; and that Mr. Price (Barrhead), and Mr. Watson (Glasgow), had accepted the invitation to judge at the show on Nov. 18. Messrs. Hainey and E. Ralston were appointed stewards. Cash specials were handed in by Messrs. Burgess and Hainey. Messrs. R. and E. Ralston each give specials. The President gives a special prize for the best bird not in the tickets. Two gold medals are offered by Bailie Robertson for the best young bird in each of the two classes, cock and hen. The President will not compete for either of these medals and no man may win two medals. The funds of the Association show an increase of £1 15s. 2d. over last year.—H. M. Ferguson, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

QUEEN'S PARK (GLASGOW) C.B.S.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. rooms, Sept. 27, Mr. R. B. Cairns chair, and a large turn out of members. New member admitted, Mr. Mason. Decided to have marked catalogues at Annual Show same as last year. A number of members promised to take breeders' cards in catalogue at 4d. each; any other members wishing same kindly inform sec. The following members promised specials:—Messrs. Hunter, A. Foreman, J. Fulton A. Hardie, E. Holliday, D. Knox, R. Hamilton and J. Black. Mr. R. B. Cairns promised a gold medal for best young bird bred, reared and moulted by exhibitor. Mr. Kerr 5s. for best 2nd, Mr. W. Connelly 5s. for best 3rd, and Mr. Carter 2s. 6d. for best 4th; open to all champion sections. Owing to entertainment tax being in operation it was decided that all members pay for admission this year to the show. Owing to Mr. McKnight, one of our committee, being called up. Mr. John McLuskie was elected to fill the vacancy. This club is catering extensively for the novice this year at the Annual Show, and any person wishing to join should write sec. for particulars. Next meeting Oct. 25, at 7.45.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

A Fresh Start Made at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting, Ship and Bell, Merthyr Tydfil, Sept. 23. Mr. E. Powell (Tredegar) occupied the chair, and in the absence of the secretary, Mr. A. E. Brown, Mr. D. H. Tedstone acted as secretary pro tem. The balance-sheet was presented and showed nearly £10 in hand. This was considered satisfactory. It was unanimously agreed to offer the patronage of three shows at which they will give club medals for champion and novice members for the most points gained by three birds. Only one medal or value can be won by the same member. There will be medals, or value, given in addition for most points gained during the season at the three shows selected (other specials are expected). These specials will be competed for in open classes (not selling or limit), except in shows offering novice classes. It is hoped that fanciers will rally round the old club and enable them to keep the flag flying and to offer better and more prizes another season. Chairman presented medals to Messrs. G. T. Jones, E. J. Bevan, J. Llewellyn, A. E. Brown, W. B. Watkins, and D. H. Tedstone. The Chairman also being a medal winner, his was presented to him by the Vice-Chairman, W. B. Watkins. The Chairman then presented D. H. Tedstone with the Leach challenge cup, given to the club by the late R. J. Leach, and the Norwich challenge cup, for having won them three times, they now become his own property. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, E. J. Powell; Vice-Chair, W. B. Watkins; Treas., J. H. Jones; Committee, Maj. B. W. Collier, Messrs. O. J. Bevan, J. Llewellyn, F. H. Cook, G. T. Jones, A. E. Brown. Late sec., Mr. A. E. Brown, declined to continue in the office on account of business pressure, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his past services to the club. Mr. D. H. Tedstone, who acted as secretary for many years, agreed to accept the office once again, and all correspondence must be addressed accordingly to—D. H. Tedstone, Sec., 5, Struet, Brecon.

THE CAGE BIRD FANCY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DURBAN AND COAST C.B.S.

This show was held July 6-7, and the following are the awards:—

Nor. A.C., 1915-16: 1, spl, Oman; 2, Spring; 3, Booth. Cl: Yell.: 1, Oman; 2, Booth; 3, Spring. Buff: 1, 2, Oman; 3, vhc, Spring; c, Booth. Durban Club Rung, 1915: 1, spl, 2, Spring. A.C., Cock or Hen: 1, Oman; 2, Booth; 3, Spring. Pairs: 1, 2, Oman; 3, Spring. Yorks, A.C., South African Rung, 1915-16: 1, Huntly; 2, vhc, Booth; 3, Oman; hc, Spring. Cl. Yell.: 1, Booth; 2, Spring; 3, Oman. Buff: 1, Oman; 2, 3, Booth. Tkd. Mkd. or Varieg.: 1, Booth; 2, Spring; 3, Oman; vhc, hc, Huntly. Durban Club Rung 1915: 1, spl, Spring; 2, vhc, Booth; 3, hc, Huntly. Hen: 1, spl, vhc, Booth; 2, 3, Oman; hc, c, Huntly. Pairs: 1, 3, Oman; 2, Spring; vhc, c, Booth. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Gordon.

RAND C.B.C.

Fine Prizes and Splendid Enthusiasm.

4th annual show held under the rules of the South African C.B.C. The enthusiasm of the members is well shown by the fact that 27 exhibitors staged 320 birds between them. There was a fine array of more than 20 special prizes, headed by a "Floating Trophy" value 10 guineas, accompanied by a gold medal, and another valued five guineas and a gold medal. Besides these there were specials of three guineas, two guineas, one guinea, and many of half-a-guinea. Mr. A. Oman had quite a field day, winning both trophies, three guineas, two guineas, and several other specials.

Bord. (14): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Mackie; 2, Watt Bros.; vhc, hc, Dowler. Bord. Rung 1915-16 (10): All awards Dowler. Nor. Cl. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, Mitchell; 2, Clark; 3, Robinson. Hen (3): 1, Oman; 2, Peterson. Buff Ck. (5): 1, Walker; 2, Mitchell; 3, Mrs. Spring. Hen (2): 1, 2 spls, Oman; 2, Mrs. Spring. Tkd., etc., Ck. (6): 1, 2 spls, 3, Watt; 2, Mitchell. Hen (5): 1, Walker; 2, Watt Bros.; 3, Robinson. Buff Ck. (4): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Johns. Hen (4): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Mitchell. Non-fed Yell. (4): 1, 3, Oman; 2, Walker. Buff (5): 1, spl, Oman; 2, Walker; 3, Clarke; vhc, Brady. Cl. Yell. Ck. 1915-16 (6): 1, Mrs. Spring; 2, Walker; 3, Clarke; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Oman. Hen (4): 1, 3, Oman; 2, Walker. Buff Ck. (7): 1, Peterson; 2, Dowler; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Clarke. Hen (6): 1, Walker; 2, Mitchell; 3, Watt Bros.; vhc, Mrs. Spring. Tkd., etc., Yell. Ck. (4): 1, spl, Oman; 2, Mitchell; 3, Peterson. Hen (8): 1, 3, vhc, Watt Bros.; 2, Mitchell; hc, Oman. Buff Ck. (8): 1, 2, Watt Bros.; 3, Walker; vhc, hc, Oman. Hen (5): 1, Brady; 2, Watt Bros.; 3, Oman. Crest or C.-B. (4): All Mackintosh. Nor. Pairs (7): 1, spl, vhc, Oman; 2, 3, Walker; hc, Johns. Pairs, Sell. (4): 1, 2, 3, Watt Bros.. Single (4): 1, 2, Watt Bros.; 3, Johns. Yorks, Cl. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Spring; 3, Robinson; vhc, Squire. Hen (4): All Robinson. Buff Ck. (4): 1, Brady; 2, 3, Walker. Hen (5): 1, hc, Robinson; 2, vhc, Mrs. Clarke; 3, Oman. Tkd., etc., Yell. Ck. (6): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Mackintosh; vhc, Oman; hc, Mrs. Clarke. Hen (4): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Watt Bros. Buff Ck. (5): 1, vhc, Oman; 2, Robinson; 3, Mrs. Clarke. Hen (2): 1, Mrs. Spring; 2, Mrs. Clarke. Non-fed Yell. (4): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Oman. Buff: All Walker. Cl. Yell. Ck. 1915-16 (12): 1, sp. Mrs. Spring; 2, Peterson; 3, vhc, Robinson; hc, spl, Walker; hc, Brady. Hen (5): 1, Squire; 2, 3, Walker; vhc, Oman. Cl. Buff Ck. (8): 1, Brady; 2, Robinson; 3, Walker; vhc, Mitchell. Hen (4): 1, 2, 3, Walker. Tkd., etc., Yell. Ck. (7): 1, Squire; 2, vhc, Robinson; 3, Peterson; hc, Oman. Hen (6): 1, 3 spls, 2, Oman; 3, Robinson; vhc, Mrs. Clarke; hc, Brady. Buff Ck. (4): 1, 2, 3, Robinson. Hen (7): 1, Oman; 2, vhc, Robinson; 3, Mrs. Spring; hc, Squire. Pairs (6): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Oman; 2, 3, Robinson. Pairs, Sell. (4): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Walker. Single (4): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Watt Bros. A.O.V. Can. (4): All Dowler. Brit. Mule, Light (1): 1, Johns. Dark (4): 1, 3, Hannah; 2, Watt Bros. S. African Mule (7): 1, spl, 2, hc, Hannah; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Mrs. Johns. S. African Wild Bird (4): 1, 2, Brady; 3, Clarke. Brit. Hardbill (1): 1, Oman. Roller Singing (2): 1, Peterson; 2, Mitchell. NOVICE SECTION.—Cl. Yell. Nor. (4): 1, 2, Sharpe. Buff (2): 1, spl, Sharpe; 2, McLennan. Tkd., etc., Yell. (5): 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, McLennan; vhc, Brits. Buff (1): 1, McLennan. Cl. Yorks Yell. (11): 1, spl, vhc, Smeaton; 2, 3, McLennan. Buff (8): 1, spl, 2, Smeaton; 3, vhc, Pasker. Tkd., etc., Yell. (5): 1, Smeaton; 2, McLennan; 3, Sharpe; vhc, Denholm. Buff (7): 1, 3, Denholm; 2, Pasker; vhc, McLennan. Gift (14): 1, spl, Brady; 2, Walker; 3, Dowler; vhc, Honly; hc, Watt Bros.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A POOR SINGER.

R. F.—I am rather inclined to think the sex of the bird is all right, but that it is a naturally poor performer. Every individual, even among pure Rollers, is not a "star" performer, and if yours is one of the lesser lights your system of keeping it in a Crystal Palace aviary in company with a group of small foreigners would not in any sense help or induce him to open out in song. It is not necessary to keep him in the cabinet regularly, though if the cabinet were left open it would serve the purpose of a single cage, with the advantage of protecting the bird more efficiently from direct cold draughts. My advice, assuming that the bird has quite finished moulting, is to cage it alone in a box cage of moderate size, or in the cabinet and leave it open, give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every third day about half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and a quarter part each of maw, gold of pleasure and sesame, with just a sprinkling of yellow mustard. On the intervening days give first a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar one day, and the next a morsel of banana, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea. Give a morsel of green salad daily as long as it is available in good condition. Continue this treatment for a month, by which time it should be in fairly good song if nothing radically is wrong with it.

A GREAT THIRST.

E. M. B.—In all probability the excessive thirst is the effect and not the cause of the extreme looseness. I take it the bird is still going on with the moult. If so, keep it rather on the warm side, and see that it is not exposed to cold direct draughts, nor sudden extremes of heat and cold. In addition to the staple diet give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with carbonate of bismuth and well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of good sound hemp seed. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage wires for it to peck at, and add to the drinking water two days in every three, until the looseness is quite stopped, six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium. When the bird has quite ceased dropping feathers add 20 drops of chemical food to the water four times a week for a month to tone it up a bit.

HELPING A SLOW MOULT, AND OTHER MATTERS.

Three Bad Bargains.—Thanks for report. Glad to hear there is an improvement in the condition of the birds, and I think you cannot do better than go on for another month with the treatment previously advised in all cases where the improvement is most pronounced. (1) As regards No. 2 hen it is the normal course for the flights and tail feathers to be shed before the small body feathers, but there is no constant lapse of time between the flights and tail being shed and the commencement of shedding of the smaller feathers. They may start almost simultaneously. As the bird appears so slow to go on with the moult keep it quite on the warm side, throw a light cover over the cage, and add 20 drops of whisky, and five each of sweet spirit of nitre and syrup of saffron to the water every second day until the small feathers are dropping freely. (2) You may stop the tonic advised for No. 3 until she has finished moulting, and treat her the same as No. 2 except that you need not give the medicines in the

water if the moult is going on satisfactorily. Give instead a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and six drops of dandelion juice every third day, which will help to correct the liver trouble for the time being. (3) The colour feeding is not at all likely to be tho cause of the liver trouble unless it was very badly carried out and of some unrecognised type. (4) Feed the Yorkshire cock through the winter as follows:—Staple, good sound plain canary only. As extras give separately a small teaspoonful twice a week of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, with a quarter part maw and gold of pleasure, and just a slight sprinkling of yellow mustard. Give a little green salad daily as long as it can be procured in a fit condition for use, and at other times give as a substitute a morsel of banana or sweet apple twice a week. Offer the bath only in mild weather and on mild days. (5) Your friend will do best by feeding the bird on the dietary advised for No. 4, with the addition of half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar once or twice a week. At present she is rather overdoing it. The sample of seed sent contains too much linseed for my approval as a staple diet, and too little summer rape. (6) At present such a book as you desire is not available, for which you may probably thank the present warlike conditions. Wait and pray for peace, and then——.

CONTINUOUS LAYING.

W. C. F.—This continual laying is doubtless due to abnormal development and activity of the ovary, and so long as the hen appears in a good, well-fed condition is not at all likely to prove harmful. You need have no fear that she will "lay herself to death." The most inconvenient point about it is that it prevents any natural broodiness, which is a necessary adjunct to the completion of the natural cycle of reproduction. But this difficulty is easily surmounted, assuming the eggs are fertile, by keeping a few extra hens to act as foster parents and take over these eggs and com-

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

plete the cycle by hatching and rearing the young. The only thing you can do to help to discourage the excessive production is to feed on a quite plain dietary, with a liberal allowance of green food, and not to allow the cock to remain with her continually. Remove him with each clutch when she has laid the third egg and keep him out of her sight and earshot for a fortnight at least to see if she will settle down to incubation. If she does, keep him away until the young are ready to leave the nest. Of course, you will not continue trying for young any more this season. It is much too late to think of that now.

EFFECTS OF MOULT.

Arthur.—The bird has evidently got badly run down by the moult, and is consequently more than usually susceptible to any harmful influences to which it may be exposed. Keep it in a cosy place, and see that it is quite free from sudden extremes of heat and cold, draughts, or fumes of burning lights until it is quite up to concert pitch again. In addition to its dietary of seeds give a morsel of chickweed or other green food daily, and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks, according to the bird's condition. On the alternate days during the first fortnight add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre.

NOT SINGING.

B. T., Cardiff.—There is nothing whatever to worry about, as it is quite natural for a bird not to sing whilst it is moulting. Indeed, some birds take a few weeks' rest after the moult is over before resuming song. But as a rule they will begin to sing again in about a month after they have quite ceased dropping feathers, and this is what you may expect of your bird, but certainly not more, as more really belongs to the exceptions which go to prove the rule. Keep it in a bright and cosy place, free from cold, direct draughts, rapid extremes of temperature, or fumes of burning lights. Then add to the drinking water 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for a fortnight, and after that 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a fortnight. By this time you will doubtless find him gradually resuming his song.

LIVER TROUBLE.

E. V.—(1) The details of the menu you give explain much of your trouble with the birds. I would not say that you had erred in being too generous with the maw seed, as a liberal supply of this would have little or no effect one way or another in causing liver trouble. But you certainly seem to have erred generally in being too generous with the good things all round. Your staple diet, for instance, consisting of one-fifth part of its bulk of linseed, is thoroughly bad for the birds' health over any lengthy period. Begin now and give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Give separately once a week a small teaspoonful per bird of the mixed seed of which you sent sample, and on one other day a similar quantity of summer rape seed, which may occasionally be given boiled as a change, and once a week give a piece of bread and milk about the size of a filbert per bird. Give a little green food, preferably dandelion or chicory, as long as it can be obtained, then substitute banana or sweet apple. This will be quite sufficient all through the winter. All the other items you are now using should be cut off altogether, and the birds will benefit thereby. (2) A course of glauber salts depends upon what it is used for—it may be short or an extended one. In your case as much as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice in the drinker—say an ounce of water—every second day for a week, then miss a week, and give in this way in alternate weeks for two months would be advisable. In your case also the following after-moult tonic is most suitable, which you may give in the intervening weeks between the aperient during the first month. In each ounce of water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda (which, by the way, is practically glauber salts under another name) the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give instead of plain water every second day. (3) The fact of the bird with a broken beak thriving so long on an almost exclusive diet of egg and soaked biscuit only goes to prove that birds, like humans, are not equally susceptible to the bad effects of high feeding, and possibly his deformity prevents him getting so much as he otherwise would. (4) Plantain is a very wholesome green food, but is not to be taken as a remedy in any sense for ailments. Dandelion or chicory would be far more likely to exercise influence over liver trouble so far as a scrap of green food might. (5) No, liver disease is not "catching." Tho reason of so many of your birds being troubled with it is that they are all exposed to the same predisposing causes. (6) The green colour of the droppings would in the case of your birds indicate derangement of the liver.

A SUCCESSFUL START.

F. B.—Very glad to hear that you have succeeded so well with your first attempt at Canary breeding, and have made it a profitable affair in the first season. With regard to your queries about the Border Fancy: (1) Yes, they are very nice singers, coming next in ability to the common Roller. (2) They are fully up to the average in prolificacy, and are easy to breed and manage. (3) They will thrive quite well in a cold room indoors. (4) There is very little to choose in size between them and Rollers. Taking tho breeds as a whole I should say they were on an equal footing in this respect. It would probably be a mere "toss-up" whether either of these breeds or the Lizard is the smallest Canary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MOULTING GOLDFINCH MULES.

M. Shilcott.—Glad to hear your birds are doing well. As regards the one with the few feathers uncoloured, if these are nest feathers they will be moulted in time, and new ones will grow to take their place, but if they have grown since the bird was fledged, say just previous to the moult, they will not be replaced until next autumn. If these few feathers spoil his appearance for the bench you will have to remove them as soon as you are quite certain. Continue the colour food in a reduced form right up to the show. (2) If either of the four in the flight looks particularly promising, I would advise you to cage it off when it has nearly finished the moult, or possibly it will get plucked and spoilt for exhibition. Your feeding appears to be all right. You might add a few sunflower seeds and a little thistle, which you can easily collect in your district. (3) Do not bring the Finches inside unless the weather is very bad, as they will moult out a better colour where they are. Goldies are naturally somewhat late in moulting, therefore others are not more forward than your own. Give the Bullfinch privet and blackberries, and, if he will eat soft food, just a spoonful occasionally, with a few drops of chemical food mixed in with it. Kindly read Rule 7 under "Queries Answered."

WHAT BIRD?

A. Taylor.—The bird's wing sent for identification is that of the Hedge Accentor, or, as it is commonly called, the Hedge Sparrow, a resident British bird that is fairly common everywhere. It varies a little in plumage, according to the seasons, which would account for the differences you mention. It has never been a favourite cage bird, being somewhat shy, not particularly lively, and by no means a brilliant songster, although not to be despised when heard in the open in the very early spring, long before most birds have uttered a note. Its song is somewhat shrill and lacking in variety. It is not a difficult bird to keep and will live upon mixed seed, a little soft food, and a few insects. I have seen a good well-marked specimen win at a show but this was rather unusual, as it has to compete against rarer and more interesting species.

THRUSH DOING BADLY.

W. G. Tucker.—You have been feeding and treating your bird injudiciously, which is the cause of the trouble. One can hardly expect a lusty bird like the Thrush to do well for any length of time in a cage without being fed and treated to suit its requirements. When you found your treatment was not successful

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

you should have tried something different. You did quite right in giving the salts, and I would advise you to repeat it occasionally. The gaping is not caused through any lung trouble, but general debility. I would advise you to procure a pound of good insectile food as given to warblers, containing ants' eggs, dried flies, meat meal, etc., and feed him on it, mixing a little scraped raw carrot with it to make it crumbly moist. After a time you can use boiled potato instead of the carrot for a change. Be liberal just now with insects; if you have a garden or live in the country you can collect quite a number of caterpillars among your growing crops, and on trees in the district, also beetles and grubs. These are particularly plentiful just now, and not difficult to get. In addition to these you should let him have soft fruit or berries daily. There are several species of wild berries ripening now; these can be used in turn with apple, pear, and banana. Have you our Nutshell Booklet on the Thrush?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

CORRECT TREATMENT OF PARRAKEET.

Leinster.—Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, and a few nuts daily. The following may all be supplied as extras to vary the dietary a little: biscuits, stale crusts (dry; if the bird wants them moist it will dip them in the drinking water), plain cake, raisins, and a little boiled rice when such is to hand. Parrot grit, cuttlebone, water, and a chunk of wood are all essentials and should be continuously in the cage. From your description you have either an Alexandrine or Ring-neck Parrakeet, and it is most probably a hen. By all means let it have a bath; it is best to give this about mid-day, omitting the bath on very cold days in winter. If its cage does not stand in a draught it will benefit rather than take harm from a fairly regular tub. A bird often gets out of tone during the moult. It is well to give a laxative (one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia) in the drinking water once a week, and on other days to lightly colour the water with chemical food. Its cage should stand where it can get light and air, yet not where a current of air or any draught can pass through it. If you take this precaution it is a hardy species and should do well with you.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING.

Esperance.—While getting young aviary bred birds is quite in order, you have not space for turning in odd birds, and if you do so they must be a pair. It is well to remember that really good birds fetch top price, and except under special conditions, if specimens are offered cheaply, one may reasonably expect to get either birds that are partly worn out for breeding purposes, or those that have refused to breed or are of a quarrelsome disposition. It is quite possible to find all three classes among birds that look in fine condition and faultless plumage. If I am to definitely advise, I say watch our columns and buy a "breeding pair," some of the friends you have named should be willing to sell you such to give you a start, but you cannot reasonably expect to get such at the lowest ruling rates for Budgerigars. I always look "askance" at birds offered me below normal rates, unless I know there are special reasons. The same remarks apply to Cockatiels. If you buy a breeding pair they should nest almost at once, but a young pair may or may not take a couple of years before settling down to serious nesting. You could have two pairs of Budgies, and one pair of Cockatiels in your small aviary, providing you sell or remove the young as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. If I have not read your query correctly you must repeat it.

WHAT PARROT?

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GREY PARROT NOT TAKING SEED.

Goold.—The diet your bird is getting is quite wholesome, and you must continue it, but at same time keep the seed mixture continually in the cage, and it will ultimately partake of same. So long as it does not get the unwholesome sops and messes referred to in the Nutshell, it will take no hurt from its present dietary. You are, of course, giving water. You have no cause that I can see for uneasiness, as I take it that your bird is a young one, and such often cling to the infantile dietary for a long period, and are very loth indeed to crack seed. Keep cuttlebone,

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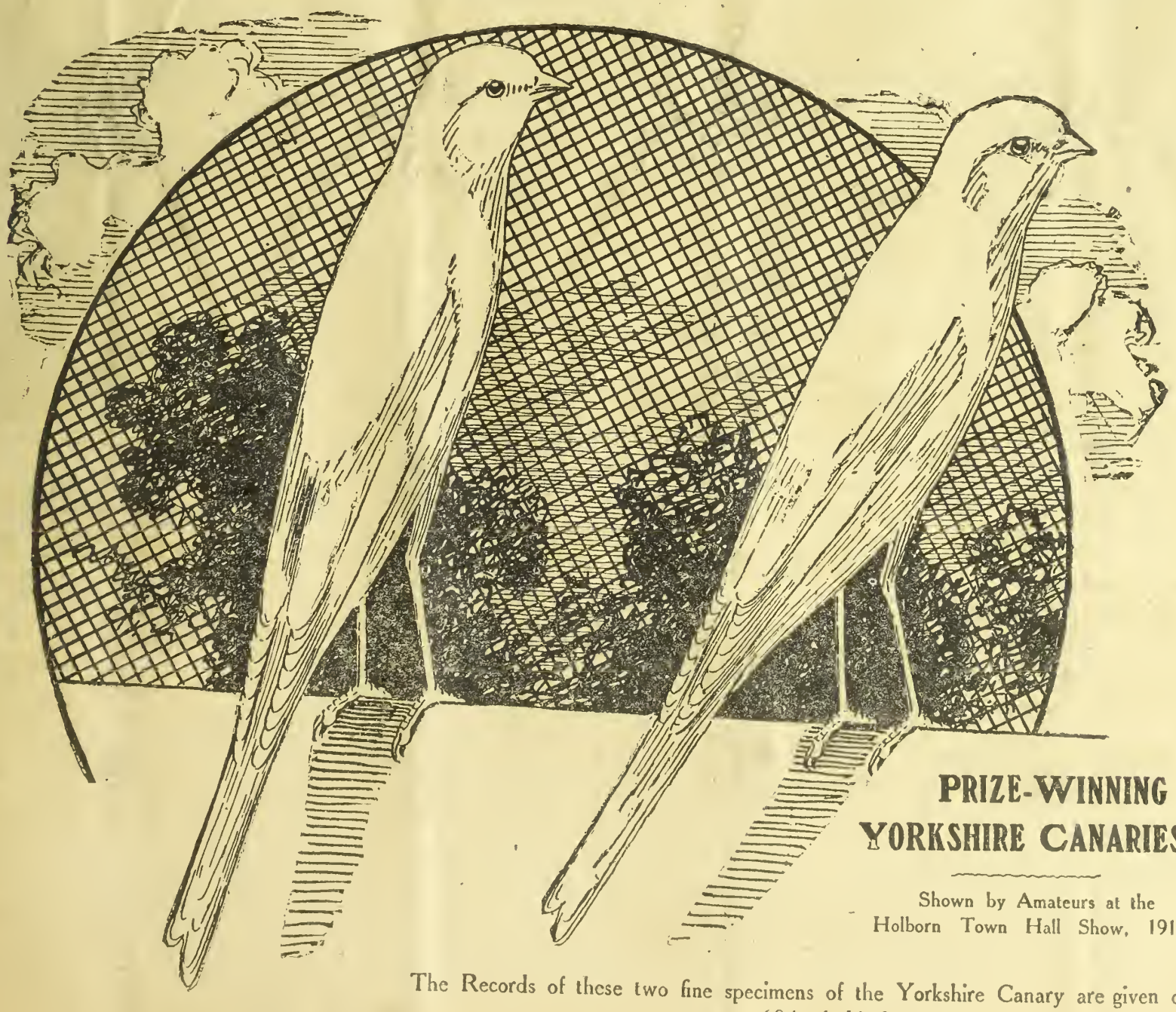
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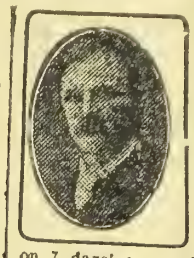
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Oct. 18.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(W. Newell, 62, Princess St.) J.R.

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 5, Rocky Lane). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.) H.W.B., E.C., J.G., C.H.

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., H.W.B., J.H.P.

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

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Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.H.

Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 7.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.

Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Oct. 28.—**Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terr., Plasmarl, Nr. Swansea.) J.H., J.E.J.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) G.F.P., E.H.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

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Twitterings.

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THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING.

"The replies I had to my advt. absolutely swamped me, although it was of high priced birds. This week I am appealing to the novice, and it will be interesting to see if I get the same result. I only wish I had time to write fully to everyone who replied to my advt., as I find it a source of pleasure explaining my birds."—COLIN BROWN (Richmond).

"In enclosing my advertisement of Norwich Plainheads for the first time this season, I trust I may have as good results as I had last season, and I shall be more than satisfied. There were several weeks last March and April when I received hundreds of orders which I had to return, as most of my birds were sold before March. There was one week alone during which I could have sold two hundred pounds worth if I had had them. I wish you, your staff, and CAGE BIRDS the enormous success which you rightly deserve."—GEORGE CUBLEY (Long Sutton).

We are having our annual open show on Dec. 16, writes Mr. B. Gabbitas, sec. Mansfield C.B.S. A well-known London judge will place the cards.

The judges at the forthcoming show of the Landore and Plasmarl C.B.C., Oct. 28, are Mr. John Hocking, the well-known Border exhibitor, and Mr. J. E. Jeffreys for Mules and British.

If Mr. A. Storrar, of Coaltown of Wemyss, who asks for an estimate for printing announcement cards, will please send his address an estimate shall at once be sent as desired.

There will be a meeting in the Victoria Club, Stanley, on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7, writes Mr. J. Armitage, to see if we can form a show for the district. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Owing to our late secretary being called to the Army, I have taken over the duties of Secretary to the Brechin C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Dalgety, 10, River Street, Brechin. We are holding our open show on Nov. 4th, and we hope fanciers will give us all the support possible, as we give a good classification.

The Glasgow and District Open Show, writes Mr. E. Barron, Secretary Scottish Plainhead Club, is giving eight classes for unflighted birds, and the Committee of the Scottish Plainhead Club have placed the club's annual show at this fixture. The club is showing along with the general fancy in these classes this year.

Schedules for the annual show of the Eastleigh C.B.S. will be ready shortly, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, 64, Desborough Road, and exhibitors who exhibited last year will receive one. Anyone else requiring a schedule should write for one. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to guarantee a class or send a small special.

Will members of the Northern British, Mule and Foreign Bird Club please note, asks Mr. W. Curry, sec., that we have given our full patronage to the Newcastle Show on Oct. 21. I earnestly hope members will show as many birds as possible, as all the profits are to be given to the Red Cross funds. By doing this they will let the Northern fanciers who are fighting our battles in foreign countries see that fanciers are doing our bit at home.

At the last meeting, held Oct. 30, of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Wright, 77, Ransom Road, Coventry, I was elected to the office of hon. sec., which I had temporarily held for some months. Fanciers knowing our late sec., Mr. Green, or those who have had any correspondence with him, will be sorry to hear that he has been forced to resign his office, under orders from a specialist he is attending with his eyes. It is the wish of all our members that his sight will improve under the treatment he is undergoing, and that it will once more become strong.

At the annual open show of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., Dec. 6 and 7, writes Mr. A. C. Shirley, there will be something like 55 classes. No classes will be cancelled or amalgamated, and there will be a good list of specials. The show will be held, as usual, in the Assembly Room at the Crown Hotel, Hill Street, an ideal room, well ventilated without draughts, and well lighted by electricity. The L. and N.W. and Midland stations are just outside the show room, and the G. Western within five minutes' walk, so exhibitors need not fear about rail. Birmingham is on the main line from north, south, east, and west. We had about 700 entries last year, and trust to go one better this year.

Correction in Liverpool Show Schedule.

Exhibitors please note, write Messrs. Green and Metcalfe, that classes 22 and 53 should read "Unflighted hen, any variety."

Free Admission for Wounded Soldiers.

Wounded soldiers will be admitted free to the 11th annual show of the Newcastle C.B.S. in the Town Hall, Newcastle, on Saturday next, Oct. 21.

A Novelty in Fanciers' Evenings.

As will be seen by the announcement in "Club and Society Notices" column this week, a demonstration on the method of determining sex which has been the subject of so many differing views during the past few weeks will be given by Mr. W. R. Bonniwell at the meeting of the Queen's Park C.B.A., at Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, on Oct. 19, at 8. It was claimed by Mr. Williams, in a letter published in Cage Birds of August 26, that if a bird be taken in one hand and a needle suspended by a silken thread be held by the other hand so that it hangs in close proximity to a silver coin, then if the bird be a cock the needle will move round the coin, and if it be a hen it will move backward and forward across the coin. When the letter was originally published we headed it "Is there anything in this old story?" and many replies have since been printed. Those interested in the matter have now an opportunity of seeing the idea properly tested, and should attend the meeting mentioned. A very interesting evening seems to be foreshadowed.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington East End C.B.S.—Oct. 14, East End Social Club, 7. Classification, Judge, and to enrol new members.—Wm. Hall.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 17, Park Chapel, Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for members show, Nov. 1; report of balance-sheet for show held Oct. 7.—J. Spencer.

British Roller C.C.—Oct. 17, The Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W., 7.30. Birds present, and the song explained.—J. W. Norris.

Burnley C.B.S.—Oct. 16, 75, Lindsay Street, 7.30.—W. Broxup.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Show (members). Judge, Mr. H. Long. Entries Oct. 13, 7 to 9 p.m. Notice unsigned (Ed.)

Barry F. and F.S.—Oct. 14, Headquarters. Committee 7; general 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Bird Inn, 6.30. Final meeting and annual show business; members' show Oct. 21.—J. H. Elliot.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Most important.—F. P. Terry.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 17, Ablett's Café Rooms, Market Street, 8. Preparing birds for exhibition and lecture. Important business before the annual show.—A. E. Lloyd.

Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A.—Oct. 14, City Café, Dalton Road, 7.30. Special business for open show. Special meetings will be held every Saturday at 7.30 up till the show.—D. McFarlane.

Chester-le-St. C.B.A.—Oct. 14, King's Head Hotel, 6.30. Confirmation of schedule and final arrangements for annual show.—R. Ward.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Workmen's Club Hall, 6.30. Show business, etc. Subs. due.—W. H. Christer.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Oct. 19, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Arrangements for annual show and other important business.—Wm. Kaye.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Godfrey's Dining Rooms, Trinity Street, 8. Complete arrangements for open show; receive specials and other important business; subs. due.—E. Thomas.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Dun Cow Inn, 8. Binley show business.—A. Wright.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Sec.'s residence, 8. Final arrangements for annual open show, and election of officers.—J. Alderslade.

East Ardsley.—Oct. 14, Black Swan. Inter-Club show with Wakefield; staging at 3. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Manningham.—A. Walton.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Carter's Memorial, Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Table show, 13 classes; 5 Nor, 1 Crest, 5 Bord, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule; and business connected with annual show.—J. C. Charlton.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Oct. 14, Station Hotel, 7. Stewards, etc., for open show.—A. Hainsworth.

Garston B.B.A.—Oct. 18, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. F.M. British night show, 8 classes and washing; exhibition and demonstration by Mr. J. Lloydd; fanciers invited, especially the novice.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Oct. 14, Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road. Members' show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. T. Inman, Bradford.—W. Firth.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Judging competition for members. All varieties of Canaries and British. Subs. and specials for annual show welcomed.—F. C. Knight.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 14, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show (classification as per syllabus). Birds staged 2.30. Judge, E. Clegg, of Dewsbury. All cock birds; also special members meeting to confirm or otherwise.—Sub-committee report.—J. J. Dunn.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Forming classes for annual show and other business.—G. Vipond.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Oct. 18, St. George's Hall, 7.30. Important—electing stewards for federation show.—Watson and Wright.

London and P.O.S.—Oct. 19, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. J. W. Ramsden.—G. A. Harris, assistant secretary.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 17, White Swan, 8.30. Schedules ready for open show. Members' specials to be allotted.—Day and Roberts.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Business *re* open show.—Hy. Webster.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Railway Hotel. Washing competition start 7.30. Mr. T. Collier, judge.—R. Charleson.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Oct. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Schedules, etc., for Oct. show, and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

Middlesbrough and Teesside.—Oct. 28, Crown Hotel, 6. Question night. Members note change of date owing to Fed. show at Hartlepool on our usual date.—T. Deans.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 17, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. November show business. Subs. due. New members invited.—A. Colley.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Oct. 17, Oddfellow's Hall, Morley Street, 8. Important show business.—W. A. Dyer.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Demonstration by Mr. W. R. Bonniwell on "How to Ascertain Sex of Birds," described in Cage Birds of Aug. 26 last. Fanciers and others welcome.—W. R. Beasant.

Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct 15, Club Room, 7. Electing stewards for annual members' show.—R. Hutchinson.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Oct. 21, Ship Inn, 2.30. Members' show. Judge, L. Dyson, Skelmanthorpe; birds staged 4. Entries Thursday.—F. Moore.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—Oct. 19. Young stock show 5 to 9. Exhibits staged Wednesday evening 8 to 9 and Thursday 8 till 2.—H. J. Maynard.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Oct. 14, Central Halls, Bath Street, Glasgow, 6.30. General meeting; allocation and patronage. Subs. due.—S. F. Wood.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

N. Yorks and S. Durham Federation, St. George's Hall, Park Road, Liverpool. Nov. 4. Judges, G. Simeson, T. Wright, C., Waters. 55 classes: Yorks 11 (6 Nov.), Nor 11 (6 Nov.), Bord. 7 (2 Nov.), Crest 4, A.O.V. 2 (1 Nov.), Mules 2, Brit. 13 (1 Nov.), For 2, Sell 3. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee 1s. 3d. Entries close Oct. 30, to Watson and Wright, 32, Ashgrove Road, W. Hartlepool.

Northamptonshire Good Intent O.S.—Skating Rink, George Hotel, Northampton, Oct. 25, 26. Judge, C. A. House. Ten open classes, Nov. 6, A.O.V. Can. or Mule, Sell., Brit., For. (small). Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 18 to E. H. Woodman, 7, Lady's Lane, Northampton.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S., Caxton Hall, Chapel Street, Salford, Oct. 27, 28. Judges, H. W. Battye, B. Clegg, J. Greaves, C. Houlton. 82 open classes. Lancs., 4; Liz. 6, Yorks. 18 (4 Green, 6 Amat.), Nor. 24 (4 Green, 7 Amat., 4 Cinn), Bord. 12. (2 Amat.), Crest 2. Sell 3, Mules 3, Brit. 7, For. 3. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 32 to J. Green, 4, Johnson Street, Bradford, Manchester.

OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE HOBBS (Northampton).

Many of your Cage Birds readers, writes Mr. F. Cox, will learn with regret of the passing away of George Hobbs on Oct. 2, at the age of 70 years. He was a member of the Northampton Good Intent Society for 41 years without a break, and one of the founders of the Fanciers Club twenty years ago. Hobbs' Blackbirds and Thrushes were the admiration of every fancier at shows they were exhibited at for the splendid condition in which they were shown. Our late friend had been ailing for the last eighteen months, and leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

Mr. John Crabb (of Messrs. Crabb and Finlayson, Brechin) having been called to the Army, all communications should be addressed to John M. Finlayson, 39, High St., Brechin.

The Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., writes Mr. J. Green, hon. sec., 4, Johnson Street, Bradford, Manchester, has been granted the patronage of the Northern Border Fancy C.C., but too late to be printed in schedule.

Late Entries at Clapham Show.

Mr. T. J. Hose sends us a number of envelopes, accompanied by a note as follows:—"I am enclosing herewith a batch of envelopes of entries received to-day, Oct. 9, for our show, which I have reluctantly had to return. Exhibitors seems to forget, or do not know, that there is no post in London on Sunday. The reason I am troubling you with these is that you should see the date of posting."

The earliest postmark on the envelopes received is Oct. 7, which would mean that the entry could not be received until Monday. One is dated Oct. 8, and one was not even posted until Monday, Oct. 9.—Ed. "C.B."

Our Front Page Illustration

On our front page this week we publish the portraits of the two Yorkshire Canaries which won first and second prizes at the Holborn Town Hall Show. The bird on the right of the picture is the buff cock which won first prize for Mr. T. Morgan Phillips, of Llanelly. It had previously to its credit 3 First Prizes, 2 Second Prizes, 1 Third Prize, and several specials. The other bird is the buff cock which won 2nd Prize in the same class. It is owned by Mr. P. Johnston of Stroud Green, the secretary of the Southern Yorkshire C.C., and previously to the Holborn Hall show it had won 1st Prize at the show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., and 1st at Highgate and Hampstead, each time competing as an unflighted against old birds.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 573.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management, and diseases. The breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

THE talkers among pet birds are usually foreigners, and of large build, but smaller species are represented by the Budgerigar, which in some cases talks as well as an average Parrot. This, however, is rare, and a bird of these accomplishments is valuable.

The question as to which Parrot makes the best talker is very debatable. The African Grey Parrot and the Amazon Parrot seem to be the favourites, the latter usually displaying his powers to greater advantage before strangers.

Very few of these birds are hand-reared, and their training and teaching is of great importance if they are to be confined to a cage and become a pet. There is a wide gulf between the newly imported specimen, whose temper is usually very uncertain, as evidenced by the bleeding fingers of anyone who tends to him carelessly, and whose only accomplishment is screaming, and the tame, docile pet who can be handled with freedom, who takes a pride in conversation, and immediately enters into the life of the house. The pleasure of possessing such a pet is so great that detailed instructions for training may not be out of place, as one sees so many "Pollies" whose education has been only half finished.

How to Tame Parrots.

In a monograph on the Cockatiel Mr. C. P. Arthur has described the procedure where one of these birds is concerned, and the method is so well adapted for Parrots, as I and many others can testify, that I cannot do better than give it briefly now.

The bird should be in a large square cage, with the perch on a level with the door. His first few lessons should take place in the evening, with the gas quite low; in fact, you should just be visible to the bird. Approach the cage very quietly and sit down in front of it, addressing the Parrot by name all the time. Very gently open the cage door and pass the hand slowly into the cage above the bird's head. In the dark he will be unable to discern it, and his whole attention is given over to listening, for the talking must be kept up during the whole of the lesson.

If by any unlucky chance he should become aware of something unusual in his cage, it is probable that he will immediately become wild, and the lesson must be abandoned for that night. All being well, the hand is now above his head, and the forefinger should just rest on it for a second. He will probably start and shake his head, but the hand must be kept rigidly still.

When he has recovered touch the bird's head again, and again keep the hand quite quiet. At first he is very cross, even snapping at some imaginary danger in front, but after a few attempts he will allow his poll to be scratched without any demonstration. This is sufficient for the first lesson, and the following two should be a repetition.

The Dawn of Wisdom.

By this time he will have become quite accustomed to having his head tickled, and will even like it, and in the ensuing lesson, if the light be slightly raised he will become aware of the hand and will associate it with the pleasurable sensations he has been experiencing. Of course, it is possible that he may be greatly alarmed, but he will soon calm down and allow his head to be tickled without further trouble. Withdraw the hand several times towards the cage door and again return it to fondle him.

On the next occasion start the same proceeding with the light low, but gradually increase it until the room is fully illuminated. By this means he loses all fear of the hand, which is the beginning of his education. Do not attempt to put the hand in the cage by daylight until he is thoroughly accustomed to it by gaslight, but when this is accomplished he is ready for the next step.

Open the door, and, just inside, go through the motion of scratching with the forefinger. Before he responds a great deal of patience sometimes has to be exerted, but, if in previous lessons he got to like being fondled, he will soon come and put his head down, waiting for it. Continue this for a few nights, when he will soon come on the finger, or, as I have found better, the cuff of the coat. He is now quite tame, and it is only a question of time before he can be handled with impunity.

When he has reached this stage he must be taught to repeat sentences. Possibly he has said something, or tried to say something, before, as he will have become very accustomed to the sentences the owner has been repeating to him as his education was progressing, and will be in a very receptive mood for any new ones.

On approaching the cage during the day repeat the chosen sentence, but use only one phrase at a time, or he will get horribly confused. At night, with the light low, sit down beside him and spend another 10 or 15 minutes repeating this same sentence, always speaking as if you yourself were reciting a lesson with the bird as the master or mistress. In this way, when proficient, he will appear as if talking to you, and will not have that artificial method of delivery so common amongst badly trained birds.

Birds in an Outdoor Aviary.

After this digression into the method of teaching birds to talk we will get back to the general subject. So far, we have dealt with birds confined to cages, and when we come to the outdoor aviary the same principles of management hold good. The seed hopper must be attended to daily, also the grit tin and drinking fountain. The aviary must have its periodical cleaning, consisting of a fresh coat of distemper to the inside of the shelter shed and the removal of all soiled branches. Gravel and sand must be renewed frequently, and once a year all the earth should be dug up.

The inmates of an aviary require very careful watching, and where there are numerous quarrels the ringleader should be removed. If the aviary be devoted to British birds, it is better to stock it with cocks, unless breeding is contemplated, for in a collection confined to one sex there is more likelihood of peace being maintained. If breeding is contemplated the hens should be turned in first and be quite accustomed to their new quarters before the cocks arrive, or the fight for nests will result in many casualties. This is particularly the the case with Canaries, and if too many fights occur the principal offenders should be removed quickly.

British birds may be put in an outdoor aviary at any time of the year, but for all others the middle of April should be the earliest, and, if a bird is at all delicate or recently imported, a month or six weeks later is soon enough for it to be turned outdoors.

If the aviary is to be used for moulting out birds, these should be placed in it for about a week before the moult starts. They will then have benefited by the change, and have plenty of reserve energy to carry them through this trying time.

With those bird keepers who possess a garden the supply of green food should not prove a difficulty. One corner of the garden should be given up to the growing of those plants and grasses which are favourites with the birds. To only mention a few, dandelion, groundsel, thistle, shepherd's purse, teazle, plantain, and lettuce are all easily cultivated.

The management of birds is a subject which cannot be dealt with exhaustively within reasonable limits, for as the characters of the birds vary so must their treatment, and here only the fringe of the subject has been treated. Experience is the only true guide, but if strict attention is paid to the main principles the novice need have no fear of a gratifying result.

THE DISEASES OF BIRDS.

Birds in their wild state are very seldom acquainted with illness, and if their disability becomes obvious to other birds the law of the survival of the fittest is ruthlessly carried out. This is the reason one so seldom sees a sick bird in a state of nature, and has led to the impression that their health need not be considered to any great extent when confined in cages. This, however, is an error; ailments arise from time to time, some in the course of nature, and some which should be preventible, and these ailments require treatment.

It is surprising how closely some of these diseases simulate those of humans, and therefore how nearly their treatment must correspond to that prescribed for their captors under like conditions. By this, of course, I do not mean that they should be given any tonic or other drug that has been beneficial to the birdkeeper, but that the underlying principles of treatment should correspond.

Illness is unmistakable in the animal world, the general lassitude, lack-lustre eyes, and, in the case of birds, the bunching up of the feathers all tell their tale. Just as in humans these symptoms may be due to errors of feeding, of housing, and in some cases to bacterial infection. It should be the custom of the birdkeeper to examine each of his charges every day, and, if any signs of illness be present, to find out the cause.



THE GREAT, OR SIX-EYE TIT.

A pretty and familiar British bird which can hold its own on the show bench, but which is not very generally kept in captivity, as in company with other birds in an aviary it is of a murderous disposition, and will kill birds bigger than itself.

The excreta is a useful guide to preliminary treatment, which in the majority of cases will effect a cure, but on no account should the underlying causes be lost sight of—too rich and unsuitable food, cage in a dirty condition, stale drinking water in an unwashed receptacle, lack of exercise and of bathing facilities, any of these will soon change a bird full of life and spirit into a miserable bundle of drooping feathers.

A sick bird must always be isolated from the rest, and put in a perfectly clean cage supplied with grit, boiled water, or, better still, distilled water, in a china drinker, and food within easy reach. It should be placed in a quiet spot with a subdued light, and where there is no possible chance of a draught reaching it, otherwise the illness may probably terminate fatally.

All About the Moult.

Before starting a description of the more definite diseases common to bird life I should like here to discuss the moult. This is the annual casting off of old worn out feathers, and the replacing of them by an entirely new plumage. It is accompanied by constitutional symptoms more or less severe, and it is for this reason that I include it in a chapter devoted to diseases of birds.

The normal moult takes place in the later summer months, although partial moults may occur at other times. These, however, do not require any special treatment, and the bird quickly recovers from them. A condition known as the soft moult is directly attributable to such causes as draughts, extremes of temperature, impure air, etc., but even a fright has been known to start it. The principal method of treatment is to correct the debility which is always present.

The first break in the summer weather is the start of the yearly moult, and the bird is then seen to be listless, to have ceased singing, and to look generally ill. The presence of a shed feather, usually that of the tail or wing, should be an easy guide for the birdkeeper to make his diagnosis. The treatment of this condition will depend on a knowledge of the physiological changes taking place, so a short description of these will give a better understanding.

For some time previous to the moult the cells, whose function it is to supply the feather with its natural oil, start to atrophy, and, in time, this process being complete, the feather becomes dry and brittle, "dies," and eventually falls out.

As soon as this happens, another set of cells, to whose activities the new feather is due, proliferate at an enormous rate, and, gradually, as a result, it begins to appear. The pigment or colouring matter of the feathers is due again to certain cells which have the peculiar quality of responding to the action of the sun's rays to such an extent that the depth and richness of the resulting colouring is directly proportional to the degree of this action. This is a very significant fact in considering the treatment.

The formation of new feathers requires a great deal of energy, and so less is available for the carrying on of other functions, with the result that lassitude and other symptoms of illness are always present.

First of all then, we have to deal with a condition of lowered vitality, and, if this is present previous to the moult, which is often the case if the bird has been bred from to any great extent, it will have a very detrimental effect on the reproductive energies of the cells employed in the formation of feathers.

To bring a bird into condition there is no better method than to let it fly loose in an outdoor aviary, and, as it will have the maximum benefit of the sun's rays in such a position, the resulting colouring will be of the best if we allow it to remain there during the moult. It should be remembered, however, always to place the bird in the aviary a weed or two before this comes on, otherwise the feathers may cease to be shed, and a very troublesome condition result.

Feed Well During the Moult.

The food must be very rich in quality, and a few insects given to seed-eaters at this time will be eaten with avidity, and prove a useful stimulant. Seeds rich in oil, such as linseed and hemp, should be liberally supplied, both at the time of the moult and immediately prior to it, as these will put a beautiful gloss on the feathers. To combat any bad effects such a rich diet might bring about, plenty of green food, dandelion and other wild seeds must always have a prominent place.

The Softbills are more difficult to cater for, but no diminution must occur in the amount of insectivorous food provided, and, if the bird has shown a special preference for any one insect, this must be freely given. In addition a little egg food will prove useful, and abundance of green food a necessity.

For cage moulting the accommodation must be as large as possible, and on all fine days the cage should be put outside. Birds with delicate colourings, such as some of our Canaries, seem to be hypersensitive to light, and the plumage is apt to be bleached unless this is toned down by the intervention of some such material as thin muslin placed in front of the cage.

An absolute necessity is a daily bath, preferably of filtered rain water. This ensures the satisfactory shedding of the old feathers and a good growth and condition of the new.

If these directions are carried out, a successful moult will generally take place, but if the bird's condition gives rise to uneasiness, a drop or two of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water and an ever watchful eye to correct constipation will usually bring the bird back to health again.

I will now describe some of the more common diseases of birds, and I should like to remind the reader that all medicines must be given in china dishes.

(To be continued.)

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The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. T. J. McMilian, 55, Vernon Street, Belfast.

Canaries with One Wing.

A Soldier Reader Who Has One Five Years Old.

SIR,—As a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS I should like to state that in 1912 I bred a buff variegated Norwich hen with one wing. She was one of the healthiest birds I ever had, and was a perfect breeder and mother. Last year, when I was home on leave, she was still as good as ever.

J. CURRIE,
B.E.F., France.

Prize Cards of the British Roller C.C.

A Complaint of Delay in Sending Out.

SIR,—I have been wondering if the British Roller C.C. have forgot they have not sent any prize cards out yet, as I think it is quite time, and I cannot understand the reason of so much delay; it does not look well for the B.R.C.C., which calls itself the "parent" club. Lots of Wigan Roller fanciers are complainiug of not having got prize cards yet, so I am not the only one that has not got a prize card. I know quite well the secretary, Mr. Norris, is being much occupied on his special police work, and if that is the reason of the delay would it not be better for him to hand over the secretaryship to someone who could give the necessary time to the work? I hope the B.R.C.C. will try to oblige winners at the last open contest with prize cards to put a stop to all complaining.

G. SMITH.

Wigan.

New Secretary for Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.

The Retiring Sec. Expresses Thanks.

SIR,—It was with deep regret that I was compelled, through business, to place my resignation before the members of the Richmond C.B.S. at our last meeting. It has given me great pleasure to be in an official capacity, as at all times I have found that all true fanciers, rich or poor, give of their best for the sake of their birds and their society.

You may be interested to know that the balance in hand has trebled itself since I took office, and I have no doubt it will continue to increase under the able guidance of Mr. C. Parmiter, 13, Sydney Road, St. Margarets, S.W., who has taken on the secretaryship, and to whom all communications should be addressed.

I also should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the courtesy you and your staff have extended to me at all times. I know many times my reports to you have been anything but clear, and nearly every time they were late, but not once did you fail me, and members have never been disappointed by not seeing the report of their show or meeting in the correct issue of CAGE BIRDS.

COLIN BROWN.

An Albino Lesser Whitethroat.

Unfortunately Killed by Accident.

SIR,—Apropos of your description of an albino Blackcap, I send you, under separate cover, a pure white Lesser Whitethroat. It is a bird of this season, obtained and kindly forwarded to me by Mr. W. Johnson, 3, St. John's Street, Newton Abbot.

It was knocked down with a cap and unfortunately killed. The Lesser Whitethroat is rare in this neighbourhood (Teignmouth) as a nesting species, and I have not yet seen a pure albino of this species.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

[We thank our esteemed correspondent for his kindness in forwarding for inspection the body of this very rare specimen. It is a thousand pities that it was killed in the capture, and it is also to be regretted that the dead bird was not properly set up by a taxidermist, instead of being allowed to "mummify," as has been done. The plumage is entirely snow white, and the feet and claws are pale straw colour. It would have made a valuable acquisition to any museum, or it would have been especially welcome as an additional specimen in the collection of birds belonging to the London and Provincial Ornithological Society which has been for many years one of the attractions of the Crystal Palace Bird Show.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

A Ringed Chaffinch Caught.

SIR,—Mr. W. Leadbetter, of Oglet, near Liverpool, caught in his garden on Sept. 26 a Chaffinch bearing a ring marked "C.H.46 Witherby, High Holborn." I thought it would be of interest to report this to you, and I should be glad if you could let me have any particulars as to when and where the bird was ringed. Oglet is about eight miles east of Liverpool, on the banks of the Mersey.

R. T. LONSDALE.

[We are making enquiries from Messrs. Witherby, and will publish the reply as received.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

New Society for Whickham and District.

SIR,—It has been decided to form a society at Whickham, and the headquarters to be at the Whickham Social Club. We shall be pleased to hear from any fanciers in the district who would like to join, only at present they must be affiliated members. We are holding a show on Dec. 16, open to all affiliated members. The proceeds to go to the Soldiers' Welcome Home Funds. The committee of the Whickham Social Club have granted the free use of the room, and have generously subscribed £5. So I earnestly appeal to all fanciers who are members of clubs for support, so that we can hold the show annually, and at the same time hand over a handsome sum for the benefit of our boys when they return from this cruel war. Schedules will be ready shortly, and all fanciers requiring same please apply to—

R. JOHNSON, Sec.
17, William St., Whickham,
Swalwell, S.O., Co. Durham.

An Improved Roosting Perch.

"Loose Boxes" for Cage Birds.

SIR,—Having tried the following roosting arrangement, where a number of birds are kept together in flight cages, etc., with complete success for several seasons, I thought it might be of interest to your readers, and incidentally add to the comfort and well-being of their feathered pets. I divide the perch up into divisions by cutting some thin wood (three-ply tea-box answers well) into 6-in. squares. Clamp or fix the wood together and drill a ½-in. or ⅝-in. hole through the lot, 2 inches from the front and 1½ inches from the bottom edges, rounding off the bottom outside corner. Then cut your perch the required length, being careful it fits the holes quite tightly, and the divisions will then keep in position without any other fixing. Now slide the divisions on, allowing about five or six inches between each. This allows each bird to have a "loose box" to itself, and it will be very rare to find a bird on any other peroh at night when one of these has been fitted up.

Run a plain perch six or eight inches in front along the whole length, to enable the birds to gain easy access to and from the roosting perch. It is essential to have one or two more divisions than there are birds, as two birds never agree in one division. The perch with the partitions should be fixed on the back of the cage, as close to the top as possible, not more than half an inch away in any case.

Among the advantages of this arrangement will be found: Absence of fighting at roosting time, as each bird will select its own "box," and he would be a very bold bird that attempted to oust out the one in possession; the birds are much more snug and warm when kept out of doors, as all draughts are kept off by the divisions; more room is allowed for flight, as fewer perches are required in and about the cage, this one accommodating the whole lot at night; wild birds steady quicker, as they seem to like the little extra privacy to retire to and consider matters, after which they soon come down and make themselves at home.

It will be found that all birds, young and old, wild and tame, take to the arrangement immediately, and I think your readers would find it well worth the little trouble of fitting up. One word of warning, though; it should not be used in breeding cages when the birds are breeding, as I find the hens take such a fancy to it that they waste a lot of time trying to lodge bits of building material up there, which, of course, fall down, and I have had to remove the perch before they would take to a nest pan.

G. W. E. BROWN.

Do Wild Birds Poison their Young which are Caged?

An Experiment in the Firing Line.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS of August 19 a question was asked whether old birds in freedom poisoned their young which have been caged up for them to rear, I am writing to tell you of a little experience of my own here in the fighting line.

I took from the nest three young Goldfinches, just as they were getting feathered, and made a box cage in which I put in the nest of the birds just as it was taken, hung some water in a tin drinker outside of the cage, put some seed on the cage bottom, and left them to receive such attention as the old birds would give them. At this time I used to visit the young birds once a day only.

My battery having received orders to move up, I had to take the young birds with me, although this was earlier than I intended taking them from their parents' care; but I have had no trouble with them. They are going strong, and are now just getting their colour. A comrade of mine also reared two nests in the same district—one of five and one of four birds, and all these are going on well, three of them having already got a red blaze.

Now I think I will tell you of a curious experience with some Greypates that I was keeping in a cage. One day as we had run out of seed and were much too busy to get any, two of the Finches were let loose. They flew away and fed, and at night returned to their cage. I had got these birds myself less than a month before, and I would not have believed that they would come back if I had not seen them do so with my own eyes.

I may tell you that my wife sends me out my copy of CAGE BIRDS regularly, so that I have it now just the same as if I were at home.

Since I saw the fine picture of the Bramblefinch and Hawfinch on the front page of August 16 issue, I have taken a great fancy to the Bramblefinch, and must have one of these birds when I get back to "Blighty."

My Goldfinches have had many a rough march with me, but none of them is any the worse for it.

HENRY POPLE,
5th Mountain Battery, Salonika.

Keeping the Flag Flying.

Cups for Border Fancy Canaries.

SIR,—I am obliged to Mr. W. Craig for his answer in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 30. I wrote him immediately I read his letter, stating that if Sheffield Society agreed to alter their schedule to read that full prize money would be given over six instead of eight entries I would guarantee the Border classes. I am fully aware that show committees must safeguard their interests as far as possible, but I think a committee is overstepping the mark in paying full prize money over eight entries. This is particularly applicable to a show like Sheffield in giving classes to the Border Fancy, for there are not enough local fanciers to make the show a success, and they must depend on outside support, in most cases from a long distance, and I know for a fact that fanciers fight shy at a show with a rule as stated. To my mind half prize money has been the ruin of many a good show. Also the judges they engage must be both breeders and exhibitors of the Border Fancy, and make them their special variety, and they should arrange that their show does not clash with any of the leading shows held here in Scotland.

I think I have not asked anything unreasonable in the above, and if Sheffield Society agrees then I will guarantee to see their classes fill. This I do not from any personal point of view, but for the love of the bird I admire, and I know that fanciers will do their best to back me up, and make the show a success, more especially seeing that Dr. Craig has been so generous as to give a cup to the value of cheque sent you. I can assure all that I appreciate it in the spirit in which it is given, and I trust the Society may receive a grand entry to repay them as well as the donor.

I am delighted to see Mr. Craig likes a Border from a show point of view, and trust that after he sees them again he may take the variety up. I have declined to make any arrangement how the cup is to be awarded, as I intend to be an exhibitor myself, and someone may accuse me of making the competition to suit myself. I cannot agree that my suggestion is selfish. I am out to help the interest of the Border Fancy as far as possible, whenever shows are held under the B.F.C.C. rules, and in my first letter I clearly stated so.

J. PATTERSON.

Use Our Notepaper.

The Lot of the Ordinary Singing Canary.

A Suggestion which would Ameliorate It.

SIR,—I have been breeding and selling singing Canaries yearly for the last eight or nine years, and I have tried at all times to improve the lot of the songster Canary, which I think you will agree is invariably (through ignorance of its owner) the most wronged member of the Canary tribe. Most fanciers have received the request, "My bird seems out of sorts; call round and let me know what to do with him." We all know the general cause of the trouble; cage in draught or up against ceiling (probably in the kitchen), cage too small, perches like knitting needles, filthy tin drinkers, no grit, bad seed, etc. Could fanciers not take this matter in hand? In nine cases out of ten the owner errs through ignorance. I mentioned this matter to a brother fancier, who was callous enough to tell me it was "good for trade." This is not so. People get "fed up" losing birds. I have been told that Canaries are delicate, and have been looked at askance when I told of Canaries which I kept in splendid condition out of doors.

I have often intended getting up an attractive little card to present to persons buying Canaries from me, and containing information for their benefit. I wonder if your journal CAGE BIRDS (which I couldn't do without) would think of this suggestion. I send you what I think I would wish to print, and I would like the opinion of other fanciers who might be interested. The cost would not be more than 1d. each, I am sure, and would be worth it.

Hints Concerning "Dickie."

"Dickie," as our feathered pet is usually called, if well cared for, will repay his keep in a delighted song of thanks. The following suggestions to his well-being will be found useful:—

The cage should be well made, without crevices, and as plain as possible. The best size is about 16 ins. by 8 ins. by 14 ins. high. It should be hung in a bright, airy position, free from draughts, and in a room of even temperature.

The perches should be oval shaped, about 9/16 by ¾, two in number, and placed as far apart as will permit of Dickie turning without touching the end of the cage with his tail.

The drinker should be of glass. This is much cleaner than either zinc or tin. Fresh, clean water should be supplied daily.

The seed hopper to hang on outside of cage is preferable to the drawer inside the cage; the latter provides too good a breeding ground for insect pests, as well as being more unclean and wasteful.

Grit is an absolute necessity; it should be strewn on the cage bottom, and it is even a better arrangement to hang a supply inside on the centre bar of cage.

The seed should be large, clean, and free from dust. A good staple diet is that containing three parts canary seed and one part red summer rape.

A bit bit containing equal parts hemp, flax, rape, maw, niger, and gold of pleasure, given, say, twice per week, will be of great benefit.

Sugar and sweets should be avoided, as they are very harmful to the bird. Cuttle fish should be always in the bars of cage.

Green food in season is beneficial. Dandelion, chickweed, and lettuce in spring, summer, and autumn, and sweet apple in winter will help to keep "Dickie" in perfect health.

A little piece of bread soaked in boiling milk (the size of a sugar lump is sufficient) given once per week will be of great benefit.

A bath should be provided twice, or at least once, per week early in the day.

The cages, perches, and utensils should be thoroughly washed and disinfected at least every three months.

Canary breeding is a profitable and delightful hobby; any local fancier will supply you with useful information, and great benefit can be obtained from CAGE BIRDS, a journal devoted entirely to the proper keeping of feathered pets.

I hope you will consider the suggestion worthy of a space in your splendid journal, and that others will let us have their opinions.

T. J. MCMILLAN.

[The suggestion seems to us to be an admirable one, and one that all dealers should be glad to adopt. We should be pleased to arrange for a supply of such cards if the idea commends itself to our readers who are placed similarly to Mr. McMillan.—Editor.]

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 606.)

Society Proposed for Durham City.

Why Not Arrange a Meeting?

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Gillespie's letter re a society for the Durham district, I think if Mr. Gillespie and the fanciers in the City would arrange for a room and call a meeting for some Saturday night a good strong society could soon be started. Fanciers in the surrounding districts would rally round and join if someone would only set the ball rolling, and I trust to hear of something being done in this direction.

H. Briggs.

Sir,—I read Mr. Robson's letter about a show for our city. I don't think either Mr. Robson or I wishes to start at the top of the ladder. We wanted a Durham man to call a meeting and see if we could arrange a show for the City, for I think it is a grand central place. Mr. Gillespie has read my letter wrongly. I did not suggest an open show; a man can guarantee a class in a members' show as well as in an open one. When I mentioned December 30 for a show date it was because of there being very few big shows on that day. I know there are many fanciers around the district who would like to see a society formed in Durham City.

J. Stanger.

Sir,—Correspondents on the above subject seem to be mistaken as to the idea of Mr. Robson's letter, which I think was to get the feeling of fanciers in the district to see if a society could not be formed for the ancient City of Durham. Whether they run a members' or an open show this year can be left to the meeting to decide if a society should be formed. Now, as I have the authority to speak for a few of the fanciers around here, I can safely say that if Mr. Robson could arrange for a suitable date and place for a meeting, I am sure that a society can be formed and a start made with a decent membership. Of course, as the show season is now upon us, Mr. Robson would have to try and arrange a date when there is no local show, so that it may be convenient for fanciers to attend.

R. Ward,
Sec., Chester-le-St. C.B.S.

Wake Up, Show Committees.

A Suggested Alteration in the Scale of Prizes.

Sir,—I was pleased to see the letter from Mr. Wallace in Cage Birds of Sept. 30. There can be little doubt that there is a great deal of selfishness in most of our champion exhibitors, but if he gives the subject a little more consideration he will find that the exhibitors who are not yet champions are tarred with the same stick. To my mind the fact that so many club shows are confined to members has much to do with keeping away entries from our open shows. Fanciers residing within a radius of some towns that I know can exhibit at a club show every week, or nearly so, and win far more of both money and specials than at open shows. What is more to the point, I have seen fanciers working hard to get specials for their club shows, and when they are asked to do the same for an open show they either find some excuse or fight shy of it altogether; this, to my mind, is far from a way to make the fancy in general a success.

We have only the champion exhibitor in most cases to keep up the open shows; that some of them do so for the sake of what is termed "filthy lucre" no one can deny; indeed, I know that the same has been put down to my own action where I have wished a show to be a success, and have sent the best team and as many of them as I had fit to turn out. That I like to win I won't deny, but at the same time my thoughts often run in the direction of giving the visiting public something for their money, and others I know do so with the same idea.

It is not income alone that can make a fancier turn out his birds to win, or, indeed, make the hobby a success; far more depends on the amount of time, thought, and energy that he puts into his hobby. I have never come across a prominent fancier yet but who spends the most of his leisure time amongst his birds, and although Mr. Wallace is not in a position to keep a large stock, yet if he sticks in, his birds will add to his income.

I have often said that the working man is the backbone of the fancy; without him there would be neither shows nor Committees of management. Indeed I may go further, and say that the Cage Bird Fancy all through is run by working men, and, as Mr. Wallace says, it is high time that we were devising ways and means to make fanciers exhibit.

Take a working man with a small wage, similar to Mr. Wallace. How long can he afford to send birds to shows, pay entrance fees, exorbitant railway charges, etc., and have his birds come home, as the wife of one remarked to me once, with "Condemned Cards." He may do so at one or two shows in the earlier part of the season, but if he gets nothing in return no one can blame him for keeping his birds at home.

My remedy I have many times stated through the pages of Cage Birds, and although many shows have taken the matter up in a proper spirit, yet to my mind they have not gone far enough in the way of reducing the value of the first prize. There is far too much distinction made between the prize money, and what I feel quite sure would bring the shows back to their old level would be to extend the prize money further down the class, say even to the sixth bird. I have found when judging that in a good class there is sometimes scarcely a straw's value between the winners, and when that is so, in fairness to all concerned, there should be as little difference betwen the prize money. If this were to be carried out it would enable all to get a little of their expenses back instead of the few who pocket the lion's share, go their way smiling, and leave their less fortunate brothers to stand the loss.

To illustrate my meaning clearly, I will take a show where prize money is 20s. per class divided into 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s. What I would like would be to award the prize money thus:—7s., 6s., 5s., 4s., 3s., 1s. Perhaps the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe, whom Mr Wallace has coupled with my name, may have a better way to solve the problem. If so I shall be delighted to see it in our valuable paper Cage Birds.

J. Patterson.

The Clashing of Show Dates.

Two Rhondda Valley Shows on the Same Date.

Sir,—I notice in "Twitterings" last week that the Mardy P.P. and C.B.S. intends holding its show on Dec. 14. This is very unfortunate, as the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S. is running the annual open show on the same date, and as we have completed every arrangement for our show we cannot alter our date. Mr. D. D. Jones, the gen. sec. for Mardy, asks local secs. to note that they intend sticking to their day. Is there not a possibility of preventing this clashing between us? As Mr. Jones well knows, our members patronised the Mardy show in good style last year, and if the two dates clash this year we should not be able to help the show as we should like. If we had not made every arrangement I am sure my Society would be sports enough to alter the date, and if it is possible perhaps Mardy P.P. and C.B.S. will alter its date, and secure a better entry, which is my sincere wish.

A. H. C. Legg,
Assist. Sec. Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S.

The Other End of the String.

Another Believer in the Apparatus.

Sir,—In reference to the correspondence in recent issues of Cage Birds on the subject of determining the sex of birds by means of a needle suspended over a coin as described by Mr. Williams in your issue dated August 26, I may say that I myself laughed at the matter when it was first published, but having been a breeder of Canaries for a great many years, and never before having heard of any such method, I decided I would try the same, and I can assure you I found it to work out exactly as stated by Mr. Williams, not only on birds, but on other animals. If there be a fancier who laughs in ignorance at such a method let him try it on his own children, one of either sex, and I have no doubt he will have cause to be satisfied with the results obtained.

J. W. Sharp.

Tried It; But Not Convinced.

Sir,—In regard to Mr. J. K. Williams' method of sexing birds, out of curiosity I procured a foot length of silk thread, attached a fine needle to the end thereof, held the thread so that the needle just cleared a half-crown piece, and held a bird as close to the needle as possible in my left hand. So far as I could determine, the needle moved about the coin according to the slight movement of my right hand; and I have a suspicion that the breathing of the bird, if the beak is near to the needle, is a second cause of movement either across or round the coin. If your correspondent Mr. Williams will secure the thread on a fixed horizontal bar of wood or metal, permitting the needle to hang as near the coin as possible, keeping the bird's breathing away from the needle, I think he will find that the method in question is of no use whatever in determining the sex of a bird.

Percy Lane.

A Plea for the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Why is it Not More Popular?

Sir,—At a time like this, when one can almost hear the roar of the cannon, the rattle of the machine gun, and the click of the rifle, and when many of our brave soldiers who have gone out to defend the old country have passed over to the great majority, one can hardly gather one's thoughts sufficiently together to express all one would wish, but as I see you are asking for letters on any subject, I am taking the opportunity of endeavouring to put before fanciers claims for the Scotch Fancy Canary for fuller recognition.

The Scotch Fancy is one of the noblest and most beautiful birds of the Canary tribe, and I often wonder why it is it does not make more headway in the Fancy. It is as easy to breed as any other variety, as easy to keep, and easier to get into show condition. No colour food is necessary, and that is a great matter, for it is no easy task for the novice to colour feed show specimens. In the Scotch Fancy there is no trouble of that kind. It is as good a songster as most Canaries, and it is as easily purchased as any of the high-class birds. If you go to a Yorkshire breeder for a pair fit for the show bench you will pay him anything from £5 to £15. For a good pair of Norwich Canaries you will pay even more, and for Crests you will have to pay more still. It cannot therefore be high prices that are keeping the Scotch Fancy back, for I know that a pair of Scotch Fancies bought in Scotland for £3 were good enough to be in the money in every show they were sent to in Ireland. I could tell of many others bought for even less, and these birds have won and have had winners bred from them. At one time I thought that Scotch and Irish Societies did not give the "Bird of Circle" a fair chance in putting it before the novice, but if one looks at the doings of English societies one finds that they give lectures on the breeding and management of Canaries of all varieties, except the Belgian and Scotch Fancy. If it were not for the Scotch shows we would scarcely know there was such a bird as the Scotch Fancy Canary, and that is a very bad state of affairs. If societies would give classes for the Scotch Fancy, and get some of their members to read papers on the breeding and management of this beautiful variety, I believe it would draw many new supporters into the ranks of the breeders of the pride of the "Land of Burns."

A Pleasurable and Profitable Hobby.

The breeding and exhibiting of Canaries is one of the best of hobbies. It not only gives pleasure, but it pays its way, and such a hobby deserves to be supported and encouraged. It is true that a great number start to breed Canaries, not only Scotch Fancies, but of all varieties, and in a season or two will give them up. These are not true fanciers. Years may mellow, but can never quench the fire that smoulders in a true fancier's heart. As I look back for about 20 years I find that nearly all the old school have passed away, and I was greatly struck a few weeks ago when I saw in Cage Birds that Mr. James Ronaldson, of Belfast, had died. If ever there was a true fancier and a good man it was James Ronaldson. He was a keen admirer of the Belgian as well as of the Scotch Fancy, and was always a good supporter of the shows. He was one of the best breeders of the Scotch Fancy in Ulster, and will be greatly missed. His place will be hard to fill, for he was a genuine fancier, a gentleman, and a true Britisher. All his boys are doing their bit for the country, and I hope will be spared to return to their sorrowng mother.

In a short time the show season will be on us again, and that will be the time for the novice to make a start Go to a few shows and meet fanciers there, and learn from their experience. When you make a start, buy young birds, and buy the best you can afford. It is a mistake to begin with weeds, for you can never breed good ones from such birds. I often wonder how it is that men can advertise birds fit to win and to breed winners at from 15s. to 30s. a pair, and these same men will pay as many pounds themselves for a real good one. Why do they not breed from these birds they advertise themselves, instead of selling them for shillings and spending pounds in buying others? I believe this practice has done very great harm in the fancy, for we can often see birds of all the different breeds of Canaries advertised for a few shillings, these birds being only fit for song, and of no value at all for breeding purposes. Anyone who tries to reach the top of the ladder by that road will make a great mistake. Buy good stock and you will breed good ones. They may not be all winners, but you will have a good percentage of winners, and, what is more, you will have the pleasure of breeding your own. It gives a true fancier much more joy to breed a third prize winner than to win a first with a purchased exhibit, and in a short time you will feel your way.

A Bird for the Beginner.

Here there is one more thing to recommend the Scotch Fancy, for it is very easy to know a good one from a bad one, and a beginner can soon judge for himself: It is as hardy as any other breed, quite as prolific, and just as good a "Feeder." In all the other varieties if the breeders have a real good stock of birds they keep also a number of "feeders," and it is not fair to the Scotch fancy to say it is delicate and a bad feeder. Give it a fair field and no favour, and I believe the time will not be far distant when we shall see the Scotch Fancy in the place it should be, that is in the front rank. I hope the breeders of the Scotch Fancy will waken up and properly look after the interests of this noble bird before it is too late.

Seeing that we have such a paper as Cage Birds in which to voice our opinion, we should not be afraid to help one another and so make the Fancy the better for our experience, and if these few rambling notes prove of any value to a novice reader I shall be well repaid for my trouble.

W. McKee Dunlop.

Ballymoney.

A Hybrid Winner in a British Bird Class.

Sir,—Mr. Arthur Cook's explanation of why he placed the Goldfinch-Greenfinch first at Ystradgynlais show seems very limp if not silly. In the first place, he says the prize winner was a direct descendant of true species of British birds. Is he sure the parents were British birds? One or both of such a cross could be foreign. The illustration of a cat having kittens in a herring basket and calling them herrings is very weak. His questions: "Are the Goldfinch and Greenfinch British birds?" he answers himself. He also adds: "Is the product from two such species a British one?" He seemingly does not know, for he does not answer. As for his remarks about Redpolls being judged in ten minutes, I think he meant looked over. His letter is a very easy way of getting out of the difficulty, bnt not quite satisfactory. Briar Bush.

What of Its Parents?

Sir,—I am surprised that Mr. Arthur Cook, the judge at Ystradgynlais show, has come out with his theory of a hybrid being a British bird. Whether Mr. Cook has a great experience of judging or not, I do not know, but I do hope that no judge in future, including Mr. Cook, will do such a monstrous thing as award a prize to a Goldie-Greenie, or any other hybrid in a class entirely meant for whole British birds.

We may argue until Doomsday that the bird is entirely British. It is emphatically not "entirely" British, and it is quite possible that the Goldie may be a Spanish, Russian, or Siberian, and the Greenie also may be continental. The crux of the whole thing lies here, viz., half a Goldfinch and half a Greenfinch will not make one whole species in combination. They are still, although united, half and half. A whole British will produce its like; a half and half combination will produce nothing—being sterile. Further, I do not know of any British standard for judging combined qualities, and therefore fail to understand upon what basis Mr. Cook judged the bird in a British class. Mr. Cook states that the points which require clearing are these. Is the Goldfinch a British bird? It is not necessarily so, and the same applies to the Greenfinch. Secondly, is the product from two species a British one? No, it is "a British two," and cannot of necessity make one whole. They cannot be judged except under hybrid standards. J. Kershaw.

Not a British Wild Bird.

Sir,—I have read with interest and astonishment Mr. A. Cook's explanation respecting his placing a Goldie-Greenfinch Hybrid first in a British class at Ystradgynlais Show; his outside illustrations are more or less ridiculous, and it is not my intention to argue upon them. Certainly he is correct in stating that such a Hybrid is bred from two British birds, and may therefore be termed "British," or, better still, "British bred," but this does not make it a "British wild bird," as is meant by the term. Surely Mr. Cook, who states he has had so many years' experience, must know that the general character of any Hybrids shows a happy blending of the parents from which they are bred, both in colour and shape. Apart from this, how is Mr. Cook or any other person to tell whether a Siberian Goldie is not one of the parents, unless he actually knows? This in itself should debar it from competing in an A.O.V. British class, and such a Hybrid or any other

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British bird Hybrid would not be recognised as a British bird by any experienced judge or the British Bird and Mule Club.

I respectfully ask Mr. Cook the following question: Supposing he was judging an all-England show, and the exhibitor who owns the Goldie-Greenfinch Hybrid in question entered his bird in the A.O.V. British class, while another exhibitor entered a like cross in the Hybrid class (between two British birds), which would be wrong class?

In conclusion, it is a lame excuse for Mr. Cook to compare the Goldie-Greenie Hybrid with the perky little Redpoll. He states that this Hybrid is hard to produce; my experience proves otherwise; it is the most common of Hybrids, and stands little chance on the show bench unless it be quite an outstanding specimen. A tip top winning Redpoll is equally as valuable as the Goldie-Greenie Hybrid from an exhibition standpoint.

James A. Tonks.

One Who Agrees with the Judge.

Sir,—I have followed this controversy since it was initiated by Mr. Jeffreys, of Swansea, in Cage Birds for Sept. 16, and taken up by your able correspondent Mr. Castree, who invited Mr. A. Cook, the judge at the Ystradgynlais show, to explain his decision. Both these gentlemen have now had the pleasure of reading the judge's explanation, as Mr. Cook has given his reasons in a concise form. It may be news to your readers that the same bird took 4th prize in a similar class at the Carn Aynfill show on Oct. 5, under Mr. W. C. Foote, of Doncaster, and the exhibitor of the bird also took 1st and special with his Goldfinch. I am one of your readers entirely in accord with the explanation given by the judge, for I fail to see how we can get away from the fact that a Hybrid is a British bird, although house reared. It is the product of two distinct British birds caught in their wild state. These parents were transferred into captivity in the early part of the present year, and the exhibitor must be a very keen and adept fancier to get the cross so shortly after bringing the birds from their wild state into a different environment. Until I am, as a reader of your valuable paper, convinced from a very eminent authority on the subject I shall maintain that a Hybrid is eligible to compete in a class for British birds of any variety in an open show.

Sam D. Davies.

What a Celebrated Exhibitor of Hybrids Thinks.

Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Cook's reply to Mr. Jeffreys re the Hybrid winning in a British bird class. Mr. Cook says, "May I ask what are British birds?" As one who is an exhibitor of both British and Hybrids, I should never dream of entering one of our Hybrids in a British bird class, simply because I should get wrong classed, and I should have received my proper treatment in such case. Mr. Cook may try to prove his case with his illustration as to the bird being British from both the parents, Greenfinch and Goldfinch, but in the name of the fancy his decision was wrong; the bird should have been wrong classed. The word Hybrid means a cross between two parents of different species, and they can be either British or foreign. The word Mule is often used, and this is understood as a cross between a British bird and a Canary, but it is an acknowledged fact that these birds are not eligible to compete in an "any variety British bird" class; they must compete in classes that are provided for them. Mr. Cook says that the point which requires clearing is whether the Goldfinch is a British bird. There are both British and foreign, and I don't know but the Goldfinch might have been foreign in this young Hybrid. I quite agree that such a bird as that obtained from the Goldfinch and Greenfinch cross is difficult to breed, and the owner has had something to do, but a judge is not justified at awarding it 1st in an A.O.V. British bird class. Mr. Jeffreys asked for the opinion of some other exhibitor. I give my opinion openly, and if Hybrids were allowed to compete along with British birds then our exhibitions would soon shut up.

I do not know Mr. Cook, but I reply with all good feeling, and in conclusion say, "Let's fratch and agree." Mr. Jeffreys was certainly justified in wanting an explanation. Mr. Cook's answer is interesting, but he is far away from the point when he says that the Hybrid referred to has a right to compete with the Redpoll which Mr. Jeffreys entered. It makes not an atom of difference whether a Redpoll can be caught, tamed, trained, and judged in ten minutes or sooner. It was in its proper class, and the Hybrid was not.

Fred Archer.

"Bullies" of more than one kind.

Sir,—I notice from the correspondence columns of Cage Birds that Mr. Jeffreys is anxious for an explanation, and so would any other man be as a fancier. No doubt the judge would have wanted one if he had been so unfortunate as to drop into the same trouble with a bird of his own. I also notice that Mr. Cook, in giving his reason for placing the Hybrid first, mentions a cat having kittens in a herring basket. I thought at first that he was referring to the basket being the father of the kittens. Mr. Cook's explanation, in my opinion, is as much wanting as his judgment in placing the bird in the cards. If we are going to place Hybrids in British classes where shall we stop? We shall have Greenie-Bullies, Redpoll-Bullies, and all other sorts of Bullies, and we should get well bullied ourselves after judging is over, and serve us right if we give prizes to Hybrids in British classes. The bird in question is not a true British bird, it is a cross-bred.

A. W. S. P.

How to Avoid Misunderstanding.

Sir,—I think societies themselves are somewhat to blame in wording their schedules ambignously. "A.O.V." means Any Other Variety. There are varieties in British birds; for instance, there are Cheveril Goldfinches, White Blackbirds, etc., but the heading of such classes should be A.O.S., meaning Any Other Species. "Variety" is quite all right in the Canary classes, but the word is wrongly applied to British and Foreign birds. A "Variety" Goldfinch or a "Variety" Blackbird would have no chance with a judge who knew his business.

The proper heading, "Any Other Species," has been for some years adopted by some of the leading societies, but secretaries generally seem not to notice anything outside of their own society, and so we still see "A.O.V. British Bird," which is an old-time absurdity.

If the class were properly headed "Any Other Species" there could be no possibility of a mistake, for it is scarcely to be imagined that any judge would recognise a Hybrid as being a Species. The difference may seem unimportant beforehand, but when a wrong has been done in awarding a prize to a cross-bred under the idea that it is a "variety" of British bird because both of its parents were British it is too late to repair the mischief. The decision of the judge is final, even if wrong. In this particular case the judge makes his position worse by saying that he took into consideration the trouble of breeding the Hybrid. British birds are not bred for exhibition, as are Canaries and Hybrids; they are caught in the fields.

Forward.

IN-BREEDING:

WHAT IT IS, AND WHAT IT DOES.

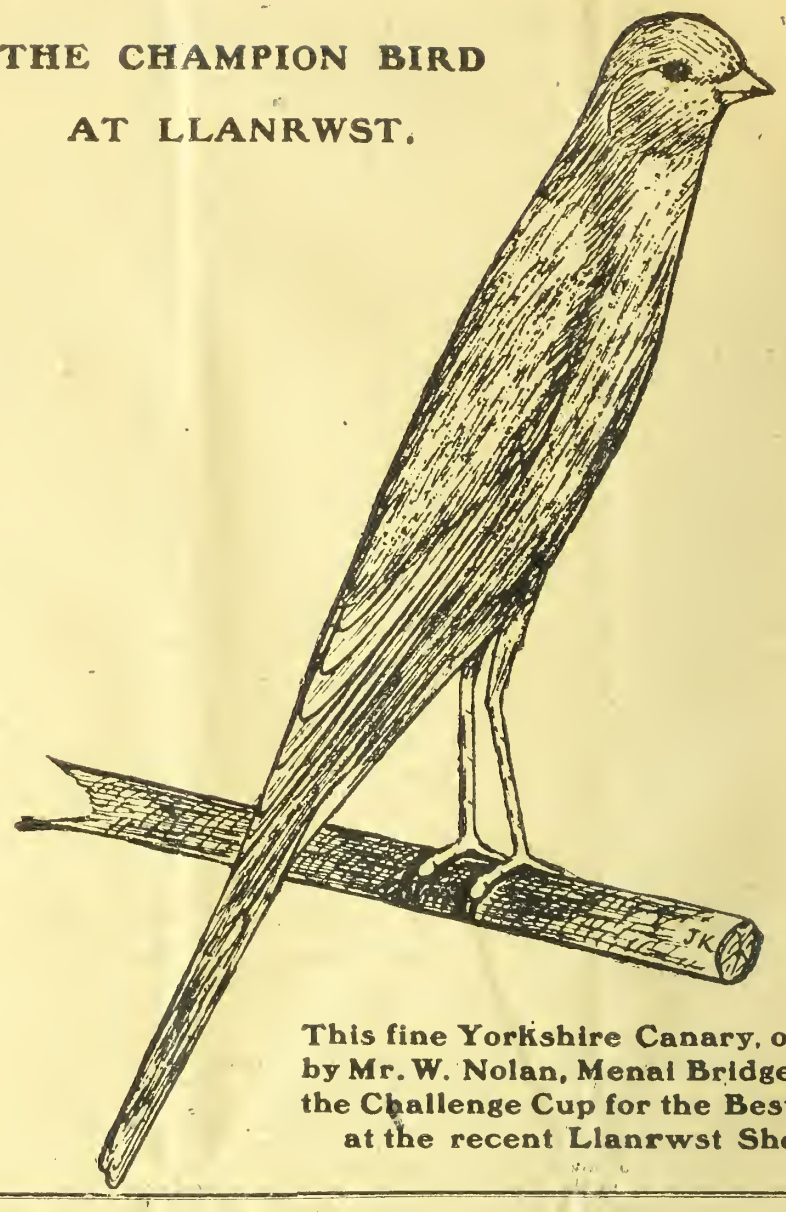
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The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding

How to Learn by the Experience of Others.

Sir,—I have followed the articles on "Inbreeding" with a very keen enthusiasm, and appreciate much that has been written by some of the writers who have practised it with undoubted success. I had no intention of entering the lists as an advocate for or against, as my time at present is very fully occupied, and I can ill-afford to take on a correspondence that would make a call on me that I might not be able to make good. My reason for writing now is to enlighten anyone who is endeavouring to commence in-breeding and to encourage him by relating an experience of in-breeding.

More than 150 years ago, on a farm, in a mountainous district, where a very select stock of sheep were bred, the farmer decided that he would require to do something to improve the weight of his stock, as he found that when he sent them to the markets in the south his beasts did not fetch the prices of the average lowland sheep—these were bulkier, bigger in bone, carrying more flesh.

The difficulty that presented itself to him seemed insurmountable, but, being a careful, thoughtful man, he decided to experiment with a certain proportion of his stock. I may explain that his stock were of a particular variety called black faced, and he wished to keep them so. He could not get a bigger black-faced sheep to improve his own, as at the time he had the best black-faced beasts to be had.

He purchased from the lowlands several large rams of a variety noted for their size of bone and general fleshiness. These he crossed into his stock, and found after a year's breeding that he had improved size, but in many cases he had lost the general characteristics of his original pure stock—the black-faces had disappeared, and a sort of mongrel had sprung up.

Loath to lose what he had attained, he paired back the largest of the cross-breds to their mothers, and in the second generation he got most of his original stock's character back, plus a bit of size.

After years of very careful breeding and inbreeding he ultimately raised the bulk of his stock to good average lowland-sheep size, and now that farm still retains the original characteristics of a race of sheep having black faces, yet much larger than neighbouring sheep not thus experimented on. The old farmer has gone years ago, but his descendants are still there, and still practise outcrossing and in-breeding to keep what they have, and to improve with the times.

To go fully into this subject one would require to explain very many things, but, from knowledge acquired from the records of this farm, I gathered that all the in-breeding from the first crosses was gone about in the following way. On first introducing a stranger, care was taken that the females selected for use were typical of the general stock. From the progenny, as size was the ultimate desire, the largest males and the largest females were selected. These large males were paired back either to their mothers or to some other female nearly related to the mother. The large females were seldom used, but when used they were paired back either to their mother's father or to a brother of their mother.

All this careful handling was to assure the maximum size at second asking with the minimum loss of the general characteristics of the sheep. After the second year only those males and females showing size, and retaining black faces, were used to go back to the flock for general breeding purposes.

A sheep farm, of course, lends itself to such an experiment owing to the large numbers dealt with, but many may ask what sheep have to do with birds. I can only answer by stating that most authorities agree that we may infer from certain experiments, in a direction which yields certain results, that a similar experiment on a different species may reasonably be expected to yield quite the same variations. It has been my own experience in breeding on the above lines, aiming for size, and at the same time endeavouring to retain the salient features of the variety I handle, that the experience of the sheep farmer may be used and studied with profit.

I ask "Thistle," of last week to study the above. Anything can be bred out, just as most things can be bred in, and the quickest and surest way to that end is to have control of what you are endeavouring to fashion. Will any one of the many writers who do not believe in in-breeding tell me that, should a misfortune overtake their stock, so that they should lose all of them, they could look round about among strange birds from a variety of districts and pick up a stock to go on again as if nothing had happened?

I thank Mr. House and many others who have written for the food for reflection which they have supplied, and I trust the correspondence will proceed without gathering the fungus of mud-slinging which is a blemish that good breeding should eliminate.

Hippocrates.

The Amende Honourable.

Sir,—I have to thank Mr. House for the very nice way he refers to my gardening pursuits. I can assure him that I shall not be offended at him saying I have dabbled in gardens. I rather like the term. I have dabbled in gardening, and to some purpose, as he says, and the world holds the proofs. I was not writing of fantails or any other pigeon, however; my letters refer to Canary breeding. Mr. House mentions the name of a fancier for whom I have the greatest respect, and if he can furnish me with the proof asked for I shall be quite satisfied. I have no wish to damage Mr. House's reputation as a writer. I have placed him top hole a long time ago.

There is one thing I regret on reading my letter in print, and this is the abrupt manner I asked for proof. It was rough, and I am sorry. My answer to Mr. Gordon Stewart and Mr. Crawhall must be "where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." I have read the letter from our friend Mr. Fox, and should like to ask him how far he has gone in in-breeding, and the winners he has produced from its use. I am sure our old friend Vardy is a sticker for pedigree breeding; so am I, but there is a difference between pedigree breeding and persistent in-breeding.

J. Bastock.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BLACKSTART OR BLACK REDSTART.

A Reply to the Letter by Mr. H. D. Astley which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 30th.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

THREE weeks' residence in a remote corner of the country has prevented me from keeping in touch with avicultural happenings, and, though our excellent Editor had the kind intention of sending me a copy of CAGE BIRDS containing Mr. Astley's letter, a copy of the preceding week was sent instead by mistake, and by the same post there came a mysterious injunction to answer the letter with great care.

Never having previously known our Editor to show any anxiety as to the nature of the many and various comments which I have inflicted on his long-suffering readers, I sought in vain for an explanation of his enigmatic words until my return to civilisation a few days since, when I obtained a copy containing Mr. Astley's letter, and the mystery was explained.

If I were to say what I really think of Mr. Astley's suggestion that the real cause of my letters was that I envied him his house, it would not make for peace. Surely we have never had anything quite like this in CAGE BIRDS before! However, I will treat the suggestion in the lighter vein,, and merely say that I envy no one a moated house, if only because I imagine that it would be dreadfully damp. For the great majority of your readers I feel sure that this statement will suffice. If there remain any who are still unconvinced, I may add that I myself own a large country house, and am very thankful to have found a wealthy man who is prepared to pay me a moderate rental and to face the great expense of maintaining it.

My "little grey home in the west" is a most modest tenement, and suits my ambitions much better. As I have never published photographs of my country-house in the "Avicultural Magazine," or elsewhere, of course Mr. Astley would know nothing about it.

Mr. Astley sees nothing to boast of in the career of a schoolmaster, and he will find that every member of that underpaid and overworked profession will most cordially agree with him. My suggestion was simply that, if any aviculturist desired to show his superior knowledge of literature, or of the classics, it might be wiser not to select a schoolmaster—even an ex-schoolmaster—as the victim.

There were a number of points in my former letter, one of which I was careful to describe as important, but I notice that Mr. Astley has decided to "smile at" these and to offer battle on the propriety of the specific name *titys*. If he had tried to answer the aforesaid comments, and had contented himself with "smiling at" my remarks on the word *titys*, I think it would have been better, but that, of course, is his affair.

We are told that *titys* is *titis*, but *Titis* is merely one of many guesses as to what Linnaeus was really thinking of when he wrote *titys*, and not a very probable one; it seems unlikely that Linnaeus would have had any knowledge of this obscure Greek word, found only (according to Liddell and Scott) in Photius.

Hemprich, Ehrenberg, and Von Henglin guessed that he meant to write *tites*, and Mr. J. E. Harting guessed *tithos*. At this distance of time it is impossible to say with certainty what Linnaeus should have written, and the only definite statement, which can now be made, is that *titys* is incorrect in itself, and doubly incorrect, in view of the fact that Linnaeus did not apply this specific title to the Blackstart, just in the same way as he did not apply the well known *Daulias luscinia* to the Nightingale, but to the Sprosser. This is not to say that those of us who do not seek to be meticulously accurate cannot use the name; but Mr. Astley cannot use it.

The whole of the above facts, and many others, also the popular names of the species in several languages, may be found in my article on the Black Redstart in the "Avicultural Magazine," so Mr. Astley need not have wasted ink in informing me as to the meaning of *titis*.

I will not waste more words about this matter because it is fairly obvious that Mr. Astley has looked up the subject and discovered that he is in the wrong. He is merely trifling with us. For instance, he tells us "Even Hartert writes of the time-honoured name *titys*. Yes, and this is what Hartert wrote: "The time-honoured name," *titys*, is erroneously used for the Black Redstart!"

We now come to the popular name Blackstart. Evidently Mr. Astley realises that he is in another difficult position. Either he must say that Morris did not write a standard work, and did not know what he was writing about, or else he must admit that, according to his own standard, Blackstart is a recognised popular name which I was fully justified in using. His solution of the difficulty is to inform us that "Morris entitles the bird (in addition to Blackstart) Black Redstart and Black Redtail!"

As most of your readers are aware, Morris added to all his articles, a glossary of synonyms—French names, Italian names, and quaint names, used by the old country-folk. There, and there alone, will you find the name Black Redstart! As I said in my former letter and now repeat, Morris headed his article with the title Blackstart, and used that name throughout his article.

Mr. Astley is evidently much annoyed both with the late lamented Morris and myself, and he makes an unpleasant remark about each of us. "Morris," he tells us, "evidently did not know the meaning of *tithys*, and Mr. Teschemaker, having apparently trusted to him, is also ignorant of it." The Rev. Orpen Morris is no longer here to speak for himself, but I think that I can clear his reputation. The reason why he could not translate *tithys* is that, as stated in my former letter, and as I now repeat, it "is neither Greek nor Latin, nor has it any meaning whatsoever." As to the ignorance of Mr. Teschemaker, fortunately he can look after himself; if not, the editors would have put the extinguisher on him long since.

Mr. Astley cites a number of distinguished people who have used the name Black Redstart, including Miss E. Turner. When next I meet this clever lady-photographer, I must tell her that she is now a recognised authority on nomenclature, and I know that she will be much amused. I have, however, never found fault with this name, I have simply claimed (and proved) that Blackstart is a recognised, popular name, and that I had therefore, a perfect right to use it in the "Avicultural Magazine," without any discourteous comments by the Editor of the magazine.

We have heard a great deal about personal matters (which I simply used as a peg on which to hang my protest), but next to nothing about the principles in defence of which my protest was launched. I am not tilting at wealthy aviculturists; the more of the latter that we can induce to join our hobby the better for our hobby. (Consider what Sir William Ingram and the Marquis of Tavistock have done for aviculture.) But we want them to talk to us about aviculture, not about their houses. The community which we call the "Bird-world" is a republic, and its best feature should be that the humblest and poorest of its citizens can take the highest rank in our little republic. Let us preserve that feature.

In my oft repeated attempts to dissuade aviculturists from the importation of species which cannot long survive in our uncertain climate, I have had in mind not only the interests of these unfortunate little birds, but also the interests of aviculturists themselves. The craze for collecting "rarities" may suit the wealthy, but I know of at least two instances of aviculturists of moderate means who have been brought to the verge of ruin thereby.

Mr. Astley's accusation that I have "fostered rancour" against him refutes itself. I could have voiced my grievance at any time in the "Avicultural Magazine" had I wished, but, having twice refused the editorship of that publication, I did not wish to put difficulties in Mr. Astley's way, or to ruffle the still waters of the Avicultural Society. I gave him three and a half years in which to acquire more tact as an editor, and more wisdom as an aviculturist, and even then, it was only when he repeated his protest in CAGE BIRDS that I asked him to explain why he addressed such remarks to a fellow member of the society.

Let us have a simple test as to which of us has "fostered rancour." I will make Mr. Astley an offer. If he will write another article for CAGE BIRDS, I will with pleasure write something for the magazine. Of course, the balance of obligation would be greatly in favour of CAGE BIRDS, but this is the best that I can do to show that I am, and always have been, ready to meet him half way.

[It happens very curiously that Mr. Astley has anticipated the suggestion of Mr. Teschemaker, and an article from his pen appears on this page.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

SOME OF MY BIRDS

AND HOW THEY ARE TENDED.

By HUBERT D. ASTLEY, M.A., F.Z.S., etc.

The Editor of the *Avicultural Magazine* gives readers of CAGE BIRDS some practical hints on bird-keeping in telling how his own birds are kept and tended.

I HAVE all sorts of birds, because I find it difficult to specialise; but whatever species the bird may be, I try my best to see that it has the food it likes, and that its aviary or cage is kept scrupulously clean.

There are many people who do not seem to understand what real cleanliness and tidiness mean, for one sees bird fanciers, quite evidently very fond of their birds, keeping them with unwashen perches, dirty drinking water, and the sand drawer deep in husks of seed and droppings, whilst it may be that a sprig of groundsel or chickweed hangs between the bars in a withered condition, showing very plainly that it was not placed there even yesterday.

The Importance of Clean Water.

My cages have the drawers cleaned every morning, the food vessels in the case of insectivorous birds scalded, and a bath fixed to the door is filled with fresh water. Neither is it sufficient simply to give fresh water, for the drinking vessel and the bath must be wiped, so that no slime is allowed to form, or the result will be an accumulation of bacteria of some sort, and this ultimately means disease.

Then from time to time it is advisable to remove the bird, or birds, and thoroughly scrub the cage, using some disinfectant, such as Jeyes Fluid, in the water. Birds' feet, too, should be seen to, and if encrusted with any dirt, they should be carefully washed in tepid or warm water, and if at all sore, a little Zam Buk can be gently rubbed on.

For perches, natural ones are good, taking care that they are neither too stout nor too fine for the bird's feet. People who live in towns can generally obtain a bundle of such perches from someone in the country, and when they become worn or too dried up, fresh ones can be substituted.

For the bird's bath and drink rain water is really best, provided it is clean and fresh. Sometimes I even put my birds that are in cages out in the rain, removing the sand drawer, and afterwards wiping the cage dry, for birds in a wild state often bathe in the rain, and my Doves and Parrakeets in the aviary raise their wings to catch the drops. The Doves will sit on the ground to do this, in just the same position they adopt in order to sun themselves, whilst the Parrakeets will cling to the wire-meshing, spreading their wings and turning themselves upside down.

Birds are for the most part extremely cleanly, keeping not only their own bodies in good order, but also their nests and young ones. There are exceptions, such as Cormorants and so on, which seem perfectly oblivious to a horrible stench of decaying fish, etc., around their nests, yet even they are clean in themselves. No one ought to keep birds unless they so delight in them that it would be pain and grief to see them other than as clean as they are in a wild state.

For Nightingales, Redstarts, and such birds with tender feet, it is well to cover the drawer of the cage with saw dust, peat moss litter, or cedar litter, and if the sawdust be of pine wood, so much the better. Every morning it can be shaken up, and the droppings removed. I have two Nightingales in cages whose feet are in beautiful order with clean sawdust to hop on. Furthermore, the cages are lighter to carry about than if they had sand, which adds to the weight if there is a thick layer of it.

Cheese as a Tit-bit.

I find my Nightingales, and indeed nearly every bird, putting aside of course waders and water fowl, are delighted with cheese, so that a few mouthfuls of it are given daily, not mixed in the insectile food, because the birds are apt in their wish to find every scrap to scatter the food about the cage.

A Shamah that I have hops backwards and forwards in his cage directly the cheese is brought in at lunch time, and never rests until he is given some. A Wilson's Paradise bird greedily devours it, a Scarlet-Bellied Mountain Tanager from Ecuador siezes on a bit and nibbles it; a Grey Parrot is equally eager, as well as a Long-tailed Mocking Bird, and others. In the case of the Shamah, who sometimes flies about the dining-parlour, I can always decoy him back to his cage by throwing in a mouthful of cheese, after which he will go as readily as he will for a mealworm. It is just ordinary Canadian cheese, but there are other cheeses equally good.

For insectile food I use a mixture made by Mr. Galloway, of Caversham, although of course there are other mixtures which are also very good; but it is, and it goes perhaps without saying, all important that such foods should never become sour, which in hot weather they very soon do. Never add fresh food to that of the day before for the sake of economy, however much there may be left over. It will not be economical in the end, but will mean the end of the bird.

Anyone who has a garden in which some turves are stacked will find on turning them over in the spring and early summer that ugly larva of the "daddy-long-legs," the "leather-jacket" as it is called, an uncouth and stout grub looking as if it had no head or tail, and of a dirty grey-brown colour. These are greatly appreciated by insect-eating birds. When I have removed these leather-jackets from under a layer of loose turves one day, I have generally found two or three more in their places the day after.

To my seed-eating birds, I always give chickweed, groundsel, etc., except when it is very wet or frosted. In the autumn there are blackberries and elderberries, and during the winter thorn-berries, which are much appreciated by fruit-eating birds, as well as by Thrushes of various species.

A Bird of Many Parts.

I have birds which are not to be found in every collection, such as Pink-crested Touracos, Chestnut-bellied Blue Rock Thrushes, Queen Alexandra Parrakeets, and so on, but if anyone has a chance of obtaining an Orange-headed Ground Thrush (geocichla citrina) from India, I can recommend no more charming cage bird, to judge by one I once possessed. This bird is extremely handsome, the whole head and underparts being a light orange-yellow, the back, wings, and tail silvery grey, and, moreover, it is a really beautiful songster, whose notes remind one of those of our Thrush and Blackbird mingled together.

My particular bird used to be carried in his roomy cane-barred cage to my bedroom, and on winter mornings, the windows being wide open and the curtains drawn back, he would tune up as soon as the first streak of the dawn appeared. When I arose, the windows were shut for a while, so that the Thrush could come out for a flight; then he would have his bath in a green glazed dish on the floor, and end by pulling at anything he found he could lift, nail scissors, pencils, tooth brushes, and so on.

And thus he flourished until I was away for a few weeks, when I returned to find him looking very poorly. One saw the difference in a moment, though the bird-keeper's eyes were sealed to it. In a moment, too, I saw that the poor bird's food was sour and stale, in spite of my thousand and one exhortations to the contrary before I had left home.

It is, as I have hinted, there are people who go through life with their eyes shut, partly and chiefly because they either have no thinking power, or else do not use it. And so my poor Orange-headed Ground Thrush died. It was too late. Disease had set in too strongly.

The Choice of a Pet Bird.

Sometimes I wonder if I could only keep one cage bird, what that bird would be. If my income was quite small, I should say a Bullfinch, or a Blackbird, or a Thrush; but if I could afford it, I should feel very much inclined to choose an Indian Shamah, because in that bird you have plenty of colouring, without gaudiness, grace of form, a natural and wonderful tameness, and a lovely song. If it were a case of keeping a seed-eater only, I am sure I should say a Bullfinch; yet a Goldfinch is also charming. It would not be a piping Bullfinch, because some bars of a hackneyed valse continually repeated become monotonous, and although our Bullfinch's natural song is not exactly melodious, yet there is in it a hidden melody and a quaintness all its own. My Bullfinch should have strawberries and raspberries, and blackberries and apple, and freshly-gathered groundsel, and the rest of it, and a roomy cage with a clean bath, and clean perches and good sweet sand, with a flight round the room every day.

One can have too many birds, and too much of anything brings with it a greater responsibility, so that any bird lover who has only a Bullfinch, or only a Linnet, or only a Canary can truly reap much happiness from that humble possession; and the bird too will be happy if his happiness is carefully thought on.

Club Reports.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Oct. 2, Mr. R. Crawford chair. Secretary read all correspondence. Stewards, Mr. R. Crawford and Mr. W. Gunning, were appointed to hand down birds. Decided that each member take one hour at the door. Mr. J. Murray was proposed as a member. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The Committee has allocated the Club's patronage to Brechin, Glasgow and District, and the City of Glasgow open shows. Sec. is writing Arbroath, Ayr, Irvine, and Larkhall to accept the patronage. Notice will be sent to Cage Birds if any of these materialise. The annual club show will take place either at the Glasgow and District or the City of Glasgow shows. When this is fixed members will be notified. Members might endeavour to support the shows to encourage those who have risked much for us.—E. Barron, Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting Oct. 7, Mr. J. W. Lawson chair. Decided to give patronage to the three local shows this year, Newcastle Oct. 21, Blaydon Nov. 11, Gateshead Dec. 9. Cup as in previous years. Silver spoon champion and novice most points, and silver spoon for best bird bred by a member, Newcastle, Oct. 21; Blaydon, silver spoon champion and novice most points; Gateshead, young bird cup, silver spoon best young bird opposite colour to cup winner; silver spoon, champion; silver spoon, novice; most points to three highest birds to count over the shows. Table shows later to be fixed by sec. on suitable dates for Mr. Holden's cup and Mr. Curry's medal. Anyone wishing to join us must pay their subs., 3s. 6d., before Oct. 21, to compete for specials. As I am also sec. of the Newcastle C.B.S. I make an earnest appeal, especially to N.N.P.C. members, to remember Saturday, Oct. 21, and give us good support for the needy cause, the Red Cross.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

General Meeting, Oct. 3, Waterloo Hotel. Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. The attendance was not large, many members having joined up since last meeting, whilst many are working late on War work. A letter was read from the late hon. sec., Mr. Page who is now serving in India 11,000 feet up in the Himalayas. He described a brush with submarines on the voyage, and closes by mentioning the splendid scenery where he now is, but evidently would gladly change it for the club room in Southampton. The earnest hope was expressed by all members that he and all the rest of the "boys" may soon be with us again. Report of F.F. Show was presented, showing a small balance to the good. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. G. T. Webb for judging, and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Chandler for entertaining the workers to tea as well as lending large room for show. Annual Show was discussed, and it was considered that the prospects rendered it impossible to hold an open show. Decided to hold a members' show Nov. 29. Mr. J. Robson judge, 39 classes. All cups will be competed for. Twelve specials offered, and more will probably follow, so things look promising for a good members' show in spite of all drawbacks.—G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Oct. 7, Mr. F. Heaton chair, the best meeting ever held in connection with the club. Schedule of the annual show was submitted, and unanimously approved; it is the best ever compiled by the Leeds Club. We intended having our show in the Griffin Hotel, but owing to police restrictions we have decided to again engage the Trinity Church School Rooms, Boar Lane, and a better room for the purpose it will be hard to find, as it is well lighted and lofty, and kept at a nice heat. It was again decided to invite all Roller clubs to attend the conference in the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, on Nov. 4, to discuss the arrangements re Control Board. The Provincial, Wigan, Bolton, and Walkden Clubs have signified their intention of being present and we in Leeds still think that if the other clubs would only comply and send delegates there is no outstanding difficulty in the way of a settlement being arrived at suitable to all. In any case it is worth considering by outstanding clubs. After business the members had a couple of hours devoted to judging the Roller Canary and expressing their different views in respect to the tours sung. Mr. Walton very ably explained the different tours gone through, after which the sheets were handed up for inspection, and there were some very creditable attempts made by the novices. The time seems not to be distant when there will be plenty of able judges in Leeds. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Walton for the care and patience he had taken to explain the different tours.—H. Best, Sec.

STANLEY (Empire) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting Oct. 1. Mr. R. Peart chair. We had a good meeting, and got through a lot of business. Stewards for our annual members' show, Nov. 18 and 19, Messrs. W. Kilty, J. Mason, G. Lane, and W. Gowland. Members please get as many specials as possible, and bring them to next meeting.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting Oct. 3, Mr. Clarke chair. Mr. D Reeks gave an exhibition of washing and preparing Canaries for the show bench. A good number of members were present, and were keenly interested in the proceedings, especially the novices. Mr. Reeks is quite an expert, and the manner in which he handled the birds was a treat to see; the birds themselves seemed to enjoy the tubbing. A washing competition had been arranged to follow, but unfortunately there was not time to carry it through. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Reeks for the pleasant evening he had given to those present.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting Oct. 4, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road. Mr. J. S. Dixon presided over a very good attendance. Our first business was a handsome challenge cup presented to our Society by our President, Mr. C. A. Cochrane, M.P. for the Borough, to be competed for annually by members, and to be awarded for best bird in show. Collection was made, and we raised sufficient to give 10s. for most points and a gold medal for winner of cup. Members have collected a good number of specials, and we are still looking for more. Anyone joining before Oct. 18 will be able to compete. Apply Sec., Watson, 75, Leighton Street. Arising out of the discussion how to make meetings more interesting this winter, we are having a bird washing night at next meeting by Messrs. R. Armstrong and T. Baker. It was agreed unanimously that members who have joined H.M. Forces shall be exempt from paying contributions to the end of the war. We wish them all a safe and speedy return.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.S.

Meeting Shepherd's Hall, Oct. 4, B. Molloy chair, with a good attendance. Secretary read replies from the selected judges, Mr. John Craig, Brechin, Canaries, and Mr. Wm. Bishop, Stirling, British. Decided to hold annual show in Boilermakers' Hall, Jan. 6, that admission be sixpence, including war tax. Decided to get two new trophies, one to replace the club cup won outright last year, and one for the Mule or Hybrid section, members to collect funds for same, and during the meeting a very satisfactory start was made. Decided to extend the Norwich from four to six classes, and Borders from four to nine. A slight alteration was made also in British classes, which brings the total to 48 classes. Decided to get prize cards from Garroch, Edinburgh, shield shape, same as last year, and printing from Leith Publishing Co. Six members gave a promise of birds for gift class. Next meeting tickets will be on sale, when we hope to see a record turnout of members.—J. McG. Dooley, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting Oct. 5, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, Mr. Espic chair, and a good turn-up of members, many old members turning up again, which made things look like old times. Correspondence read from the judges, which the sec. had had power to elect, and passed as satisfactory. Norwich G. Dobinson, Crests T. C. Crawhall, Yorks., T. B. Tomlinson, Borders Jas. Stanger; Mules and British R. Tindale. A letter was read from Mrs. S. Young, mother of the late Capt. A. C. Young, offering a silver tankard as a special prize for 2nd best bird shown by a member, to be won twice in succession or three times in all. The offer was accepted, and the sec. was instructed to write thanking Mrs. Young for the gift. Six new members elected: Messrs. Coomber, Almond, Foster, J. Hands, T. Leck, Cleverly, which makes 16 new members in two meetings. Business of the show was dealt with, but all seemed to be well in hand. Members seem to have been doing their bit, which makes it a great help to the sec., so all we want is a bumping entry and gate. We have a splendid hall, plenty of room, good light, and quite free from any draught, so we are looking forward to a successful show. The auditors presented a balance sheet from our late sec. up to his resignation, Sept. 2, but this was not signed on account of his claiming £2 10s. for his work from Feb. 3. Members present thought it a high figure for only two meetings since his re-election, but as he decided to grant all the money to the Red Cross Fund the balance sheet was passed on that condition, as the money would go to a good cause. We can all see brighter days in store, and the Society will soon be back to standard pitch again, second to none, and we hope for good support on Oct. 21. We decided to admit wounded soldiers free to the show. Members please return unsold tickets to me on or before the morning of show.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Oct. 8; 19 of the best birds in Leeds sang before a crowded house from villages around Leeds, who quite enjoyed the sport. 1, Binns; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared between Binns and Kilbride. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Grand contest, Breakwater Hotel, Oct. 8. 16 birds sang, and we had our old friend W. Lipman, Burley, who has been discharged out of the Army, and A. Lorrieman as Judges: 1, Ridgeyard; 2, Whitaker; 3, Lorrieman and Mills shared. Mr. T. Mills will gladly welcome any fancier at his house.—F. Turner, Sec.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green Weekly Linnet contest, Oct. 8; 18 birds sang. 1, Marshall; 2, Butler; 3, Newsome. Judges, W. Lacy, R. Dearlove. Also grand Canary contest; 9 birds sang for the first time this season. 1, Thompson; 2, Johnson; 3, Smith. Judges, W. Lacy, A. Bamfield. Open Canary contest, Oct. 15.—W. Lacy, Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

BRISTOL EAST C.B.S.

Table show of Yorkshire Canaries, Glasshouse Hotel, Oct. 2. Judge, Mr. F. J. Bees. Some fine birds were on view. The principal winners were: Yellows, Hiscocks; buffs, Davis, Hiscocks.—Report unsigned (Editor).

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Fourth members' show, Station Hotel, Oct. 7, with a very good entry, and some fine specimens were shown. A. W. Hartley won spl. best bird. Mr. M. Broadley judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hartley; 2, Midgley; 3, Ormondroyd; 4, Lingard. Buff: 1, Hartley; 2, Midgley; 3, Lingard. Even or Var.: 1, Lingard; 2 and hc, Hainsworth and Son; 3, Midgley; 4, Hartley; vhc, Ormondroyd. Hen: 1, Midgley. Cinn.: 1, Lister. Unflig. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Hartley; 4, Lister. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Ormondroyd; vhc, Lister. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Lister. Buff: 1, 2 and 3, Hartley; 4, Hainsworth and Son; 5, Ormondroyd. Nov., Cl or Tkd. Yell.: 1 and 2, Neale. Buff: 1, Self; 2, Firth. Even or Var. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Brown. Hen: 1 and 2, Self. Cinn. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Coombs. Hen: 1, 2, Coombs. Unflig. Ck.: 1, 3, 4, Neale; 2 and vhc., Self; hc, Coombs. Hen: 1, Firth; 2 and 3, Self; 4, vhc, and c, Brown; hc, Neale. Cl. or Tkd. Buff Hen: 1, 3, 4, Self; 2 and vhc, Coombs.—B. Hainsworth.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Members' first winter show of Canaries, King Cross Band Room, proved very successful, 91 exhibits being staged, and amongst them some splendid specimens of the Yorks Canary; many no doubt will be heard of later. Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax, judged, and his awards met with the approval of all. He got through his work in good time, and the room was filled with members and visitors after judging. Mr. A. Sutcliffe scored most points in open section, 22. Mr. C. Senior most points in Novice, 36. The following is the result of the competitions to date: Open section: Sutcliffe, 35; Stobart, 20; Walsh, 16; Sharpe, 15; Rigg, 15; Priestley, 10. Novice: Wilson, 55; W. Mitchell 44; Senior, 41; Gelder, 37; Thornton, 35½; F. Horsman, 21. Cl. or Tk. Yell. Yorks: 1, Rigg; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Sharpe; 4, Priestley. Buff: 1, Rigg; 2, Sutcliffe. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, Sharpe. Buff: 1, Stobart; 2, Sutcliffe. Unfl.: 1, Rigg; 2, Walsh; 3, Stobart; 4 Sharpe; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Sharpe. Hen: 1, Sharpe; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, Rigg; vhc, Walsh Mkd. Yell.: 1, Priestley; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, Stobart. Hen: 1, Sharpe; 2, vhc, Sutcliffe; 3, Stobart; 4, Sharpe. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Holroyd; 2, Thornton; 3, Wild. Buff: 1, W. Horsman; 2, Wilson; 3, Gelder. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Senior; 2, Thornton; 4, Gelder, vhc, W. Horsman. Buff: 1, W. Mitchell; 2, W. Horsman; 3, 4, Senior; vhc, Thornton; hc, F. Horsman; c, Wild. Unfl.: 1, Stocks; 2, Senior; 3, vhc, Wilson; 4, hc, W. Horsman; c, Thornton. Hen: 1, 4, W. Mitchell; 2, vhc, Gelder; 3, Wilson; hc, Stocks; c, W. Horsman. Mk. Ck.: 1, Thornton; 2, Stocks; 3, c, Senior; 4, W. Mitchell; vhc, Wilson; hc, W. Horsman. Hen: 1, 2, Senior; 3, W. Mitchell; 4, Thornton. Both sections, Self or Foul Green Cock: 1, F. Horsman; 2, W. Mitchell; 3, 4, c, Leach; vhc, Thornton; hc Sharpe. Hen: 1, 3, F. Horsman; 2, Thornton.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

Queries Answered

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AILING CREST.

T. W.—The bird is probably suffering from some slight obstruction of the moult, which the following treatment for a week or two should correct. Of course, I am taking it that the bird's sight is not affected, as this will at times cause a bird to act strangely. Keep it quite on the warm side, but see that the warmth is regular and fairly equable, not fluctuating between extremes of heat and cold, and do not expose it to the fumes of burning lights. Keep a light cover over the cage until all feathers have quite ceased dropping, and offer the bath on each nice mild day. In addition to the staple seed diet, give every second day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and well sprinkled with maw seed, which you may vary occasionally with a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake or egg food. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats. Give a small spray of watercress or some other green salad daily. In the drinking water every second day for a fortnight add 20 drops of whisky, and five each of syrup of saffron and sweet spirit of nitre, then stop all drugs, and when the plumage is fining down after the moult add to the water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight to tone it up a bit.

DIET FOR COLD ROOM.

W. R., Portobello.—In addition to the staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, the following mixture will be a suitable one for use as a separate item for Border Fancies kept in a cold room. Mix together, by measure, two parts each of hemp and black rape, one part each of white millet, niger and broken groats, a quarter part each of teazle and chopped sunflower, an eighth part each of maw and gold of pleasure, and a slight sprinkling of yellow mustard and linseed. Give a small teaspoonful of this separately once a week to each bird at present, and when the cold weather begins give half the quantity every third day, and during severe spells of weather give it every second day, and on the intervening days a similar quantity of egg food or bread and milk. For the present and in all ordinary conditions of weather it will suffice to give a small teaspoonful of egg food or the bread and milk substitute once a week, this allowance, of course, being for each bird. Give a small spray of green salad three times a week as long as you can get it in a fit condition for use, and afterwards give a morsel of banana or sweet apple or raw or boiled carrot as a substitute.

GROWING SUNFLOWERS.

Rusticus.—(1) Sorry, I cannot say definitely what is the cause of your sunflowers partly rotting away with mould before the seed is ripe, but should rather imagine it is largely due to a too damp or otherwise unsuitable

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

locality. Sowing the seed in April is correct, and the plants should be thinned out to give them plenty of room, when they usually do well in a flower border or shrubbery. Being grown in a kitchen garden, especially if in a bed, possibly you did not allow sufficient room between the plants. Perhaps some of our readers who see this and have succeeded in growing the seed to ripeness will send us the method of treatment. Anyway, as it is a question rather beyond the scope of aviculture you would be best advised to address a query to the Editor of the "Garden," giving full particulars of your treatment and the locality in which they are grown, and thus assure expert opinion of the right kind. (2) I do not know any fanciers living in Bognor, but there are several cage bird societies round about there, addresses of which you will find in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and if you addressed a request for information to the secretary of any of these together with a stamped address for reply they would undoubtedly oblige you. The nearest I know are Brighton: Secretary, Mr. W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton; and Lewes: Secretary, J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.

PROTRACTED MOULT.

Pansy.—I see no reason to suppose it is anything more than a very slow moult that is troubling the bird, which a little careful attention should soon correct. As, however, it is kept in a living room with a fire all day, you should see to it that it is not exposed to extremes of heat and cold nor direct cold draughts. The former is most likely if the bird is kept too near the fireplace, and a situation near or in a window, or near or over a burning light in the evenings, should be strictly avoided. Choose a place for it where the temperature is fairly equable and comfortable, though it need not be overheated. This is the most essential point, but your dietary also may with advantage be a little more generous. For the next month give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of yellow mustard and gold of pleasure in the bulk, and on the intervening days give first a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, and next a morsel of green food or sweet fruit—apple or banana. In the drinking water add 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for a fortnight, then miss a week and resume, and give it again for another week. If bird is not then quite well, write again, and repeat full particulars or refer to this reply.

A VARIETY.

H. G.—(1) You say nothing about the diet or general treatment of these two hens, so I cannot tell whether the fault of the non-feeding is likely to be found there or not. But, anyway, as you cannot find accommodation for any feeders to provide for the possibility of the refusal to feed being repeated next season, your best course is to discard the hens in question and replace them with others from parents that are known to be good feeders. But in addition to this you should look into your method of treatment and see if the fault lies in that direction. If you have not a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" get one from our Manager, post free, 7d., compare your own treatment with that advised in its pages, and see if you can find where you have gone wrong between now and next season. (2) Cut the linseed out of the staple diet of these unmoulted birds; keep them in a fairly warm and equable place; give the egg food with the sulphur and also potash, etc., in water daily for a week; then discontinue the latter items, throw a light cover over the cages, and remove them with the birds to a decidedly colder room, but see that it is free from damp and cold draughts. Leave them there for a week or so, still keeping the covers on, when the moult should set in freely, and when it is well in progress you may take them back to a fairly comfortable temperature and treat in the usual way for moulting birds until fine again. (3) Certainly, ripe sweet apple is just as suitable for Rollers as any other breed of Canary. But upon the whole I prefer banana as a fruit for all varieties, though this is not saying apple is in any way unsuitable. (4) The four-months-old youngster which has been subject to fits since leaving the nest is undoubtedly a physical degenerate—the weakling of the brood. It is not possible to say what is the real cause of the weakness without very full knowledge of the conditions. It may have been partly starved or injured in the nest by stronger and overbearing nest mates. It is extremely doubtful if it will ever be of any use either for stock or song, and a merciful dose of chloroform would be the best remedy. (5) Quite so; it is very much a matter of opinion what are the best proportions of egg and bread crumbs to use. I prefer about double the quantity of bread crumbs to that of the egg when finely minced in bulk. (6) This query is rather vague. You say you had an average of one clear egg out of every four throughout the breeding season, but you do not say in what nests, or if it was one clear egg in each nest. The latter will sometimes occur, and there is no accounting for it except that the hens do not appear to come into the necessary virile condition until the first egg is laid. You had better repeat this query and say in what clutches and how many in each were clear. (7) You cannot adhere to any hard and fast lines as to the correct quantity of egg food to allow to each hen for feeding a brood of chicks. Some hens will consume a great quantity themselves if allowed an unlimited quantity, whilst others will take little but what they need to pass on to the chicks. The only safe limit is to be guided by observation and allow just as much as they clear up just before the next supply is due to be given, so that none is left in the drawer when you come to give the fresh supply.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULE BREEDING IN AN AVIARY.

G.H.R.—For your aviary, 20ft. long, of which 13½ft. is flight, and 6½in. shelter, the height being 8ft., I would advise about nine hen Canaries, and three Goldfinches. If the finches are healthy and strong leave them outdoors during the winter where they are now. It is a good plan when the birds are outside during severe weather to empty the drinking vessel at night, and refill it with tepid water in the morning, giving fresh during the day if it freezes. The young can be successfully reared on a mixture of egg food and insectile mixture. The hens should be given some before they go to nest to get used to it, although as a rule they will eat it freely. In aviary breeding Canaries cannot always be relied upon to act as one could wish. In the early season two of them will sometimes select the same nest; in that case, the only way is to remove one of the hens, or take away the nest box. Another difficulty is that they sometimes persist in feeding the wrong brood, or perhaps neglect the young ones when they leave the nest. Some of these difficulties can be got over by a little management. One should be very careful in arranging the nest pans or boxes. Have several more than will be required, and spread them out all over the building, keeping them well away from each other, so that the hens do not return to the wrong nest, which they will sometimes do if they are close together. As a rule finches can be trusted with the eggs when flying in an aviary, but should one prove to be an egg destroyer he must be removed at once.

WAXWING MOULTING BADLY.

A Well-Wisher.—I rather expect your bird has been checked in its moult by contracting a chill at a critical time, and I am doubtful if it will be of much use this season for exhibition purposes. I do not see that you can make much change in its diet, excepting to increase its supply of live food and wild berries. I would also advise half a teaspoonful of chemical food mixed in the soft food; give it three or four days in succession, then miss a couple of days, and repeat. You do not say where you are keeping your bird, but it should be in a cold room, quite away from artificial heat.

TREATMENT OF A BULLFINCH.

Edith Harter.—Possibly your Bullfinch was not a young one when you purchased him. You give me no information as to your feeding, which is very important. Just now let him have a spoonful of egg and biscuit daily; also the same quantity of soaked rape. See that he eats this before allowing any other. Squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon juice in his drinking water daily, and just wet the bare places around the eyes with the pure juice. When the bird is better discontinue the egg food, and feed on the seed mixture advised in our Nutshell booklet. In addition to the food advised you should give a spray of privet berries daily, or, failing these, a piece of ripe apple or pear. Keep him in a cage large enough for exercise, and let him have the bath on every suitable occasion.

STAPLE MIXTURE FOR MULES.

Miss Parmenter.—The wild seeds you are collecting and giving your birds form quite the correct diet for them, and some of them could be gathered and used during the winter months, when they will afford a welcome change from the usual stock mixture. The latter should consist of the following:—Canary, 3 parts; teazle, 2 parts; hemp, 1 part; rape and linseed ½ part each. The hemp and linseed should be reduced during the summer months. For the Linnet mule add an extra quantity of rape. Give both birds a few grains of sunflower seeds twice a week.

TREATMENT OF BLACKCAP.

Blackcap.—I am rather surprised your Blackcap will not eat mealworms; as a rule they are particularly fond of them, although some will refuse them as yours does. Try him with some of the very smallest. In addition to flies, you should be able to gather several kinds of caterpillars, as these seem exceptionally plentiful this year. If it is quite impossible for you to get live food during the winter months you could occasionally (say twice a week) offer a tiny morsel of raw lean meat, but be very careful in using this, and see that it is perfectly fresh and sweet. The Blackcap will live some time without live food, but you must supply him liberally with fruit; get a banana or ripe pear, and fasten it to the wires of his cage. Elderberries will not hurt him; they are his natural food. As regards his soft food, see that it is of the best quality, containing plenty of ants' eggs. If the bird is not satisfied with the food you supply at present change it for another; he evidently likes the sponge cake, so continue to give it. You will have to steady him if you hope to do any good with him on the show bench. Handle the cage frequently, and talk to him, and let him see all your visitors.

FLIGHT FOR SONG BIRDS.

Fancier.—I would advise you to leave out one of the Linnets from your collection; you will find one will do better than two. If properly fed and treated you should get plenty of song from the birds you mention. The Linnet mule would most likely lead the chorus. In making your flight let the roof project over the front three or four inches, and have the front rail rather deep; this will keep the interior dry if a shower should happen while the flight cage is hung outside. The deep part will also prevent litter when the flight is indoors, and for this reason I would suggest that the self feeder be hung at the back of the flight inside, or at the side outside, making holes in the woodwork for the birds to feed through.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

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TREATMENT OF WOODLARKS.

Talbot.—If you have succeeded in moulting out your Woodlarks in cages, the food you have given them should be good enough to continue with. I am sorry you did not say what it was. I might have suggested some slight improvement, although it is doubtful. Give him any insects you can procure, as these are a great help in bringing a bird on to song, and have his cage in a nice light airy position.

FEEDING RINGDOVES.

Strabane.—Ring Doves will eat almost any kind of grain, and a certain amount of green food, particularly the tender tops of turnips. A good grain diet would consist of half maple peas, a quarter portion of wheat, and the other quarter made up in equal quantities of turnip, dari, buchwheat, and hemp. They will also eat beechmasts and acorns.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

NONPARIEL BUNTING, &c.

E.P.M.—The most common name by which they have been sold is Nonpareil, without any prefix or affix; other names are: Nonpareil Bunting, Painted Nonpareil, Nonpareil Painted Finch, and Painted Bunting, but the most generally used is that given first above, viz., "Nonpareil." At one time they were quite common on the market; they are now quite the reverse, owing to the prohibition of the exportation of birds from the United States some years ago. At the moment I have not a list by me giving the published price of Cassell's "Canaries and Cage Birds" (but about 25s. I think), it was also issued in parts, 6d. each. I think—my copy does not state the published price, and I have not a list to hand offering it for sale, but usually secondhand booksellers' lists give the original published price of the particular issue. So far as I remember there has been more than one edition of it. Pleased to hear you have succeeded in getting a copy. Of course, its pages do not contain much that pertains to the methods of present day birdkeepers; nevertheless it contains much that is still of practical value.

BLACK-CHEEKED WAXBILL.

Parmenter.—It is also known as the Black-faced Waxbill, and I am not aware of any other name. It would only be mentioned in the more recent of the popular avicultural books, though, of course, it appears in all ornithological works such as "Birds of Africa," etc., most of which are pretty costly. It is not always an easy bird to acclimatise, and one frequently experiences annoying losses before one succeeds in getting an established pair. It has a pretty little song in the breeding season, but comparatively with the Canary it cannot be called a song-bird. So far as I am aware it has not yet been bred in captivity in the British Isles. Under the conditions you name, a roomy cage in the winter, and an outdoor aviary in the summer, Violet Eared Waxbills are commonly (that is, so far as their appearance on the market permits) kept by most aviculturists. These also need care as new arrivals.

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WHAT PARRAKEET?

Parrot, Belfast.—You must give me a little more information before I can give you a definite answer. I can only say it is not a Cockatoo. You must give me some idea of size; also state how you are feeding it; presumably this is according to your friend's instructions. Are there any other bright areas of colour not mentioned in your query, particularly on the lower back, which may only be visible when the wings are raised. I am of the opinion it is either a Barnard's or a Port Lincoln Parakeet, the latter most probably. I am keeping your query by me awaiting the above information, and when this comes to hand I will answer fully the points you raise.

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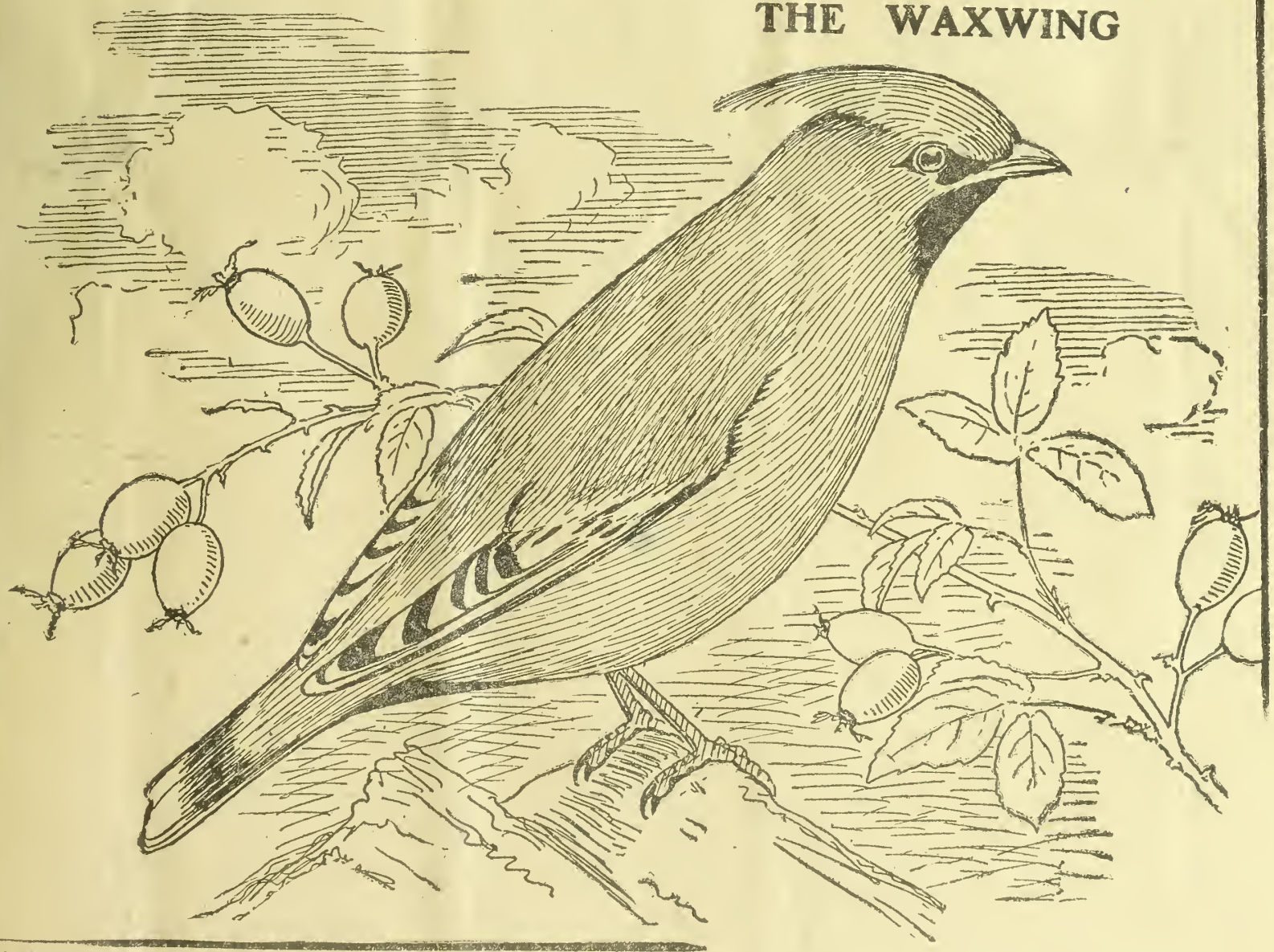
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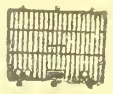
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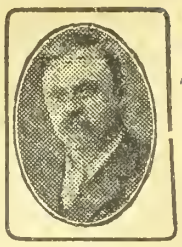
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Clapham Opens the Show Season.

A FINE ARRAY OF OVER SIX HUNDRED BIRDS.

The Ninth Annual Show of the Clapham C.B.A. was held at St. Anne's Hall, Clapham Common, Oct. 11 and 12. The exhibition was a decided success, the entry being in excess of what the committee anticipated, consequently it was somewhat late in the day before the judging was completed, but catalogues with awards were on sale soon afterwards. A gathering of birds numbering well over six hundred is a practical proof of the interest still being taken in the hobby; this number is nearly double that of last year, and quite good for any society in these times. Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders were the mainstay of the Canary section, and some of the examples of these varieties were certainly tip-top. Among the winners were such well-known names as Messrs. Houghton, Rippon, Huttou, Burt, Lovegrove, etc. The adult cock class contained 23 birds, and the unflighted 27. In the latter, Mr. Rippon, of Chelmsford, staged the three leaders, all good birds, but we think the winner was the least fancied of the three, for although a good bird, it scarcely had the high-class appearance of the others. The Novice Classes filled well, the unflighted numbering 35.

In the Yorkshire section the average entry per class did not equal that of the Norwich which is contrary to the usual way round London, but the quality was all right. The classification provided three unflighted classes, and the response was only moderate, many exhibitors thinking that it was quite early enough for a class for unflighted hens, though we did not hear any doubts expressed about the winners.

There was quite a nice collection of Borders, type and quality being particularly well represented in the winners. Among the exhibitors were:—Messrs. G. Bennet, of Kelso, and McLaughlin, of Whitehaven, whose birds arrived in good condition, Mr. Bennet won well in the two cock classes, and Mrs. Last in both Yellow and Buff Hens, with two charming specimens.

Mr. T. J. Rose once more managed the clerical work which was rendered particularly arduous in consequence of the lateness of some of the entries; the duties of honorary secretaries might be materially lessened if exhibitors would be a little more considerate. In his effort to keep up to the mark he was really assisted by the Show Committee consisting of the following well-known fanciers:—Messrs. Allen, Clarke, Cooper, Greenland, Maxwell, Phillips, Silverthorne, Taylor and Yeoman. The judges were Mr. J. Robson, Canaries and Hybrids, Mr. John Frostick British and Foreign. The show was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wandsworth.

MR. ROBSON'S CLASSES.

THE NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

NOR. CK (23): 1, c, Hutton, a buff of wonderful subs. and qual. of feather, good bold head and capital wings, a shade too fat which spoilt the outline, otherwise in grand cond.; 2, Cole, hot coloured yellow, nice size and style, well proportioned, nice head and wings, sound qual.; 3, Burt, charming buff, greatly admired, not a "whopper," but beautifully proportioned, well built on real Norwich lines, lovely condn, teeming with quality, hard to find fault with; r, Houghton, another beauty, shade wider in skull, but scarcely so nicely proportioned nor so well fined down, still a grand one; vhc, Rippon; hc, Wade. HEN (13): 1, Lovegrove, grand rich trio yell., fine subs., good bold head, full neck, capital wings, full of quality; 2, hc, Burt, typical buff, lovely qual., shade on the small side, but still good, neat head and wings; 3, Houghton, very fine bird, bold full head and neck, nice cone-shape body, good wings, might have gone up; 4, Collier, big buff, good style, well built, capital qual. of feather; vhc, Hutton; c, Rippon. VARIEG (13): 1, Houghton, beautiful wing-marked yell., grand size, bold head on good short neck, capital back and wings, neat tail full of qual; 2, Chappell, wing and head mkd. buff, looks like a nice beauty for size and type, capital head and wing, sound cond.; 3, Frost and Rogers, nice yell., somewhat smaller, but well put together and nicely proportioned, good col. and qual.; 4, Teasdale, big buff, capital type, good head and wings, scarcely the quality of winner, and wants time; vhc, Rippon; hc, Collier; c, Noyce. UNFLIG (27): 1, 2, 3, Rippon, bear a bold buff, grand full body and good qual., but scarcely so nicely proportioned as 2nd, a lovely yell. that looks like making a champion, quite the type, good in col. and qual.; 3, charming variegated buff, beautifully lilled in all round, teeming with qual.; 4, Houghton, typical nice size, neat head and wings, sound condn.; vhc, Smithers; hc, Lovegrove; c, Collier. YORKS, YELL. COCK (12): 1 King, grand length and pos., beautifully balanced, capital wings, sound col. and qual.; 2, Frost and Rogers, very smart, good length, neat head and wing, nicely drawn, hot col., fine cond.; 3, Clarke, fine length and style, nicely proportioned, scarcely so cleanly cut as winners, nice cond.; 4, Hutton, grand length, nicely balanced and moulded, smart bird; vhc, Holliday; hc, Fairman; c, Yates. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Beaumont, lovely cl., grand length and style, well up on legs, good wings and tail, neat head and neck, lovely qual.; 2, Heath, good clear, fine size, nicely proportioned, good head, well braced wings, sound cond.; 3, Mrs. Holliday, fine length and style, well balanced, good length of legs, smart wings, sound qual.; 4, Fairman, smart bird, nicely balanced, capital length of body, fails a bit in head, otherwise good; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Clarke; c, Miss Wright. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Yates, beauties, the winner fine length, with grand shoulders, stiff straight bird, capital qual.; 2, similar, hardly so clearly cut, but quite a Yorkie; 3, Heath, lovely cl., nicely moulded throughout, neat head, shoulders and wings, capital pos.; 4, Beaumont, shade smaller and scarcely so nicely fined down, still a good one. BUFF (10): 1, Mrs Holliday, charming, beautifully moulded, fine length and style, tips wings occasionally, otherwise quite good; 2, Cundy, neat, fine length and style, stands well, good wings and tail, shade down in col.; 3, King, we thought somewhat lucky, a nice bird, but better behind it; 4, Clarke, big clean cut bird, although shade full in build, neat head and wings, nice qual.; vhc, Heath; hc, Lloyd; c, Hutton, good enough to be up with the leaders. VARIEG (9): 1, Clarke, fine big bird, capital length and style, neat head, good shoulders and wings, A1 qual.; 2, Frost and Rogers, lovely wing mkd. yell., nice length, good pos. and style, capital shoulders; 3, Gibbons, fine yell. upstanding, good length of wings, neat head, nice qual.; 4, vhc, King, good buff, smart bird, capital wings, good qual.; hc, W. R. King; c, Lloyd. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Clarke, splendid specimen, grand length and style, beautifully moulded and balanced, tip-top cond.; 2, hc, Fairman, very racy thigh-tkd, typical, neat wings and tail, capital qual.; 3, Yates, lengthy, well up on legs, neat head, good wings, beaten in cond.; 4, Beaumont, good length, just a suspicion of frill and scarcely so stiff as winners, still a real Yorkie; vhc, Heath; c, Miss Wright. BUFF (14): 1, Fulford, wonderful length and style, beautifully moulded and finished, quite the correct thing; 2, hc, Mrs. Holliday, lovely type, stylish and smart, good length, neat wings, A1 qual.; 3, Hutton, close up, grand length, beautifully moulded, wonderful length of wings for a youngster, grand qual.; vhc, c, Miss Wright. HEAVILY MKD. (3): 1, Fairman, good var. yell., nice type and qual., clean cut; 2, Yates, foul-wing green, grand length, capital wing carr., lovely qual.; 3, Jeffrey, variegbuff, nice type, good length of side. UNFLIG. HEN (16): 1, Clarke, real good yell., nicely proportioned, well up on leg, smooth front, fine condn; 2, Mrs. Holliday, lovely buff, beautifully drawn, good shoulders and back, A1 cond.; 3, Last, fine big buff, grand length of side, neat head and wings, good qual. feather; vhc, Montague; hc, Fairman; c, Lloyd.

THE "WEE GEMS."

YELL. CK. (6): 1, Bennet, charming, beautifully moulded and filled in, lovely head, well braced wings, condn; 2, Elston, good cl., scarcely so nicely moulded, but good head and wings and capital qual.; 3, Philpot, nicely balanced, neat head and wings, fine cond.; 4, Bacon, close up, typical, good qual.; vhc, Montague; hc, Page. BUFF (10): Bennet, grand bird, modelled to perfection, beautifully balanced, lovely qual.; 2, vhc, Hewitt, grand cl., jaunty, nice type, neat head and wings, lovely cond.; 3, Last, grand unflig., headtkd., beautifully moulded and balanced, good head, back and wings, sound col.; 4, Bacon, good cl., stylish and typical, nice qual.; hc, Philpot; c, Elston. HEN (11): 1, Last, charming, hard to find fault with, typical, smart, full of qual., lovely condn.; 2, hc, Philpot, very fine buff, nice size, well moulded, good head, back and wings, A1 qual.; 3, Bacon, very smart yell., correctly built, clean cut, well braced wings, deserves her position; vhc, Page; c, Potton. VARIEG (4): 1, Last, charming tail-mkd., cleanly built, neat head, good front, grand wings, tip-top qual.; 2, 3, Elston, good ones, feather mkd. head and wings, nice type and style; 4, Bennet, nicely balanced bird, neat head and wings, A1 qual. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Elston, very fine cl. buff, typical, neatly put together, capital wings, good qual.; 2, Last, beautifully moulded, well braced wings, grand qual., lovely type, jaunty style, good wings, capital condn.; 4, Bacon, smart bird, good style, nicely moulded, should improve; vhc, Page; hc, Potton; c, Montague.

THE NOVICE CLASSES.

NOV. CK. (24): 1, vhc, Bailey, a real good one, capital size, nicely proportioned, good wings, sound in col., but a shade too fat, still a winner; 2, 3, Cannon, nice ones, 1st, hot col. buff, fine size and type well filled in; 3, yell., quite long enough, good head and wings, fine qual.; 4, Paterson, buff, nice type, good subs., neat head; hc, Knight; c, Huggins. HEN (17): 1, 2, Gedge beauties grand type and style, well filled, nicely proportioned, A1 qual.; 3, Patterson, nice cobby yell., neat head and wings, well filled back, capital cond.; 4, Wilson, nice yell., shade on the long side, good head and wings, sound qual. VARIEG. (10): 1, Clemence, very fine Buff, good type, full of qual., bold head and neck, sound col., and cond.; 2, 3, Cannon, real bold front, good wings, scarcely so well finished as winner; 4, c, Greenland, lovely non-fed yell., short, thick set, good subs., capital wings; vhc, Smith; hc, Taylor. UNFLIG. (35): 1, vhc, Hepwood, capital yell., good type and subs., nicely proportioned, smart wings, rare qual.; 2, Cannon, wing-mkd. buff, scarcely so short, but good subs. full head and capital wings; 3, Kerr, very nice buff, typical, well proportioned, fine qual.; 4, Bloomfield, thick set buff, good size, neat head and wings, sound cond.; hc, Wilson; c, Thurley. YORKS. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Smart, cheek-tkd., fine length, good style, well up on leg, neat wings and tail, A1 qual.; 2, Hannaford, big cl., bold and upstanding, good length of leg, neat wings, sound cond.; 3, c, Nason, very fine cl., nicely drawn and moulded, good pos., hot col.; 4, Huggins, cl., fine length and style neat wings, nice qual.; vhc, Raine; hc, Yeoman. BUFF (15): 1, Andrews, smart and upstanding, fine length, shade weak in head, but quite a Yorkie, sound cond.; 2, Bevan, big cl., fine length, capital head and wings, good legs, sound cond.; 3, Huggins, excellent cl., good pos. and style, smart wings, A1 qual.; 4, Davitt, fine length, good head and wings, scarcely so clean at waist as winners, still useful; vhc, Bonniwell; hc, Trustrell; c, Beavington. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Brown, nicely drawn and moulded, fine qual.; 2, Kerwood, capital length of wings, neat head; 3, Huggins, nice style and type, good shoulders and back, neat wings; 4 Bevan, smart, neatly moulded, fine cond.; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Allen; c, Huggins. BUFF (13): 1, Brown, good length, stylish, good pos., neat head, and wings, lovely qual.; 2, Raine, another good one, capital length, good shoulders and back, nicely cut away; 3, Nason, smart and upstanding, nice length of side, good qual.; 4, Howick, typical, good size, well built, neat head and wings; vhc, Parker; hc, Bonniwell; c, Knight. VARIEG. (13): 1, Howick, splendid wing-mkd. yell., capital type, neatly built, good length of wings, sound qual.; 2, Raine, good buff, fine length, well up on leg, neat head and wings, fine cond.; 3, Hannaford, grand wing-mkd. buff, stylish, capital length, good shoulders, neat wings and tail; 4, Beavington, wing and head mkd., buff, good proportions, closely fitting wings, sound cond; vhc, Huggins; hc, Knight; c, Huggins, H. L. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Gilbert, very fine cl. yellow, stylish, good length of wings, neat head, sound cond.; 2, Pritchard, lovely cl., fine pos., nicely cut away, good legs, well braced wings; 3, Sheldon, cl. smart, clean cut, good length of side, fine cond.; 4, hc, Westrip, real good one, nicely balanced and moulded, grand wings, fine qual.; vhc, Brown; c, Rosser. BUFF (19): 1, Knight, (we could not find); 2, Howick, big cl., good length and nicely proportioned, neat head and neck, well braced wings, A1 cond.; 3, Sheldon, very smart and stylish, beautifully drawn, capital wings and tail, boxy feather; 4, Miss Garland, capital length and style, good legs, neat wings and tail; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Westrip; c, Andrews. HEAVILY-MKD. (3): 1, Pritchard, very smart, upstanding, good length, capital shoulders, A1 qual.; 2, Bevan, fine length, nicely drawn, sound cond.; 3, Howick, rare size, good bold bird, capital qual. HEN (7): 1, Bonniwell, big yell, fine length, inclined to tip wings, but quite a Yorkie; 2, Hannaford, yell., lovely qual., stylish, good length of side; 3, Dr. Huggins, very clean cut yell., neat build, capital wings, A1 quality; 4, Westrip, stylish, good length of side; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Miss Garland; c, Phillips. BORD., CK. (10): 1, Thomas, beautifully moulded, particularly good in head, neat, well fitting wings; 2 Williams, smart, nicely balanced, good head and wings, full front, lovely qual.; 3, Pegg, stylish, nice type, good pos., A1 cond.; 4, Denyard, typical, nicely proportioned, well filled in, neat wings, sound cond.; vhc, Madagan; hc, Hutchinson; c, Daniels. HEN (8): 1, Denyard, neat, nicely moulded, beautifully drawn to a good tail, capital wings, full of qual.; 2, Daniels, smart, nice pos., neat head and wings, fine qual.; 3, Williams, very typical, jaunty and free neat head, capital wings and tail; 4, Pegg, smart, nice qual. feather; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Kybert; c, Thomas. VARIEG. (6): 1, Westrip (we could not find); 2, Pegg, neat, good size, nicely proportioned, fine qual.; 3, Kybert, lovely Chun-mkd., capital type and style, full of qual.; 4, Williams, good cl., fine type and qual., smart wings; vhc, Thomas. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Kybert, neatly put together, good head and wings, fine cond.; 2, Hutchinson, smart wings and tail, well filled in, nice qual.; 3, Pegg, neat yell., fine type, beautifully proportioned, smart wings; 4, Madagan, a champion exhibitor, evidently entered here in error; vhc, Williams; hc, Bolam; c, Richardson CREST or C.B. (3): 1, 2, Fellows; 3, Taylor. LIMIT NOR. (13): 1, 2, Clemence; 3, c, Montague; 4, Frost and Rogers; vhc, Smithers; hc, Wilmot. YORKS. (2): 1, Andrews. BORD. (4): 1, Elston; 2, Bennet; 3, Richardson; 4, Montague. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Bancroft; 3, Reed FOR. (4): 1, Goodall; 2, 3, Reed; 4, Wade.

THE HYBRID SECTION.

CL. etc. (2): 1, Bastock, a lovely two pointed, capital size and qual., should hold its own in keen competition. VARIEG. (7): 1, Lamb, grand lightly-mkd. bird, shapely, capital size, full of qual., fine cond.; 2, 4, Snow, two capital birds; 4 pointed, leading, grand shape and style, rare qual.; 3, Jeffreys, good lightly-mkd., shade small, but nicely proportioned, fine qual.; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Vale. DARK (13): 1, Jeffreys, fine, bold Gold. Can., plenty of subs., good touch of blaze, well coloured throughout, capital qual.; 2, vhc, Cooper, hold Linnet, typical, nicely proportioned, sound rich col., full of qual.; 3, Vale, big non-fed Linnet, rare type and size, not fit yet; 4, Ramsey, smart Goldie, nice qual. feather; hc, Saunders; c, Snow. A.O.V., DK. (8): 1, 3, Emerson and Winstone, lovely Green. Can., plenty of subs., rare type, nicely proportioned, fine qual. and col.; 3, Smart Siskin, sound col. and markings; 2, Goodall, well-known Redpoll, as fit as ever; 4, hc, Cooper, nice Greenie, sound col. and qual. BUFF. GREENF. and CHAFF. (5): 1, 2, 4, Lamb, well-known team, all in fine cond.; 3, Howick, Canary-Bullie, not looking his best yet. A.O. 2 BRIT. (3): 1, Pearce.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS.

Judge: Mr. John Frostick.

The executive may be congratulated for their pluck in offering such an extensive classification for British and Foreign birds in these troublesome times, and the resulting entry was entirely satisfactory to all concerned. It is true that Clapham has held bigger shows of British and Foreign when the prize money offered was on a more liberal scale, and all the classes guaranteed, and although some of the classes might have been better filled, others, like the Redpolls with 22, the Bramblefinches 13, and the Hen class with 16 entries, left nothing to be desired, and the genial Hon. See with his efficient committee were well pleased that their efforts had brought together a really excellent collection. Grumbling was conspicuous by its absence, and everybody seemed happy and contented.

All the arrangements were well forward, and judging commenced promptly at 9 o'clock, but, owing to late arrivals, was not finished until the time of opening. Even then all the exhibits had not arrived, it being nearly 5 o'clock before Mr. Hailstone's Clough landed from Sheffield; this was a pity, for it would have run the winning Waxwing a close race for premier honours.

Some magnificent teams of British birds were staged by Messrs. H. J. Chick, W. H. Raven and W. Francis. In the Foreign section the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison and Mr. C. T. Maxwell were responsible for the major part of the entries.

Amongst those from a distance who visited the show we noticed the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Berkhampstead; the Rev. and Mrs. Raynor, Maldon. Mr. John Andrews, Woodbridge; Mr. J. Bastock, Birmingham; F. Knight, Bristol; J. Howard, Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grossmith, Bickley; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rattigan, Montgomeryshire; and Mr. R. J. Watts, Huntingdon.

GOLDF. (10): 1, sp, Clark, bonny Finch, large square-cut blaze, wonderful col., rich chestnut breast, nicely marked wings, clear win; 2, hc, Cooper, good col., beautiful qual., not so forward; 3, Raven, paler in col.; 4, Reynolds, nicely cut face, wants time; vhc, Wilmot; c, Richards. LINNET (11): 1, Bancroft, large, wonderfully deep col. bird, grand wing bars, looks like an old favourite; 2, vhc, Francis, equally large, beautifully pencilled, grand shape, beaten only in col.; 3, Pitt, excellent specimen, but not quite so good in throat and breast marking; 4, Nicholas, not quite ready, will improve; hc, Major; c, Raven. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, 2, 3, sp, Raven, an achievement to be proud of; 1st, a real topping Siskin, grand col. and markings, fine dense black cap and bib; 2nd, lovely Twite, rare size and col.; 3rd, sp, Redpoll, one of the best, beautifully filled in breast col., nice bib, full of work; 4, Francis, Mealy Redpoll, only one in the class, a monster for size, good col.; vhc, Nicholas (Twite); hc, Saunders (Siskin); c, Cooper (Redpoll). CHAFFINCH (7): 1, sp, Chick, rare size, rich col., a champion all over; 2, 3, Francis, beauties, but lacking the col. of winner; 4, c, Cooper, not quite the finish of leaders; vhc, Vale; hc, Nicholas, a good hen. BRAMBLEF. (13): 1, 2, Chick, two magnificent birds, rightly at the top of one of the best classes seen for years; leader, great size and rich col.; 2nd, hardly the size, but equal in col., marvellous spangling; 3, Raven, a "good-'un," but not quite the density of markings; 4, Thompson, could win in many classes; vhc, Osborne; hc, Vale; c, Bastock. GREENF. (6): 1, 2, 3, Francis, leader rich yell., cond. like wax; 2nd, a buff, bigger, and naturally not the col.; 3rd, also a buff, nice, but not equal condition, all well staged; 4, Pitt; vhc, Cooper; hc, Birch. BULLF. (6): 1, sp, Wilmot, grand Bullie, looks like an old stager, steady as a rock, very rich col. breast, fine cap, wins well; 2, Checksfield, another good one, but lacks the richness of col.; 3rd, Reynolds, good hen in nice condition; 4, Francis; vhc, Cooper; hc, Beavington. HAWFINCH (4): 1, sp, 4, Francis, monster for size, fine col., well shown and steady; 2, Raven, bonny bird, rich in col., trifle smaller; 3, Parker, really fine specimen, but had lost the flights in left wing, which spoilt its chances. YELLOW BUNTING (2) where have all the Buntings gone to? That special classes made for such popular favourites as these and A.O.S. Hardbill only yielded two entries each is a mystery; 1, Chick, nice col.-fed bird markings not so distinct as might be; 2, Knight, natural col. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Chick, Corn Bunting, fine size, col. and marking, fit to win in any class; 2, Cheadle, another Corn Bunting, but considerably behind winner. HENS (16): 1, Chick, delightful Hawfinch, in a word—perfection; 2, Macpherson, very brilliant Corn Bunting, leaving nothing to be desired; 3, vhc, Raven, one of the best col. Brambles we have seen, and a good Hawfinch; 4, Checksfield, sweet little Siskin, beautifully marked; hc, Knight (Bramble); c, Jeffreys (Corn Bunting). INSECTIV., SMALL (9): 1, sp, Maxwell, really tip-top Nightingale, rare size and col., steady, beautifully staged; 2, vhc, Chick, magnificent large Wheatear in exquisite order, rich col. and well staged; vhc, Redstart, excellent bird, nicely frosted; 3, Vale, probably the best Blackcap ever staged, a real beauty, in full song; 4, Staines, most excellent Yellow Wagtail, natural col., steady and well put down; hc, Goodall, most interesting Nuthatch, suitably caged with the bark of trees to show off his acrobatic movements; c, Mrs. Huggins, a good pair of Bearded Tits. A Spotted Flycatcher (No. 3) was shown in this class, presumably a hand-reared bird, as it was ringed on one leg, but the plumage was not quite perfect enough to get recognition in such a fine class. LARGE (6): 1, Richards, Waxwing, well-known winner, beautiful wing markings, nice col. and fair size; 2, 4, Vale, fascinating Jackdaw and Jay, latter not quite ready; 3, Parker, good Blackbird. PARROTS (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, Maxwell, grand team, well shown, comprising rare Masked and Hooded Parrakeets, and ornamental Lorikeet, in order named; 4, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, good Pennant's Parrakeet; vhc, Mrs. Dudley-Hill Green-cheeked Amazon, well-known winner, but out classed here. LOVEBIRDS (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Maxwell, magnificent quartette, Peachfaced—quickly claimed at catalogue price, £5—Black-cheeked, Madagascar, and Red-faced, all beautifully staged to perfection. BUDGERIGARS (5): 1, Wade, clinking good Green cock, fine size, rich greens and dense markings, steady, and well shown; 2, Maxwell, Yellows, pair, rather slack in condition; 3, Mrs. Hay, nice pair Greens, not so good in col. or markings as winner. COMMON WAXBILLS, ETC. (3): 1, Maxwell, glorious pair of Fire-finches, quickly claimed at £2 15s.; 2, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, excellent pair of Lavender Finches; 3, Mrs. Huggins, nice cock Fire-finch. A.O.S. WAXBILLS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Maxwell, lovely pairs of Red Gouldians and Bar-breasted Fire-finches, beautifully shown; 3, Mrs. McLaren Morrison, nice Red-headed Finch. BUNTINGS, WEAVERS, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Maxwell, rare Crimson-ringed and Jackson's Whydahs, both in full colour and plumage; 3, Wade, Crimson-crowned Weaver, in beautiful condition; 4, ho, Mrs. McLaren Morrison, pair Paradise Whydahs, not shown to advantage, and a Rainbow Bunting in rough feather. INSECT OR HONEY-EATING, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Mrs McLaren Morrison, rare Black-breasted Sunbird and Yellow-winged Sugarbird, both in fair condition.

ACCRINGTON.

Accrington C.B.S. annual open show of Norwich Canaries, Crown Hotel, Oct. 14-16, met with the usual success. About 120 birds faced the judge, Mr Trengove, of Rishton, whose awards were well received. The catalogues were complete with awards a few minutes after last bird was judged, and all birds were sent away in good time. Prize-money was paid to all exhibitors present, of whom there was a good muster.

YELL. CK. (12): 1, Grainger, cl., good head, nice shape, red-hot; 2, sp., Crawshaw, wing and eye mkd., nice qual., good shape; 3, sp., Peters, big one, good feather and shape; 4, sp., Davis, extra good var., nice shape, not very well staged or would have been higher; vhc, Spencer; hc, Lingard; c, Beswick. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Hartup, former good size, well up in chest and feather, 3rd nice head and good shape, beaten in size; 2, Seed, hot col., good head and feather, close up; 4, T. Lingard; vhc, sp., Crawshaw; hc, Huggins; c, Lingard. HEN (9): 1, Peters, big buff, grand qual. and shape, easy win; 2, Fildes, yell., nice head, extra good qual. and bloom; 3, Fielding, yell., more subs., beaten in feather; 4, Crawshaw; vhc, Fildes; hc, Hirst; c, Beswick. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Grainger, red-hot, good shape and feather, rather small; 2, vhc, T. Lingard, nice head, good feather, more size, beaten in col.; 3, Peters, cl., nice shape, close up; 4, Fielding; hc, Hirst; c, Mitchell. BUFF (15): 1, 3, vhc, Hirst, 1st cl., nice feather, type and qual., 3rd nice head, full neck, good type; 2, Crawshaw, wing and eye mkd., grand feather and qual.; 4, Fielding; c, Dornan. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, vhc, Crawshaw, 1st tkd. buff, grand shape, nicely mealed, full of bloom; 2, Peters, cl., nice shape, good qual.; 3, Huggins, cinn. mkd. yell., full of col., nice shape; 4, Lingard; hc, Cook and Son; c, Beswick. AMAT., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Chippendale, teeming with qual. and col.; 2, Rushton, nice head, full neck and chest; 3, sp., Dickinson, good size and shape, beaten in feather; 4, Thornton; vhc, Lambert; hc, Parkinson; c, Dean. BUFF (9): 1, Dickinson, good col., nice shape and feather; 2, Broxup, plenty size, good bird; 3, Catlow, grand type, feather and qual., beaten in size; 4, Dean, rare good bird, beaten in feather; vhc, sp., Sharrock; hc, Aspden; c, Haigh. HEN (12): 1, Watts, cl. buff, nice feather, good qual. and type, found a purchaser; 2, Dickinson, cl. yell., nice feather; 3, Catlow, buff, nice shape, good feather; 4, sp., c, Dean; vhc, Thornton; hc, Cook and Son. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Rushton, nice cobby shape; 2, Dean, yell. var., good head and neck, close up; 3, Culverley, full chest, good feather; 4, c, Parkinson; vhc, Watts; hc, Noble.

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Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., H.W.B., J.H.P.

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.H.

Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.

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Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smalliburn, Muirkirk.)

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Oct. 28.—**Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terr., Plasmarl, nr. Swansea.) J.H., J.E.J.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(G. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) G.F.P., E.H.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

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Twitterings.

We hear that at the show of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., Nov. 4-6, 43 classes will be given as against 39 last year, and that many of the classes are guaranteed.

Mr. J. Green, hon. sec. of Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., writes that he will be at Liverpool Show this afternoon, Saturday, and will be pleased to take entries for Manchester Show.

Providing we get the Drill Hall again, writes Mr. Thos. J. McGregor, Sec., Larkhall C.B.A., we have decided to hold our second annual open show on Dec. 15 and 16, for the benefit of the Red Cross funds and local funds for disabled soldiers.

I think your correspondence pages a splendid idea, writes Mr. G. W. E. Brown, for by their means readers are able to pick up much valuable information, not to mention the additional interest which the exchange of ideas and experiences of other lovers of birds always give.

The East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. R. Tomlinson, hon. sec., 17, Ampthill Street, Norwich, will be pleased to consider applications for patronage from Societies in East Anglia holding open shows. We have a large membership, and a respectable balance of funds in hand.

With a good classification, writes Mr. E. H. Woodman, hon. sec. Northampton Good Intent P.S., 7, Lady's Lane, Northampton, we have not received six entries up to the time of writing. With the show being run for such a good cause, I wonder what exhibitors are doing. I will accept Saturday post.

Aberavon and Port Talbot fanciers are holding their show in aid of the local Red Cross Fund on November 23, and have secured the services of Mr. C. A. House as judge.

Brechin C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Dalgety, hon. sec., has received the patronage of the Norwich P.H.C. and the Border Fancy C.C. for the annual show, Nov. 4. We are giving four classes for unflighted Norwich, and also extra classes for Border Fancies.

Owing to a mistake of mine in calling a meeting for Oct. 13, which should have been called for Oct. 3, writes Mr. G. Padfield, Assist. Sec., Peny-Graig C.B.S., friends came and found nobody there. I trust they will accept my apology. We have decided to hold a meeting Oct. 24, and a washing exhibition the same night. Friends will be welcome.

I was very pleasantly surprised, writes Mr. W. Nolan, to see my yellow Yorkshire portrayed in your valuable paper Cage Birds, and I must congratulate Mr. Kershaw on the really excellent likeness he has secured. The bird has won 1st and special every time out, he is a son of my noted winning buff cock, so he has plenty of winning blood in him. I may mention that this is the tenth cup I have won. Very best wishes for the success of Cage Birds.

In the schedule for the Red Cross show at Barrow, Nov. 3, 4, writes Mr. D. McFarlane, hon. sec., specials stated to be for most points in classes 39 and 40, should read classes 39 to 42. There are 67 classes, 27 of which are guaranteed, and a host of specials. Schedules will be sent on application to the hon. sec., at the address given in "Show Dates Fixed." Mr. McFarlane states that every provision has been made with the railway company for quick delivery, and that the birds will be attended to by a staff of experienced fanciers. Entries should be made early to facilitate the printing of the catalogues, and exhibitors generally should do what they can to assist all hon. secs. in this direction, as printers are nearly all working short handed.

Sunderland Sec. Called Up.

Owing to Mr. Peacock, sec., now being on active service, all correspondence referring to the Sunderland C.B.A. should be addressed to me at 12, Aubrey Terrace, Sunderland, writes Mr. F. Riseborough, Assist. Sec.

Presentation to a Fighting Secretary

In appreciation of services rendered as hon. sec. to the Irvine C.B.S., by Mr. J. Alexander, who is now serving as a sapper "somewhere in France," an inscribed silver cigarette case has been forwarded to him at the front.

General Meeting of the Norwich P.C

Mr. J. Hopkins, hon. sec., writes that a general meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club will be held at Manchester Show, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28, at 3. Business of importance will be discussed, and members should attend if at all possible.

A Difference in Price.

In my advert. last week under Foreign, writes Mr. Reynolds, Stourbridge, the price of the 12 Budgerigars should read 35s. the lot, not 5s. I have had so many letters and P.O.'s that I have been unable to reply to all. The birds are all sold at correct figure.

A Correction.

In our review last week of the schedule of the show of the North Yorks and South Durham Federation the place of the show was given as Liverpool. This should read West Hartlepool, not Liverpool. The address of the secretaries is 32, Ashgrove Avenue, not Ashgrove Road, as printed in the review.

A Fine Entry at Liverpool.

We hear from Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, joint hon. sec. with Mr. Green for the show of the Liverpool O.S., that 883 entries have been received, and that all sections are good. The show opened yesterday, Friday, Oct. 20, and remains open to-day. Liverpool bird lovers should not miss seeing this show.

A Lesson in Judging Norwich Canaries.

At the meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B., on Oct. 23, at 8, at the Church Institute, Paddington St., W., there will be a competition in judging Norwich Canaries. Mr. A. Howard, of Howard and Son, will be the final judge, and fanciers are invited to be present to see the judging. An instructive and enjoyable evening should be spent.

Fine Specials for Foreign Bird Exhibitors.

Foreign bird exhibitors should note that at the show of the Sheffield O.S., November 3 and 4, there will be an Emu's egg mounted in silver (a gift from Sydney for most points in the Foreign section, and an artistic model from Oporto for second most points. The winners for the year of the 17 guinea rosebowl and the 10 guinea trophy mentioned in the advt. in another column will receive a gold and a silver medal respectively. The show is in aid of wounded soldiers.

New Date for Pontypool Show.

We have decided to run our show on Jan. 4 instead of Dec. 7, having been successful in arranging for the hall and the judge, writes Mr. W. D. Lewis, Sec. It only remains for fanciers to support us to make a successful debut. We are devoting our proceeds to the benefit of old age pensioners, who have been hard hit by increased prices.

A Young Fancier's Start in Life.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. John Nicholson, son of W. Nicholson, Stockton-on-Tees (who used to exhibit as Nicholson and Son) will be pleased to learn that he has passed the examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, and has been registered as a duly qualified chemist and druggist. Seeing that he has just attained the age of 21 he may be regarded as one of the youngest chemists on the register, if not the youngest.

A Promising Opening to the Show Season.

Clapham show, reported in this issue, opened the season well with over 600 entries. Liverpool, yesterday and to-day, has gone considerably better with nearly 900, so there would seem to be still some good fanciers left in the old country, although the ranks of bird lovers have been sadly thinned by the country's demands, and although many who have been left at home have had their attention directed to labour which has interfered with their hobby.

A very large proportion of the season's shows are giving the whole of their profits to charity, and it is to be hoped that the gates will be larger than ever. It will be interesting to know, after the war, what is the total amount which has been handed over by bird keepers to charitable purposes.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the great loss our chairman, Mr. R. Peart, has sustained in the loss of his mother after a short illness, writes Mr. R. Hutchinson, Secretary, Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B. Society. His wife has also gone through a severe illness, but she is slowly recovering. I am sure all fanciers in Stanley and district will join in extending their greatest sympathy to Mr. R. Peart in his great bereavement, and will hope that his wife will soon be well again to be her usual help to him.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR,

Two Well-known Glasgow Fanciers Each Lose a Son.

MR. JAMES PETTIGREW.

That well-known fancier, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, had four sons "doing their bit," one in the Navy and three in the Army. The youngest, James, was killed in the big push during July. So far the others have come through the ordeal unscathed.

MR. ALFRED MCFARLANE.

News has come to hand of the death from wounds of Mr. Alfred McFarlane, third son of Mr. Alexander McFarlane, well-known in Plainhead circles. He was a Territorial, and attached to the 5th Scottish Rifles. He had just turned twenty years of age, and had only been two months in France. I feel certain, writes Mr. J. H. Adam, Glasgow, in conveying the information, that the sympathy of the Fancy goes out to Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. McFarlane in this their hour of trouble.

HOW ADVERTISING PAYS.

"I received a quantity of replies to my last Norwich advt., and have parted with all that are ready to sell as yet."—W. R. KING (Portsmouth).

"I have been cleared out of small birds and I fear very many have been disappointed. I could have sold 1,000 birds equally well such an advertising medium is CAGE BIRDS. The birds are being despatched as quickly as possible and I hope by the time my advertisement of surplus birds appears all in order will have been despatched, but it has been no light task. The correspondence alone has occupied me a couple of hours a day."—L. LOVELL-KEAYS (East Hoathly).

"It is impossible for me to answer all letters in answer to my recent advts. I was delighted with the number of enquiries and offers."—F. C. KNIGHT (Dartmouth Park).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Fine Art Rooms, High Street, Nov. 1, 2. Judges, J. Robson, H. Battye, J. H. Payne. 67 open classes: Crests and C.B. 15 (2 Nov.), Nor. 13 (4 Nov.), Yorks. 8 (2 Nov.), Bord. 9 (3 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Brit. 7, Hyb. 4, For. 6, Sell. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. cl. Oct. 25, to A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr., Cheltenham.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds all varieties. Specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing. Oct. 8; 21 birds sang: 1, Sellers; 2, Ineson; 3, Sissons; 4, Stead; 5, Stanney. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Oct. 15; 19 birds sang. 1, 2, Binns; 3, Marshall. Judge, T. C. Summers; timekeeper, J. B. Watson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-road. Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing Oct. 15; 25 birds sang. 1, Goodwin; 2, Stead; 3, T. Ward; 4, Chippindale; 5, Stanney. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Oct. 15; 27 birds sang. 1, Butler; 2, Watson; 3, Newsum; 4, Marshall. Judges, S. Butt, W. Lay, A. Butler. Grand Canary contest, Oct. 15; 10 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, Smith; 3, dead heat, Johnson, Shaw. Judges, A. Richardson, W. Lay. Open Canary contest Oct. 22.—W. Lacy, Sec.

A Delay Through Death.

Through the sad loss of my mother on Saturday last I cannot possibly attend to orders at present, and you might ask customers to have a little patience, writes Mr. Broxup, Burnley. I never had such a fortnight, absolutely swamped out with orders. I shall send all in due course.

Norwich Specials at Cheltenham.

Through an oversight, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec., Cheltenham C.B.S., the prizes offered by the Southern Norwich P.H.C. have been omitted from our schedule. These are a diploma for the best Norwich Plainhead, and five shillings for most points in Norwich. The cash special is open only to members of the S.N.P.C., and there must be seven members competing. All profits from the show will be given to the Cheltenham hospitals.

In the Matter of Club Notices.

We shall be obliged if secretaries will kindly take notice that our Club and Society Notice column is not intended as a means of gratuitously advertising shows or societies. All references in the nature of an advertisement, such as appeals for new members, advantages of membership, time for joining, subscription rate, etc., must be confined to our advertisement pages. No charge is made for *genuine* club notices and reports, but we cannot insert advertisement matter therein. Unnecessary words, such as "Members please attend," should not be included. The notice itself is an invitation to attend, and the additional words are meaningless.

AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDER.

In an Order in Council published in the "London Gazette" dated 3rd Oct., live birds, other than poultry and game, are added to the list of prohibited imports (except under license).

This Order should insure that there shall be no ground in the future for the suspicion that Canaries coming from Holland are not necessarily of Dutch origin. An idea has prevailed that since the commencement of the war German Canaries have been sent into Holland and have thence been sold as Dutch Rollers. At the first hint of this we made enquiries at headquarters, and discovered that birds exported from Holland to England bore the certificate of the British Consul that he was satisfied that they were truly of Dutch parentage. Doubts have been expressed as to whether the satisfaction of the British Consul quite met the case, but it is to be presumed that if a proper license has to be obtained before birds of any sort, except poultry and game, be imported we shall be no longer under any apprehension that German Canaries may be sent to this country almost as though the war did not exist.

THE NECESSITY OF EARLY POSTING.

The Postmaster-General wishes to call attention to the fact that in view of the restricted number of postal collections and deliveries now afforded throughout the kingdom, it is particularly desirable that letters should be posted as early in the day as possible. In many large towns there are only two deliveries, and in many rural districts only one, so that letters, unless posted in time for early evening mails, are likely not to be delivered until late on the following afternoon or until the second day after posting.

It is of the utmost importance that secretaries of societies and others who are sending urgent matter for publication should note the request as above. Practically every week we have to hold over communications because of their being received too late for the current issue. Notwithstanding our repeated statement that matter for publication in any week must reach us not later than Tuesday morning, our post on Wednesday always contains communications sent for insertion the same week, and Wednesday morning never passes without the receipt of a number of Club Notices, which are received too late for publication. Society members who do not see their notices of meeting in our Club Notices column will know either that they have been received too late for insertion, or that the secretaries have not sent them at all. No notices are ever held over if received in proper time.

Looking for Ringed Birds in "No Man's Land."

As I was walking along the trench this morning, writes Sergt. Falkinder, from France, I saw several kinds of birds, amongst which were Fieldfare, Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Sparrowhawk, and Skylark. These birds were in "No Man's Land," and seemed not to trouble about the shots which were being fired. I have spent many hours watching them, and I have learned many things new to me. I have caught several to see if they were ringed, but I have not found one yet. If you could spare me an old copy of CAGE BIRDS would you kindly send it, as I have not seen one since I came out here. Wishing you the best of luck.

Some copies of CAGE BIRDS have been sent out to Sergt. Falkinder, with best wishes for his safe and speedy return.—Editor.

A Starling's Wonderful Nest.

"Country Life" of Sept. 16 publishes a remarkable picture of a Starling's nest built in a loft. The picture is accompanied with the following description:—"The nest is 46in. high and 11ft. 4in. round the base. The Starlings had carried every bit of straw, as there was none in the loft; they also made a great mess outside with straw which they had dropped on the way. They entered through the hole in the eaves. Mrs. Starling laid four eggs; but evidently she or Mr. S. stood on the side of the nest, and were rather heavy, for the top fell forward and all the eggs rolled out except one, which fell to the edge and was put back. My friends discovered the nest on going to the loft for beansticks; the birds had evidently deserted it after the accident to the eggs."

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MAGNIFICENT OPENING FOR ENTERPRISING BREEDERS.

THERE is a famine—an appalling shortage in the Canary market. Less Canaries are being bred. The demand for Canaries was never greater. Is the Canary industry of Great Britain to hold its own, or must it be replaced by the efforts of other countries? For the last two years the drain on our resources in Canaries has been tremendous. Dealers have advertised right and left for stock. Millions of birds have left our shores, and the damage to the trade has been tremendous. Are you breeding Canaries? If not start at once. There is money in it. Big money. The demand for birds will be this year bigger than ever. Prices will be higher. We shall soon see the time when even ordinary songsters will fetch a guinea a head. Thousands of birds will change hands this next season for fifteen shillings a piece. The Canary breeders of Great Britain must grasp their opportunity. The time is now. They must conserve the breeding stock, not imperil their future supply by parting with their own birds. The British bred Canary must replace all those hitherto supplied by Germany. It is a patriotic duty to grow Canaries, not merely by the score, but by the thousand. We want Canary farms, not Canary attics. It is the duty of breeders also to insist that birds they sell are not sent out of the country. It is true such birds bring in American dollars to the dealer, and that sometimes these dollars come from German-Americans of the hyphenated order. But by selling their birds abroad in such large quantities they are putting in the hands of foreign competitors the means of supplying the enormous demand that has arisen abroad as well as at home. British bred Canaries for British people, that must be the cry for after the war. The British Canary is the best and healthiest and brightest in the world. When next spring comes along, with so many convalescent wounded soldiers about, the demand for songsters, gay and musical little creatures, will very far exceed the supply. So breeders, be wise in time. CAGE BIRDS will help you. It will give you free advice. It will put you in touch with other breeders. The future of Canary breeding in Britain will be a wonderful one. See that you take your part in making it so, and you will reap a rich reward, in profit to your pocket, and pleasure to your mind.

THE EDITOR.

The above article is of national importance. Hand it on to someone who can breed Canaries and isn't doing so at the present time. It is your duty to do so, and to see that others in their turn pass the word on again. Let the good work go on. Breed more and more Canaries, and keep the home fires burning.

Chirps from Clapham Show.

A charming White Linnet was shown in the ordinary Linnet class, but had of course no chance of recognition by the judge. Although there was no class provided in the schedule for Albino birds, this beautiful bird could not win in the normally coloured class, for there is a standard of perfection of plumage and markings always in the eye of a judge, and a white Linnet, beautiful as it may be, does not conform to this standard.

The entry of a hen Chaffinch, Nicholas, in the Chaffinch class, although there was a class for British hens, caused considerable comment. The general opinion was that as it was not stipulated in the schedule that the class was especially for cock birds, the bird was entitled to compete, it being just a matter for the owner whether he chose to accept the handicap of showing the hen against the more brightly plumaged cocks, or whether he entered her in the mixed hen class when she would have had to compete only against her own sex.

It was bad luck for Mr. Hailstone, after his enterprise in sending his fine Chough all the way from Sheffield, to have it delayed until five o'clock, long after judging was over. The awards would have suffered considerable displacement if the bird had been in time for competition.

At least one of the Norwich "nuts" in the person of the genial "Jimmy," paid a visit to the show, and judging from the pleased expression on the face of his worthy son, Arthur, as he left the show loaded with "claims" the visit had not been unfruitful. Many bargains in Norwich were about, and some of these found a resting place in Club Row after the show.

The veteran Chelsea naturalist, George Dawson, was among the interested visitors on the second day. Mr. Dawson is now in his seventy-first year, but he certainly does not look it. He has five sons "doing their bit" at the front, and he "touched wood" as he told us that up till now neither has been wounded, although one of them had a bit of a jar when he came down after being blown into the air by an exploding shell. This necessitated a fortnight's stay in the hospital, but Lieut. Dawson is now at it again, as well as ever. Besides the five sons in the Army Mr. Dawson has a daughter doing Red Cross work, and he says that if the age limit is extended far enough he shall have a turn himself.

Many were disappointed in not seeing the beautiful Albino Blackcap belonging to Mr. Carr, which was mentioned in our issue of last week. We understand that Mr. Carr's duties just now are so strenuous that he was quite unable to find time to take the bird to the show. A thousand pities.

A considerable amount of discussion was waged throughout the show around an entry in one of the hybrid classes, and we heard bets of 5 to 1 talked about. The bird is the subject of a letter from the owner, which is published this week in our correspondence columns.

Of the six entries in the foreign class for Buntings, etc., one half were Whydahs, and it was quite interesting to see three different species of these long-tailed birds side by side. The Crimson-ringed Whydah shown by Mr. Maxwell, was indeed a beautiful specimen of a very rare species, and Mrs. McLaren Morrison's Paradise Whydah possessed the longest tail feathers that we have ever seen on the species; they were somewhat badly frayed, however. The other specimen was Mr. Maxwell's beautiful Jackson's Whydah, now getting familiar, but still rare. If the consignment of African birds which were on their way had arrived in time for the show, there would have been no less than seven different species of Whydahs on exhibition at once.

Sales were good, totalling about £30. Mr. Maxwell "lost" his Peach-faced Lovebirds at £5, but he got £2 15s. for a pair of African Fire Finches, which squared things up a bit.

The gate also was very satisfactory; 200 amusement tax stamps were used on the first day, and 140 on the second.

Perhaps the people who paid sixpence with none too good a grace for a catalogue had no idea that the actual printer's bills for these works out, according to Mr. Hose, the hon. sec., at sevenpence farthing each. "However," says Mr. Hose, "we had a grand show."

BIRDS AND SHELL FIRE.

IN the course of an intensely interesting article in "Country Life," entitled "Swallows at the Front," Mr. H. Thoburn-Clarke says: "Once the Germans shelled our position for an hour and a half. We retreated to some cellars which had been sandbagged and waited there until the bombardment stopped. The place was struck several times, and one shell dropped into the cellars, but failed to explode, and did no damage to anyone. When the "strafing" was all over we found that one shot had taken off the greater part of the stable roof, the second had hit the end of the outhouse and demolished part of the wall. The Swallows apparently did not care, for they were not in the least perturbed by the noise of the shelling, and continued feeding their young ones as if nothing had happened. Before the day was over they were using the shell hole as a convenient entrance through which to pass backwards and forwards with food for their young.

"Living close to the heart of nature—although a torn and battle-scarred heart—one finds that a lot of preconceived ideas about the wild creatures have to go. Very few birds go to bed until they are forced to by the waning light. The Swallows and Martins feed until it is too dark to see.

"The idea that gun-fire would chase away the birds has been quite exploded, and the pathetic story of the Swallows and Martins wheeling around the ruins of their last year's home, tweeting miserably and then departing from the battle area of ruined towns and villages is quite untrue. Personally, I think the Swallows and Martins prefer the ruins. The vast quantity of insects which the life on the battlefield encourages provides them with plenty of food and accounts for the fact that Swallows and Martins are far more plentiful than they were during pre-war days.

"Many districts in England are said to have fewer Swallows and Martins this year than ever before, so probably the home-coming birds, finding a good supply of food on the front, lingered somewhere in France and Belgium instead of continuing their journey across the Channel."

In an article in the London "Daily Graphic" Mr. J. H. Leonard says:—Over fifty species of birds have been recorded from the zone of active hostilities. A very large number of these were seen within a hundred yards of the firing line, many of them being species which would have been thought to be decidedly "gun-shy." The outstanding feature of bird-life in the fighting-area has been that neither the danger nor the noise interferes with the smaller birds in their singing or feeding, and only to a trifling extent with their nesting. No doubt there have been many fatalities, and a near explosion sends the survivors promptly to the lowest cover. But the Larks soared from No Man's Land and continued their song in spite of shot and shell; a Thrush carolled loudly within 100 yards of an active 60-pounder gun; while in many a wood the Nightingales which have outlived the day's explosions and timber-crashing have replaced the hideous din by their sweet tunefulness after sundown.

Instances of nesting exhibit similar features, but in more striking guise. Larks have nested between the opposing firing-lines, and Sparrows have shared with Swallows the possession of nesting-sites on ruined cottages or farms within half a mile of the front trenches. The House-Martins, indeed, appear to be the most independent of all the small birds; they fed when literally under fire, and not only built in many a ruined house, e.g., on the Rue du Bois and at Neuve Chappelle while both these places were being shelled, but one pair also established themselves between the sandbags of a dug-out. A Hedge Sparrow's nest, with a Cuckoo's egg in it, was discovered in one of the "horse-jumps" behind the lines, though horse-training was in constant progress. Magpies have nested in fire-swept spots; and a Partridge is recorded sitting on fourteen eggs within fifty yards of guns firing a couple of thousand rounds a day.

Then we have a Blackbird hatching her eggs within a yard of the muzzle of a gun of an active howitzer battery; and ten yards behind her was a Blackcap similarly occupied. In one case a Wren nested on an ammunition waggon, the bird following the waggon when it was moved with the guns. A Song Thrush had her nest and three eggs close to an 18-pounder gun, and though she ignored desultory firing, she deserted the nest later when the firing became constant. The western front is situated directly across one of the well-known tracks of bird-migration, and the birds have been heard flying overhead by night. It is conceivable that a flock has been compelled to deviate from its normal course, but there is no reason to suppose that so deeply rooted an inheritance as bird-migration will undergo any permanent disturbance as the result of the war.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. Wallace C. Jones, Toronto, whose full address will be given next week.

Booming the Yellowhammer.

A Chance for Bunting Lovers at Swansea.

Sir,—I would esteem it a favour if you would kindly make it known through Cage Birds that Mrs. Lilian Dalton, of the Swansea and District C.B.A., has kindly guaranteed the Yellowhammer Class at the forthcoming Show, and has also given a 10s. cash special for most points in the class, in the hope that the British exhibitors of the country will turn up and make the class and show a huge success. All profits at this show are for the Red Cross Funds.

J. H. Ford, Secretary.

New Society for Stanley (Co. Durham).

Sir,—The new Society was formed at a meeting held Oct. 14, when there was a good attendance of intending members, 20 being at the meeting. It was decided to call the society Stanley and District F.F. and C.B.S., Mr. J. Armitage was elected chairman, pro tem, and R. Hutchinson, sec., pro tem. We have fixed a five miles radius, and the subscription will be 3s. 6d. per year, rules included. Intending members should turn up at the next meeting, Oct. 28, at 7, at the Club Hall. Victoria Club Hall has a private entrance, so we can have our meeting without any connection with the club. The hall is capable of holding 300 members, and has plenty of seating accommodation.

R. Hutchinson, Sec., pro tem.

Thanks from a Prize Winner.

Come Along, Working Men Fanciers.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque value 10s., being the prize won in Cage Birds letter competition of Sept. 30. It came as a great surprise to me, as I had failed to look at the heading of the correspondence columns to see who had won the prize that week. I am so interested in the "Pros. and Cons. of Inbreeding" that I begin to read this whenever I get my Cage Birds. Then I go through the paper, advertisements and all, but somehow missed my own success. I am very proud to have won a prize in Cage Birds, and I hope others of the poorer fanciers will take courage to write their experiences, and that Mr. Patterson and the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe will give us their ideas on the vital problem of how to make more fanciers exhibit. I consider that this will be even more vital in the future, seeing that there are so many disabled soldiers taking up the hobby. Kindly note that my address is 30, Dalderse Avenue, not Daldene Avenue as stated.

J. R. Wallace.

Second Nesting of Rooks and Jackdaws.

Due to Inexperience Says a R.N. Stoker.

Sir,—I have been a constant reader of your invaluable journal Cage Birds from its first issue, and still read it regularly now I have joined the colours. In the October 7 issue I noticed in the correspondence column a letter re Rooks and Jackdaws having two nests in one season, and I should like to point out that it is only the last year's birds that do this, the reason being their lack of knowledge in housekeeping. Young Rooks and "Jacks," if we may term them such, seldom bring up more than a couple of youngsters in their first nest, and through inexperience they build their nest in places which are easily robbed, or places which the old stager would never build in. This I have proved many times, my home being in the largest rookery in England I think; and I have come to the conclusion that it is only these last year's birds that bring up two nests in one season.

Ninety-nine out of a hundred of last season birds build their nest in flimsy boughs where it is quite plain to see. With any rough wind that may come the nest either gets blown out or the eggs get cracked.

The old stager places her nest on a firm foundation, and such nests remain in place all the following winter till spring, waiting to be patched up. I hope you will find me a space, and I should like to hear other opinions on this matter. I thank you for all your kindness to me in bygone days when I was a flourishing bird fancier.

Stoker F. W. Stowe, R.N.

Ringed Chaffinch Identified.

How the Movements of Birds Are Being Learnt.

Sir,—I am much obliged for your letter with regard to the bird bearing one of my rings reported to you by Mr. R. T. Lonsdale as having been caught at Speke, near Liverpool. This Chaffinch was ringed as an adult at Great Crosby, near Liverpool, on June 14, 1916.

I must explain that many of the readers of my magazine, "British Birds," are ringing all kinds of birds in this country. Every ring has a different number, and all details of date, place of ringing, and so on are carefully kept, so that whenever one of these birds turns up and the occurrence is reported we hope to learn a fact regarding the history of the bird. In time we hope, by this means, to obtain more exact knowledge of the movements and migration of birds, whether they return to nest at the place of their birth, and so on.

Should you hear of any more birds with rings, I should be extremely obliged if you would let me have full particulars, as you have kindly done in this and other cases.

H. F. Witherby.

A Mating Riddle.

Can a Cock Canary be Spoilt in its First Season?

Sir,—I should be obliged if any experienced reader of Cage Birds will give his opinion on the following case:—I have a yellow marked Yorkshire cock which has provided a riddle for me. As an unflighted bird it proved an excellent "fertiliser," but last season, although he appeared in the "pink of health and condition," he did not fertilise a single egg.

To all appearance his pairing with several different hens was quite satisfactory, but it was the same result with each clutch, unfertile. I gave him a rest for a while, and fed him up a bit, but it was difficult to observe any better condition than he was in before. He was in full, vigorous song, and mad to nest, and although, as before, he appeared to pair in good form, it again resulted in clear eggs. Is it possible that this bird was overdone as an unflighted bird, and made useless for further stock purposes, or is it worth another trial next season? It is just through the moult and again coming on song, so it will do for a songster if nothing else.

W. R. King.

Earwigs as Red Mite Destroyers

Is the Remedy Worse than the Disease?

Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. Bastock's letter a few weeks ago, advising earwigs as red mite destroyers, as it seemed to explain something which has puzzled me greatly. I have a bird's house in the garden, and last year a lot of earwigs got in, but I did not trouble about them much, though I wondered what they could want there, and what they could find to eat. Well, one morning I found one of my birds literally dripping with blood, and it seemed quite ill, though it was quite well the night before. I could not understand it at all, for I knew a mouse could not get in.

The next day it died, and after that every morning it was the same thing, sometimes as many as three birds at a time all bleeding. It was always the back part of them, and the blood used to drip off their tails. I could not help suspecting the earwigs, especially as they always looked so fat as if they were full of blood. I told my husband what I thought about the earwigs, but he only seemed to think it silly.

After losing about 20 birds in one season, I made up my mind not to breed any more, and I then smothered the place with Keating's, and got rid of the earwigs. I felt very miserable about giving up my birds, however, so this year I thought I would try again, and I have not lost a bird except through two hens not feeding. Since reading Mr. Bastock's letter I felt sure those earwigs were to blame, for if they will hunt for red mite in cages why not in birds? I know they will catch and kill a big spider. At any rate, I shall not allow them in my bird house again. I think Cage Birds a splendid paper, and my ambition is to see one of my birds in it. I shall be perfectly happy then. Wishing it every success.

Mrs. M. Lingwood.

Prize Money at Shows.

The Sliding Scale a Growing Evil.

Sir,—It appears to me that this sliding scale evil is growing upon us daily, as I have received a few schedules, and find that some of them are quite tricky. They pay full prize money in classes of nine entries and over, and in those under 9 entries offer 50 per cent. as first prize, 25 per cent. second, etc. I think it is a matter entirely in the hands of exhibitors to say whether we are going to allow this evil to grow upon us and come to stay, or give it the knock out and finish it entirely. I give a case of my own as an illustration. Last year I entered 6 birds in six classes at 1s. 6d. per entry. Carriage to and from show cost 2s. 6d.; total 11s. 6d., without mentioning labour and trouble. I was fortunate in having six firsts awarded to me, but when I received the prize money I was disgusted, it amounted to the magnificent sum of 7s. 6d.

It is not my wish for any Society to run any risks, and nothing gives me greater pleasure than to hear that they came through on the right side, but I would much prefer to see the old custom maintained: full prize money in classes of 8 and over, and under 8 half prize money, with cancellation if insufficient entries. Then we would know exactly where we stood, and what to expect. I hope to have the views of other prominent exhibitors on this subject.

D. Jenkins.

"Loose Boxes" for Cage Birds.

How to Adapt the Idea to an outside Aviary.

Sir,—I read with much interest Mr. G. W. E. Brown's letter describing his "loose boxes" for cage birds. There is no doubt his idea is an excellent one. Most bird keepers are faced at one time or another with the problem of overcrowding in flight or aviary, leading too often to quarrelling and fighting amongst the stock, with a consequent loss of condition—sometimes even of life. Even where there is plenty of space for all, how often do we find one individual of Hunnish disposition, making things very unpleasant for his more peaceably inclined neighbours!

While it will not be claimed for Mr. Brown's idea that it will altogether prevent bullying, it will checkmate it very considerably. I may say I adopted a very similar device a few years ago. In this case the scene of the experiment was a small garden aviary. In the angle formed by the back wall and the sloping roof of the shelter shed a number of boards were fixed, shaped to meet the wall and roof closely without leaving any space behind or above. These boards are a foot deep, and about ten inches from back to front, the exact measurements being immaterial. The effect is to form a number of separate bins or recesses, closed in at the top and sides, but open at the front and bottom. All are fitted with nest pans or boxes of some description, an attempt being made to cater to all tastes. Strawberry baskets—the square shallow sort—are found very acceptable. A short length of perch fitted to one of the boards completes the fitting of each private compartment or cubicle.

While, as has been indicated, exact measurements do not matter, the boards must be of sufficient dimensions to allow the perches to be fixed well back from the front, and well up from the bottom. They should also be in close contact with the roof and wall, leaving no back doors from one recess to another.

I have found an arrangement of this kind greatly conducive to the comfort of the inmates of an aviary where space is limited. While this is so at all times, it is particularly the case in the breeding season, as it affords a large measure of that privacy so necessary to nesting birds.

M. R. T.

"The Other End of the String."

Many Experiments and All Successful.

Sir,—Having read with interest the various letters which have recently appeared in Cage Birds with reference to the sexing of birds by means of a needle suspended over a silver coin, I think a few of my experiments with the apparatus will be of interest to you. First, I sexed my stock birds without a mistake. Second (this was a more severe test, and was made under rigorous conditions to preclude the possibility of any knowledge of the sex of the birds being experimented upon) I looked up a fancier friend and having explained the reason of my visit he readily granted me the use of his birds. The test was then proceeded with as follows: I left the room whilst the subject bird was reached out of the cage; then entering the room with both my eyes closed I had the bird given to me. I then placed the bird behind my back, and without having seen the bird at all, I opened my eyes, picked up the needle and thread from off the table, and I sexed the bird. I was successful in sexing all the birds tried without seeing one of them.

I now began to take a very great interest in these experiments, and my third test was to test the apparatus on every person whom I could persuade to hold my left hand, carrying the needle and thread about with me in my pocket. It is needless to say that I was correct every time (or rather the needle was).

A very peculiar thing which I noticed in connection with the sexing of human beings was that if a person took hold of the wrist holding the needle and thread, the needle did not move, but if a person of the opposite sex took hold of the other wrist (the first person still retaining his or her hold) the needle always sexed the person holding to the wrist of the hand which was holding the needle and thread. I may say that I have tried the experiment on all my young birds, and I will tell you at some future date how successful I have been with it, that is if you think the matter of sufficient importance to insert it in your valuable paper.

R. Bumby.

How the Apparatus Betrayed a Singing Hen.

Sir,—May I again trouble you for space in your interesting paper, re. my method of sexing birds? In reply to Mr. Claude St. John, I would point out that what I meant by my method was my way, and I did not mean to imply that I was the first to discover it, as a matter of fact it was given to me by an old bird fancier, who had been a very successful breeder and exhibitor. Although he had the faculty of distinguishing the sexes from observation, whenever in doubt this method was resorted to, and always with success.

As for any fancier adopting this method being in for a glorious muddle, that is a matter of opinion, personally, I have made too many tests to believe that. As to the suggestion by another correspondent that the needle is controlled by the mind, I may say that as I thought the suggestion feasible I experimented by asking several friends to test it with my birds, not telling them what movements to expect of the needle, and not even letting them know what sex they held in their hands; in every instance the needle moved correctly.

Some two years ago, I sent to an advertiser for a cock Roller, and on arrival I tested same, with the result that the needle moved for a hen, so I decided to return the bird per night mail. As there were several hours to wait, I took it out of the travelling cage and put it in a larger one, and gave it seed and water, and before it had been in the house half an hour it burst into beautiful song. Well, for once I had my doubts about the infallibility of the method. I tried it again several times with the same result. The bird being such a performer, however, I thought it must be wrong, and decided to keep it. About three weeks after, the bird laid an egg, there was now no doubt whatever as to its sex. Now my contention is this, if a concentrated mind had anything to do with it, the needle would have given the movements for a cock, because I was under the impression it was such, and only made the test out of curiosity. Therefore, in my opinion, we must look for some other cause for the needle's movements. Will this gentlemen, Mr. Head, I believe, accept my thanks for his experiments; I should be pleased if he will write further on the subject.

As to Mr. Lane's letter in this week's issue, I am not surprised he is not convinced. In the first instance he does not seem to have understood my meaning; perhaps he will be good enough to read the letter again, and find his mistake, there is no need to put the bird's beak anywhere near the needle, hold the bird at arm's length if you like, or try taking hold of a lady or gentleman's hand. As for fixing the thread and needle on to some other object, rather than holding one end in hand, one could expect nothing but failure, as whatever influence runs through your body would then be broken. I should be grateful if more of your readers will take the matter up, and let me know the result.

J. R. Williams.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Prize Cards of the British Roller C.C.

The Secretary Promises Early Delivery.

Sir,—I must apologise to the exhibitors for not sending the prize cards; it has really been forgetfulness and carelessness on my part. The cards are now in hand, and will be sent out as soon as I get them from the printer. Again regretting the delay, and hoping no serious harm has been done.

J. W. Norris.

Border Fancies at Sheffield.

Negotiations Fall Through.

Sir,—I think it is necessary that I should explain the ending of my controversy with J. Patterson, for the benefit of those fanciers who were interested, and who might be misled by his letter in your issue of this week. Although the numerous conditions laid down by him made it almost impossible to put classes on, our schedule committee decided to do so, if Mr. J. Robson, who was accepted last year by the Border Fancy C.C., was a suitable and satisfactory judge in Mr. Patterson's opinion, and accordingly I sent a pre-paid wire to that effect. At this late hour I expected a definite answer—Yes or no, but you will see by the enclosed wire that his reply is evasive, hence we have decided to go on without him. I regret having used so much of your valuable space in my endeavour to help fanciers, and although I have failed, the onus of responsibility does not rest on me.

W. Craig.

A Hybrid Winner in a British Bird Class.

Sir,—I would like to point out to Mr. Cook that he is sadly in error when he says a Hybrid is a British bird. A Hybrid is a cross betwen two birds of distinct species, and therefore nothing more or less than a mongrel. It is thoroughly understood by every fancier with the exception of Mr. Cook that British birds are to be judged for purity of breed and beauty of plumage, and as a Hybrid has neither the one or the other it has no earthly right to win the prize in a class for British birds. The herring basket touch is too funny. The subject is the parentage of the bird in question, not the basket or cage in which they are bred. Ninety per cent. of our breeding Goldfinches are 'foreigners, so you see Mr. Cook, you are wrong again.

C. S. Montague.

Sir,—Mr. Cook, the judge at Ystradgynlais show, did Mr. Jeffreys, or any other exhibitor in the above class, an injustice by placing a Hybrid first, for the simple and sufficient reason that a cross between two different British birds is not recognised by any authority worthy of the name as eligible to compete in a class confined to British birds. Will Mr. Cook tell us how he could discern that the Hybrid was bred from two British birds, and that it had no continental origin?

Mr. Cook may depise the Redpoll, but I don't suppose I am the only British bird exhibitor who would prefer the addition of a high-class Redpoll to my team rather than a Goldie-Greenie Hybrid.

Wm. Fairhurst.

Proposed Society for Durham.

Sir,—I, along with Mesrs. Robson, Stanger, Gillespie, Briggs, Ward, and many other true fanciers, would like to see a Society formed in Durham, and I feel sure if a few genuine fanciers could arrange a meeting at a suitable time and place, with an invitation to all interested, that a very strong Society could soon be formed. There must be a great number of fanciers in the surrounding district, and I suggest you, as Editor, give a free notice of any arranged meeting in Cage Birds, which all true fanciers look forward to on Friday. The paper is bang full of interesting reading, and information worth pounds, and only costs a humble twopence. That it may live long to enlighten all bird lovers is the wish of

A. E. Priest.

A Meeting Called.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the letters which have appeared upon my proposal to form a society for Durham City and district. The feeling seems unanimous in favour of the idea, for, in addition to the letters which have appeared I have personally seen several fanciers in the immediate district, and everyone is of the same opinion. I have arranged for a meeting to take place at Mr. Tom Lancaster's, Grapes Inn, Claypeth, Durham, at 7 on Saturday, Oct. 28. Now come, fanciers, and let's have a good meeting for the first.

A. Robson.

Hybrid "Wrong Classed" at Clapham Show.

Sir,—On receiving my case of birds from Clapham Show I was astonished to find that my Hybrid entered in the class headed "All Bullfinch Hybrids, and Greenfinch and Chaffinch Hybrids" had been marked "W.C.", and would like to ask Mr. J. Robson through your columns for an explanation. For the moment I do not intend to go into the breeding of the bird, or to inform Mr. Robson and others as to what species the parents belong, except to say that the Hybrid is an absolutely genuine Hybrid, and was correctly entered.

After I have had Mr. Robson's statement giving his reasons for wrong-classing the bird, then I will, with your permission, Mr. Editor, contribute an article on the breeding of this Hybrid, and will also provide corroboration from local fanciers who saw it in the nest, and have watched its development up to the present day.

S. A. Reynolds.

Shall Hamilton Show be Held?

An Important Meeting to Decide the Question.

Sir,—Can another show be successfully run at Hamilton in aid of our brave lads? This is the question to be considered by Hamilton and District Fanciers at a meeting to be held in the Town Hall Rooms on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7.

There will be differences of opinion no doubt, and perhaps a few new difficulties to overcome, but the fact that from this show in two years the War Funds Charity has profited by upwards of one hundred pounds cannot be brushed aside without some little thought, and it is up against the local fanciers in Hamilton, Larkhall, Motherwell, Blantyre, Cambuslang, etc., to turn out to this meeting to a man, and decide "Yes or No." "Do your bit" fanciers, and don't shirk in assisting the men lying in the trenches.

Secretary Pro Tem.

The Lot of the Ordinary Singing Canary.

A Supporter of the Idea of Printed Hints.

Sir,—As a lover of birds, may I say how delighted I was to see Mr. T. J. McMillan's suggestion for the happiness of the singing canary, and I trust your valuable paper may bring about a much-needed reformation in the treatment of this and other pet birds. Some people appear to be ignorant that there is such a thing as grit, and the economy in seed and sand is painful. Also to be deplored is the fixed determination to hang cages in the window in a draught. I think we are only justified in keeping birds as pets when we consider their happiness, and I wish there was a law that no cage should be smaller than the one described by Mr. T. J. McMillan. I trust you will not let the subject drop.

Lover of Birds.

A Bad Case of Egg Binding.

How a Novice Succeeded in Treating it.

Sir,—You can imagine how much a novice of only three months' experience with feathered pets would know about egg-binding, and of how to go about treatment for it, especially a novice like myself who previous to taking up the hobby hardly knew a Canary from a gold fish. But I can tell you I had a rude awakening.

I was spending a few days in bed trying to wrestle off an attack of La-Grippe, and was feeling pretty ill. You know how one feels when he doesn't care if school keeps or not. Well, that was my condition when my clear yellow Norwich hen took a notion to become egg bound.

My wife, who was looking after the birds, came to my room, and informed me that "Bubbles," the hen, was all fluffed up in a ball on the cage floor, and panting like a Ford car, so I staggered into my bird room to see what could be done.

We boiled some water and got a jug and a piece of linen, for putting over the top of the jug; then the olive oil, and a flight feather. This information I gained from "Our Canaries," which I think a wonderful book.

I held the hen over the steam for what seemed to me an hour, but was really only ten minutes, but the egg did not come, although I used the oil freely, in fact the poor hen was oil from stem to stem, and after this ten minutes of nerve racking work my hen was, as I thought, dead. I was sure she was par-boiled, she hadn't a kick left in her, so I laid her down on the table as a dead hen, but my wife said she saw her move an eye lash and urged me to proceed, while she read more from "Our Canaries," where it says "gently press the egg down towards the vent," and I proceeded to press.

I was very nervous, and it didn't help matters any, for my fingers slipped, and I felt something inside of "Bubbles" burst, and I nearly had a fit as I guessed I had broken the egg.

Again I thought my hen was dead, but I couldn't convince the wife that there was to be a funeral, and she took over the job; I had had enough.

Well, she pressed out the broken egg, and we gave the hen a few drops of tonic, wrapped her up in flannel, placed her in a sewing basket, and put basket and hen on top of the steam pipes, and after an hour she had her head under her wing, so we put the basket into the cage, and left her for the night. Next morning she was on the perch, and almost as well as ever, thanks to "Our Canaries," and my wife.

I colour fed this hen, and made a good job of it, and I showed her at the Canadian National Exhibition, and she took third prize. I subscribe to Cage Birds, and think it a great paper, as it contains so many helpful hints for any one taking up the Canary hobby. I hope Cage Birds' readers will always co-operate with its Editor in helping along such a valuable weekly paper.

Wallace C. Jones.

Toronto, Canada.

How to Warm a Bird Room.

Help Desired in a Difficulty.

Sir,—In Cage Birds of September 23, Mr. Gordon-Stewart gave a simple method of warming an out-door bird room, and I would like to ask him for a little more information on the principle of construction, and the successful heating, or rather the continual even burning of the lamp. I beg to thank him for sending this simple and useful idea for the benefit of readers of our paper, the only Cage Birds.

My trouble is that I have carried out Mr. Gordon-Stewart's idea in all details of construction with the one exception that I have fitted the lamp 14 inches from the floor. My cylinder is 18 inches long, 6 inches in diameter, and is perfect in itself for the radiation of the heat, but the trouble I get with the lamp is in this way. As stated, I have fitted my lamp at one end of my bird room 14 inches from the floor, and I have 7 feet of hot water piping straight from the cylinder to the roof; then an elbow, and another 7 feet of hot water piping carried to the other end outside, and fitted with an elbow and cowl. The piping is 1 inch in diameter.

With the cylinder only, the lamp burns beautifully, and gives a splendid heat, but immediately I place the piping in position on the cylinder to carry off the fumes, then, in a few minutes the lamp flares up, smokes, and goes out. If I only use the 7 feet from the cylinder straight up to the roof it is all right, but the 7 feet extra through the room seems to make it smoke and go out as stated.

I would like to ask Mr. Stewart if he can give me any further information to remedy this; is there too much air-draught passing through, or too little, or are my pipes too long? The total is 14ft. 6in. to end of cowl outside from the cylinder. I may say that I have bought everything new for the purpose of carrying out Mr. Gordon-Stewart's idea, as I think it a grand and economic idea. I have a No. 6 Hearson incubator lamp and chimney; the cylinder was made to order, also the 1in. pipes cut and screwed for same. Any further information that Mr. Gordon-Stewart can give me to solve my little difficulty will be very much appreciated.

Wm. Wooldridge.

How I Bred Goldfinch- and Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrids.

The Value of the Greenfinch Hen.

Sir,—I am now sending an account of my experience in breeding Goldfinch and Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrids as promised in Cage Birds.

In the breeding season of 1915, I had a hen Canary with only one young, the other eggs proving unfertile. I procured three young Greenfinches from a wild Greenie's nest of about the same age as the young Canary, four days old, and I placed them in the nest with it. The hen Canary took to the young Greenies immediately, and she fed them well until they could look after themselves. After the Greenfinches had moulted I was very pleased to see that all threo were hens, for it was exactly what I wanted. All through the winter the birds were flying with my Goldfinch and Linnet.

In the spring of 1916, I thoroughly cleaned and painted my cage, and paired up my birds as follows:—Cock Goldfinch with hen Canary and hen Greenfinch in a three-compartment cage; Linnet and Greenfinch in another; pair of Canaries in another; and a spare hen Canary and hen Greenie in another. I kept them paired until nearly the end of May, but there was nothing doing, so I opened all the cage doors and let them fly about the aviary and do as they pleased. In less than a week after I had eggs from two of my hen Greenies; one of the hens laid in an ordinary nest pan, and the other made a nest in a pan I had placed in a bush. The two hens sat for a fortnight, and on looking at the eggs I was disappointed to find they were all clear, so I threw them away. About a week after all three hens went to nest, and I was pleased to see my cock Goldfinch and Linnet paying great attention to them; occasionally the two cocks would have a fight, but it was only for a minute or two. The second round from the Greenies was a little better, although it produced only one young one out of twelve eggs. This young one was reared successfully by the hen Greenie, and both the hens went to nest again for the third time some time in July. This time I had hatch out two Goldie-Greenfinches and two Linnet-Greenfinches, the other hen Greenfinch was still unfertile. I was sufficiently pleased with the results, and I do not wish for any better feeders than my hen Greenfinches. Readers would be wise if they would only use the hen Greenie more freely.

I see from time to time that readers of Cage Birds find fault with the breeders, and say that do not give away their secrets. There is no secret attached to it. I live in the country, and give plenty of wild seed such as the birds love, and I seldom come home to dinner or tea without something fresh for my birds. Bird-keepers must not stuff their birds one day and neglect them the next, but must be always looking to their comfort, and their birds will repay them. Keep everything clean, and the birds will love you. I shall be pleased to answer any further questions if readers think it necessary.

E. Cockram.

An Aviary at Hoxton.

Thirty-three Species of British Birds Doing Well.

Sir,—The conditions in the crowded parts of London are not favourable for the keeping of birds in an out-door aviary. On the other hand there is more temptation to do so than in those favoured places where wild birds come round the house and sing all day. The best way for a Londoner to acquire a knowledge of British birds is to keep them under observation in surroundings as natural as possible, and it was chiefly with this intention that I started my aviary.

It consists of a glass house, with wood and zinc roof, 6ft. by 5ft., and an open flight 6ft. by 11ft., with a covered flight 6ft. by 8ft., giving a ground surface of 144 square feet, all 7ft. in height. In this I have kept on an average 40 birds. The covered portion is sanded; there is ivy against the back-wall, and a pond 4ft. square, with frequently running water, and a marshy bit adjoining. Some shrubs are growing in boxes.

Beginning with Greenfinches, I gradually added other birds in the following order:—Redpoll, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, Lark, Yellow Hammer, Hedge Sparrow, Brambling, Hawfinch, Snow Bunting, Tree Sparrow, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Reed Bunting, Siskin, Robin, Blue Tit, Great Tit (in a separate compartment, 2ft. by 1ft. by 7ft.), Bearded Reedling (a failure), Corn Bunting, Twite, Pied Wagtail (a failure), Coal Tit (a failure), Tree Pipit, Quail, Wheatear, Mealy Redpoll, Lesser Whitethroat (a failure), Willow Warbler, Yellow Wagtail (a failure), Blackcap, Redstart (a failure), Whitethroat, Meadow Pipit, Marsh Tit, Whinchat and Grey Wagtail (the last three failures), Woodlark, Redwing, Cirl Bunting, and Dunlin; 42 different species, of which 33 have done well.

The Goldfinches built a nest and hatched three eggs, but the young died within a week. Neither of the other pairs has tried to breed. At first I had several losses from cats, but double-wire everywhere has surmounted this difficulty, and the aviary is now cat-proof. I should like to acknowledge my great indebtedness to Mr. Norman's excellent book on "Aviaries, bird-rooms, and cages." Here in small compass is everything a beginner needs to know, and every line betrays the most intimate acquaintance with the practical difficulties of aviary construction and management. It is far more useful than many pretentious and expensive works.

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THE PROS AND CONS OF INBREEDING.

(Continued from page 608.)

A Comparison with Natural Selection.

Sir,—As a constant reader of Cage Birds I have taken a keen interest in the discussion "Pros and Cons of In-breeding," and in my opinion in-breeding for any period is detrimental to the production of birds of any variety where size is a desirability. With such as the Norwich, you must start with size and must pair the offspring to gain quality. By judicious selection you may improve your stock at first, but deteriorate they must, for in no form of life does heredity climinate atavism. There is always a tendency to breed back to some ancestor. Therefore, what you gain in quality is at the expense of size and stamina, and ultimately you would breed a class of unfits. As to retaining all the good qualities I think with one of your former writers you must also retain all the bad.

Natural selection is a sphere where man has no say; in nature animals are free to make their choice, and they mate with their partners because of their fitness to survive. No one ever heard tell of a female Eagle or Hawk mating with a vanquished male; it is always the victorious one, and thus does nature retain the best. It matters little whether they have ever mated before; the males must give a display of their powers before the female, whether it be in fighting, beauty of plumage, or song, and not till then does she make her choice. Of course man has made vast improvements on nature in some directions, and it is only with a desire to learn I enter the discussion. I am only a novice as far as aviculture is concerned; inquiry is always my policy. I have gained much useful information from your valuable paper, Cage Birds. Long may it prosper.

D. Dalrymple.

A Question of Logic.

Sir,—I am glad Mr. Bastock has expressed regret for his personal attack upon Mr. House; I felt sure he would do so on reflection. It would be a pity to have the discussion of such an important and interesting subject as in-breeding marred by the introduction of personalities, and it would also be a sorry day for the Fancy. No capable man would expose himself to such risks.

There have been two or three views enunciated during this discussion which, for the life of me I cannot understand. One has been the assumption that the principles of in-breeding may be successfully applied to poultry, pigeons, and every kind of four-footed animal, but not to Canaries. These latter are alleged to come under a different code and category. Why?

Another somewhat intricate point has been put very bluntly and clearly by Mr. Bastock, who says he believes in pedigree breeding, but not in in-breeding. How he is going to do the one without doing the other it would be interesting to have explained.

I notice that Mr. Bastock is very emphatic in his requests to advocates of in-breeding to give him data as to the winners they have bred, etc., etc. I think it ought, in a bona-fide discussion by honest fanciers, to be taken for granted that the statements they make as to personal experience are accurate. That by the way. But Mr. Bastock, by his pointed demands upon others, has fortified one to make the request that he should himself give data. Perhaps, therefore, he will tell us how he would be able to pedigree-breed unless he resorted to in-breeding. If he will do so, it will be interesting. I am sure.

I first mentioned Mr. House's articles upon in-breeding because they embodied so much that I was in agreement with, and so little that I disagreed with, and because I had through a long course of years proved so many of Mr. House's contentions to be true in practice. I felt that the many points and proofs in favour of in-breeding could not possibly be adequately embodied in a letter to the Press, so I recommended Cage Birds' readers to get Mr. House's articles and read for themselves. I hold no brief for Mr. House. He and I have often crossed swords upon points of argument, but I trust I have always recognised in his contentions elements of sincerity and proofs of the possession of experience.

I may say that this season I have had practical demonstration of the success of in-breeding, in my own experience. But I do want clearly to understand why Canaries are to be placed upon a different plane to any other animal in this matter. Mr. Vardy has been mentioned. I have heard breeders of Norwich Plainheads say, "You can tell Vardy's stuff anywhere—there is such a similarity." And Mr. Vardy has bred some winners. If he believed, as Mr. Bastock infers, in pedigree breeding, he must have in-bred. He did not get his birds by running for an unrelated cock here, and a hen there. He must have persistently and consistently kept in one line, and that was in-breeding. Call it pedigree breeding, if Mr. Bastock pleases.

"Invicta."

"Live and Learn" Wants to Learn More.

Sir,—My experience of breeding Canaries only covers four seasons, therefore, as a four year old child in the fancy I am at an age to bother my elders with questions. I have, I think on more than one occasion, seen the statement made in Cage Birds that most deformities, monstrosities, etc., call them what you will, are the result of inbreeding, and that by out crossing you avoid all this, and get strong, healthy birds.

I notice a correspondent has bred a four-legged Hybrid (according to recent issues), another a one-winged youngster from a Yorkshire-Border pair. Two years ago I bred a nest of mules with deformed beaks from a Siberian Goldie and a Yorkshire hen. Can any of your correspondents blame inbreeding for this?

Someone has stated that the difficulty in breeding light mules arises from the fact that when two birds of different species are paired together, their powers of reproduction are, so to speak, thrown out of balance, and instead of their individual characteristics being reproduced, something more resembling the types and colours of the original species is blended in the offspring.

If such is the case, would such not also be the case in a lesser degree when very distantly related birds of the same species are brought together?

If the original wild Canary is a green bird, would not its descendant have a natural tendency to revert to that colour, and if it was a small bird to revert to its original size?

Is it not by seizing upon some peculiarity that has manifested itself as a sport, and propagating it by selection, that most of our varieties of Canaries, Pigeons, in fact all our pets have been produced?

These are the questions I have been asking myself for some time, and I have been somewhat puzzled to know why it should be necessary to use green blood to produce yellow. I asked the question in your columns if it was necessary to use green or variegated birds to breed rich coloured clears, and Mr. Bastock replies: "It is the only way." Then he proceeds to tell the fancy how he bred a houseful of variegated birds; this is a far far better thing than I have ever done, but it is not exactly breeding clears, is it, Mr. Bastock?

Mr. Bixter, pairing a marked bird to a clear, gets a predominance of marked birds, although one of the old birds was from three generations of clears. His case is parallel with mine. I want to establish a strain without keeping a large number of birds. I like a well-marked bird (who doesn't), but if I breed four marked birds to two clears, in pairing them together at least one pair will consist of two marked birds. Add to this the necessity of pairing buff to yellow, and yellow to buff, and the various other points that have to be considered, and it follows that I would often have to pair marked birds, and I can foresee in this—if I am to keep my strain pure—as "Simple Simon" puts it, ultimately "a roomful of self and foul greens."

Mr. Bastock says that by double yellowing occasionally you can produce a large percentage of yellows, and adds that this is only common sense. Yes, and being common sense I can understand it. I have "dabbled" a little in painting; if I have a little yellow paint on my palette and add a little more to it I have more yellow paint on my palette, this is certain and only common sense; but if I add to it an equal quantity of green, a compound of blue and yellow, I find I have no yellow, but a paler green instead.

Yet this is what Mr. Bastock says should be done with the living colours. He says you can make yellow more yellow, or perhaps orange colour, by adding to it, not red, but blue along with a little more yellow.

This is uncommon sense, and I cannot understand it.

It seems to be the theory of the advocates of this system of breeding that if you pair two clear birds together you lose colour. Such being the case, ought it not to be a simple matter to breed all the colour out of them? Is it not strange that we have scarcely any white Canaries? What do they think of Mrs. Sargeant's experience of breeding from pale coloured clears as related under the heading "Eight years of Inbreeding." Cinnamon blood I suppose, which Mr. Bastock says does not produce colour and cannot be bred out. Is it possible that the bronze green can reappear when it has been bred out?

Mr. J. North, in his able article in Cage Birds of Oct. 7, speaking of wild Canaries, says, "Their plumage is not that of simple colour, but compounded of inky blue and yellow, forming golden green," "the non-production of the blue pigment would leave the yellow pure."

I believe that such is the case. I have, during the last sixteen years, had the privilege of seeing all the rare feathered birds that have passed through the hands of a well-known taxidermist, and it has led me to the conclusion that the blue rather often fails, but that the yellow is very persistent. I have seen varieties of the Green Woodpecker, Greenfinch, Chaffinches, etc., all showing vivid yellow colour when all other has failed.

I have never kept Budgerigars, but the abundance of the yellow variety, the extreme rarity of the blue, and the non-existence of the white, also, to some extent, helps to make me dubious of "the only way."

In conclusion may I thank the correspondents who answered my queries, Mr. Crawhall in particular, for his kind offer to write me personally. I shall probably avail myself of it when pairing time comes round again if it still holds good.

Mr. Wallace says we live and learn by reading Cage Birds. I quite agree with him; the Fancy would be a poor thing without it these times. But the abundance of the fare provided is sometimes embarrassing, and I fear that, like the crowd at a fair, we are sometimes attracted, and taken in by the "Cheap Jacks", who make the most noise.

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Club Reports.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD.

Meeting, Three Tuns, Eastwood, Aug. 14, with a good attendance. Most of the arrangements were made for the Annual Open Show, Nov. 25, at Three Tuns, Eastwood. Members please send subs. as soon as possible to enable them to compete for specials. Specials will be on view at next meeting, Oct. 28, at Three Tuns, Eastwood, at 7 o'clock.—Smith and Lees.

SOUTH MOOR (Social Club).

Meeting held Oct. 15, 1916, Mr. Taylor, chair. Messrs. Saxon, Ostle, Platten, Thos. Shield, N. Foster, and J. Foster were elected stewards for annual show on Nov. 4 and 5. Mr. Shefley and J. Foster to look after timber. It was carried that the deputation be satisfactory. Fanciers please note, entries will close Nov. 1. Members please get as many specials as possible.—Geo. Lane, Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Committee meeting, Headquarters, 58, George Street. Mr. Gough, chair, and a very good attendance. New members were admitted, Mr. Simmons, Cowley; Mr. H. Reverell, Oxford. After a long discussion it was decided that on account of so many members being called to the colours, and the great difficulty of obtaining a suitable room, and as several of the committee could not give any time in running a show, not to run a show this season.—A. Lewin, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

General meeting Oct. 12, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, Mr. Newnham chair. Owing to members working various shifts it was decided to hold a two days' members' show, Nov. 9, 10. Sec. having arranged with Mr. Robson to judge, and having all show business in hand, all present agreed to support same; a good many specials were handed in and classes arranged.—G. H. Macllellan, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Meeting "The Cyprus," Oct. 7, Mr. Howden chair, and about the usual numbers present, although we expected more, considering that there was such an important item on the agenda as the drawing up of schedule for the annual show, Dec. 2. The heated discussion that took place on the number of classes provided, namely, 41 classes, including one gift class for Red Cross, reminded one of old times, a casting vote of the Chairman going in favour of schedule being same as last year, and Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington, to judge.—W. L. Smith.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting Oct. 12, "Red Lion," 2, York Street, St. James. Mr. Robson chair, and a good attendance. Chairman heartily welcomed Mr. F. Knight, of Bristol, an old member of the Society. After general business the meeting was given over to questions and answers, which resulted in a wealth of information to the members present. Decided to hold a table show of Canaries at the November meeting. Vote of thanks to chair ended the meeting.—A. Wallington.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting Red Lion Hotel, Oct. 14, Mr. G. Adnitt chair, with a very good attendance. Stewards for show, G. Adnitt, W. Evans, and E. Henshaw, with other members to take their share as door-keepers. Decided that Mr. Stanhope has all printing in connection with show. Books of tickets are ready, and will be sent to all members guaranteeing eight birds for gift class. Decided to give 5s. cash for most points in show by a non-member. On account of some specials being yet to come in it was decided to leave them to sec. After business Mr. Adnitt and other members gave some of their experiences on birdy matters, which brought a pleasant evening to a close.—Geo. Sawer.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

Meeting, Pillar's Cafe, Oct. 4, Mr. Smith presiding over a moderate attendance. Decided to grant the club patronage to the following shows:—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Gateshead, Blaydon, and Manchester. Owing to the number of members in H.M. Forces, a lengthy discussion took place as to whether the club's bronzes should be put up for competition over the patronage shows this year, and it was eventually decided to let them stand over. Decided to have a Table Show at next meeting, with the usual classification, and owing to the very moderate attendances of the members within recent months, it was decided that champions and novices exhibit together. Mr. Espie will judge, and members are asked to beat up in good numbers.—J. Farrer, Sec. pro tem.

WALLSEND C.B.A.

General meeting held Station Hotel, Oct. 11, Mr. L. Simpson presided over a grand attendance. Important show business was gone through, and officials elected. It was left to sec. to get another judge for British, so that we may get the show opened sooner. Since we elected our judges we have got 50 new members. I have engaged Mr. J. Maddison, Newcastle, to judge British. New members elected, Mr. Bewick, Windy Nook; Mr. Johnstone, Walker, and Mr. Heron, Wallsend. Mr. Johnstone, Wallsend, has given 2s. 6d. each for best green Border, best Cinn., best clear or mkd., and most points in the Borders, all for novices, so novice members don't forget to send your entries. This ended a most enjoyable evening.—G. Greenwell, Sec.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, Oct. 14. Sec. reported progress made to date with arrangements for annual open show in aid of Cornick House Red Cross Hospital. Y.M.C.A. Hall engaged on terms similar to last year; permission to run show under Red Cross auspices granted; Mr. J. F. Dewar, appointed judge of Scotch Fancy, British and Foreign sections, and Mr. R. Martin, Kirkintilloch, for Norwich. Mr. J. Hamilton, Eskbank, has been asked to judge Borders and Yorkshires. The show to be held on Dec. 9, and to be fully advertised in Cage Birds. Mr. W. B. Smart intimates the patronage of the B.F.C.C., and Mr. E. Barron, patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club. Two more membership fees have been paid in, and a new member has just joined.—Hugh M. Ferguson, Sec.

IRVINE C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 30, Templars Hall, Bank Street, Irvine, Mr. W. S. Clark presiding. Secretary's financial report was adopted, which showed a balance of £9 2s. 4d., being £2 8s. 6d. better than last year. Election of officers: President, Mr. Clark, was re-elected; vice-president, Mr. Young; committee, Messrs. H. McCall, D. Sperott, H. Aitken, G. Raeside, G. Duff, W. Murray, J. McMinn, and J. Nairn. Arrangements were made for open show Dec. 9. (Secretaries please note to avoid clashing). It has been arranged to hand over all surplus to charity of the district. The classification is very good (23 classes), and we hope to have the very best support from the fanciers in the district.

We have the full patronage of the Border Fancy C.C. Thirteen special prizes are promised, and more to follow.

Mr. W. S. Clark reported sending off a silver cigarette case and match box to Sapper James Alexander, who is now "doing his bit" in the Big Push in France. The case was fully inscribed with the name of the Society, and presented to Mr. Alexander for services rendered as secretary before enlisting. We have secured three well-known judges for our show, namely, Messrs. Hyslop, Stirling; Lambie, Whitburn, Kirkintilloch.—James Paterson, Sec.

CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Continued from page 589.)

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

THE points of perfection have been arrived at by discovering the tendency towards any given excellence, such as enhanced colour or shape, or size, or position, or added features, such as crest or even-marking.

It is not as if we had found the wild Canary an over-large bird, and had in a retrogressive manner, reduced its size by selection of its puny offspring, or that it had originally been a beautiful yellow bird with dark-rimmed spectacle eyes and V-shaped markings on the wings, or that its normal head-feathering was as full and as round as a double marigold, and by very careful selection we had reduced it to the size of a field daisy.

Are the cultivated flowers of the garden generally considered to be "monstrosities" when compared to their wild prototypes? Or do the cultivated animals, such as dogs, cats, horses, and rabbits compare in any way unfavourably with the indigenous tribes from which they must have been evolved?

During the autumn and winter it is assumed that all those birds that do not go to the shows have been comfortably housed either in roomy cages, large flight cages, or have been flying loose in a room or aviary indoors or outdoors, although it is not often that those that are kept in the latter way have any pretensions to exhibition form.

In View of the Breeding Season.

At the approach of spring all such birds should be caught and put into cages, say, a group of four into an ordinary-sized breeding cage, or six into a larger breeder. Experienced fanciers can tell at a glance which are cocks and which are hens, not only when the birds are fully grown, but often as they lay in the nest partly fledged.

It is impossible to give a description, in words, that would enable anyone to do this; it is only by long custom and the handling of many birds that it can be done, and not then perfectly, unless one has the opportunity of frequently watching the birds for an hour or two, or, at intervals for a day or two.

As the breeding season approaches, the stock should be gradually caged singly, when the cocks will very soon be singing and the healthy hens flapping their wings and jumping incessantly from perch to perch.

Here let it be remarked that to attempt to breed with Canaries that are not in perfect condition of health is simply to bring trouble and court disaster. It has been stated that Canaries are susceptible to all the diseases that affect mankind, but without discussing this we will content ourselves with saying that breeding pairs must be in high condition of health before setting up house-keeping.

Keeping on the negative side of the subject, we will indicate the difference between the healthy state and the unhealthy by saying that birds intended for breeding purposes should not be short-breathed, especially at night, which is a good time to ascertain their rate of breathing, which is plainly denoted by the beating of the tail.

In a robust specimen this is scarcely perceptible, but in any that are affected in the breathing apparatus the caudal appendge beats rapidly, and swings a greater distance than it should do, and the extent of the diseased lungs may be accurately gauged by this increased action of the tail.

Birds that Should Not be Used.

A bird that is constantly eating and then moping is probably affected with liver-trouble and should not be advanced to the breeding-cage, but put back into the big flight cage. Some Canaries also drink a great deal too much, and nothing is thought of the habit, but it is indicative of a serious disease of the kidneys, and birds affected by it are no use for breeding, and will probably soon die.

It is no use trying to breed with cock birds that are not in full song, or which in the other ways already indicated prove their unfitness to enter the holy state of matrimony.

It is much better for the birds, and their owners, and makes towards success in subsequent breeding time if the birds when brought forward from their winter quarters are in high condition, and do not require any special preparation by feeding to stimulate them.

It has often been found that birds have got too fat during the winter, even on plain Canary seed and water, with a pinch of green meat at rare intervals. A certain amount of fat about the body of a Canary is only the healthy state for cold weather, but rolls of yellow fat over the loins, stomach, breast and vent do not help a hen anything during the spring and summer.

When Canaries during winter show a tendency to put on too much fat, it is a good plan to let their seed consist of two parts of Turkish canary seed and one pint of white millet; if this does not keep them in good hard flesh they should have some aperient saline in their drinking water, and the best of all for this purpose is sulphate of soda in the proportion of one dram of the salts to a pint of water. It is very effective and free from any disagreeable flavour.

It is very much better to discard any bird from the breeding-stock that fails in condition, than to attempt to pamper it into a healthy state. It is very seldom that any real success attends such efforts, and if any young ones do get hatched they are very likely to die in the nest or in the moult.

To Improve an Ailing Favourite.

Yet it sometimes happens that some celebrated prize-winner or its sister, or its cousin, or its aunt, does not exhibit any of those signs of health which are so noticeable in ordinary birds, and this being the very bird the fancier wishes to perpetuate he tries all he knows to improve the condition of his favourite. If such birds have been kept in cold-rooms, a move to warmer quarters and more sunshine will often improve matters.

A little egg and biscuit food every day, to which has been added five drops of Parrish's chemical food, and a leaf or two of watercress, or lettuce, or dandelion, sometimes works wonders. Such birds should be isolated into roomy, draught-proof cages, regularly provided with a bath, and cleaned out every day. Also give hemp seed.

Having made a final selection of breeding stock, get rid of the surplus, either by advertising them in Cage Birds or selling them to a dealer, and having ascertained which are cocks and which are hens of those you are keeping, the next thing is to see if the breeding cages are ready, or to procure one or more new ones.

By new ones it is not necessarily implied that the cages are to be bought ready made. If one has been well bitten by the Canary cult, the spare time of many evenings may have been profitably employed in cage-making, and when one has learnt that the enjoyment of any hobby is measured by the time and trouble taken in cultivating it, one takes pleasure in trying to surround ones *proteges* with well-made, comfortable, and commodious cages.

All About Cages.

The breeding-cages that are sold in the shops have their objections and they also have their advantages. Those that are called London breeders, and are fitted with two retiring rooms upstairs, or on the second floor, and a sliding partition underneath it to form a "nursery," are generally made too small for any breed except Germans, though the larger sizes, say those that measure 24 ins. wide, 10 ins. from back to front, and 14 ins. high, can be made into very comfortable and useful domiciles.

The nesting compartment should have a wired-door, opening in front, so that if the cage has its place on a rack or shelf by the side of other cages, the eggs or young ones may be taken out and looked at without troubling to move down the cage.

Such cages are to be found in stock in some large shops, or they might be made at home, during spare time as previously stated; they might be made to order, as it is not everybody that has got spare time.

It is as well to take bought cages to pieces and get the inside nicely painted with bright-coloured paint that dries "flat," so as to render them easy of being washed out with warm water and soap.

The nesting boxes may be square and made of wood, or the earthenware pans of circular shape may be substituted. Tin-nests are preferred by some, but either these or the china pans must be lined with felt, well sewn in, and all the parts of the cage and nest-boxes must be occasionally sprinkled with pyrethrum insect destroying powder.

The ends of the perches and any cracks or crevices which might possibly afford cover for "red-mite" may be brushed with turpentine or benzoline or "fir-tree oil" or "terebene" or "Sanitas" or "Creoline," all of which are non-poisonous to birds but inimical to parasites.

(To be continued.)



A very perfect specimen of the Tree-Creeper, whose habits in nature and keeping in captivity are described in the article below. The beautiful bird illustrated was shown with great success by Mr. S. H. Mays, Wansford.

THE TREE CREEPER

(*Certhia familiaris*).

How to House and Keep It.

By BEENI (Sonning).

Describing a novel cage as an ideal home for a charming insectivorous species which offers no particular difficulty in its keeping.

A FAIRLY common bird, the Tree Creeper is most often seen in woodland districts where there are oaks, elms, or well-grown pines. Its habits lead it to seek trees whose bark is rugged, and in the beech woods of the Chilterns the bird, though not rare, is not by any means abundant. The smooth skin of the beech affords neither suitable nesting sites nor hiding places for the insects which form the staple of the bird's diet.

The Tree-Creeper in Nature.

When the trees are stripping after the early frosts, when the days open with mists which gradually diffuse in the rays of the sun, when the woods are pungent with the odour of decaying leaves, when there is a feeling of approaching winter, "sweet though in sadness," then is the time to watch for the Tree Creeper.

Search for a tree with a rough bark, and if you have chosen your locality wisely you will most likely see the bird running mouse-like up the bole. As you watch she will disappear round the farther side, to re-appear a little higher up. Reaching the top, she will drop to the foot of the next tree and repeat the performance. Thus, flitting from crown to foot, the bird maintains a ceaseless activity, scarcely ever alighting on the ground, and as seldom perching, scrutinising every crack and cranny for insects which may have hidden away.

Had we seen our little friend six months earlier, when the woods were putting on their freshest livery, we should have seen her seemingly engaged in the same way, and as busily employed. But at this season she would have a double purpose in her actions. Besides satisfying her appetite she is earnestly "house hunting."

Not every tree is suited to her purpose. From tree to tree she must flit until, perhaps, in the rugged, gnarled coat of an oak, she comes upon the ideal place. A strip of bark has fetched away from the bole, and between this and the bole a long, narrow cell is formed. Into this our little friend flattens herself, and, taking stock, decides to enter into possession.

Her mate, not far off, comes at her call, and, apparently approving of her choice, the two forthwith commence nesting operations. A hole is made at the side of the cell just large enough to admit the body of the bird, and a few pine twigs laid at the bottom. The sides are lined with hay, moss, feathers and down, and within these snug quarters the hen lays from four to six eggs.

From the accessibility of the site of the nest the eggs suffer frequently from the depredations of mice. Of seven nests found with eggs this season five were subsequently found to have been rifled by these marauders. So the rate of mortality of these birds is necessarily very high.

How to Keep It in Captivity.

The Tree Creeper will do well in captivity, especially in aviaries. It is hardy and easily tamed, and, given plenty of room, is not at all a shy breeder. Whether it will breed in a cage or not I have never had an opportunity of testing. But it can be kept with success in a cage if the cage is construcled on a plan which takes into consideration the activities of the bird. The ordinary type of box cage is entirely unsuitable, as the bird rarely or never perches. What is required is an upright box cage, that is, one which is higher than it is broad.

The following particulars of a cage which I have devised and constructed for this type of bird, and which has proved quite suitable, may be of interest. In dimensions it is 24 inches in height, 18 in width, and 12 inches from front to back. A bottom rail is 3 inches deep, and below this comes the sand tray. A wooden food drawer slides into the bottom rail, and a drinker hangs inside. The back, for a depth of 9 inches from the top, is hinged to let down. The purpose of this will appear later.

On the back and right hand side are nailed strips of tough oak bark reaching from top to bottom, of course with the necessary clearance for the sand tray to be slid in and out. Oak bark is used because it will not crack away under the bird's claws. Strips of bark are also nailed along the supports of the food drawer and inside of the bottom rail. This is for the bird to cling to while feeding, as it will not perch.

In the strips of bark on the right side of the cage are two pockets contrived to hold small phials, and by letting down the hinged portion of the back I can insert the ends of leafy twigs into these phials and thus provide a canopy of leaves for the top of the cage. By putting water into the phials the twigs can be kept fresh for some time and renewed easily when faded.

For diet a good insectile mixture supplemented with live insects of the type the bird would be likely to obtain in a state of freedom will keep the Tree Creeper in good condition. Mealworms and gentles can be used when such insects as wood-lice, earwigs, moths, ladybirds, and small beetles become scarce. If a few of these insects are allowed to wriggle into the cracks of the bark nailed on the cage, the bird will derive considerable amusement and exercise in hunting them out. In the keeping of insectivorous birds as much variety as possible should be introduced into the live portion of the diet.

Although the Tree Creeper has no song to speak of it has many attractive ways which will make it worth keeping as a cage bird.

THE SHOWS.

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SACRISTON P.P.F AND C.B.S.

First open show of cage birds, Oct. 7, with 22 classes and a good entry. In the Norwich some first class specimens were out for competition, especially amongst the young birds; Yorkshires were scarce, but British were a nice entry; some of them were not quite through moult, but will make a name for themselves at later shows. The National School is an ideal place for a show; there is plenty of light, and the birds were very comfortable, with every care and attention given to their welfare. There was a large number of visitors. The judge, Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington, gave full satisfaction, and the Sec., Mr. W. Dodd, and his hard-working committee, had everything well in hand. They are all fanciers and know the needs of the specimens they had in hand.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Thompson; 2, hc, Pierson; 3, Williams and Gailes; vhc, Stanger; c, Priest. BUFF (9): 1, Rutherford; 2, Bates; 3, Hogg; vhc, Williams and Gailes; hc, Briggs; c, Whyatt. 1916 BRED (17): 1, Lawson; 2, Arnison; 3, hc, Foster; vhc, Williams and Gailes; c, Holden. HEN (17): 1, Holden; 2, Lawson; 3, vhc, Bates; hc, Williams and Gailes; c, Briggs. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Grearly; 2, Taylor; 3, Wearmouth and Hodgson; vhc, Coomber; hc, c, Thompson. BUFF (4): 1, Bates; 2, Wearmouth and Hodgson; 3, Stanger; vhc, Grearly. 1916 BRED (6): 1, Wearmouth and Hodgson; 2, Bates; 3, Coomber; vhc, hc, c, Robson. HEN (4): 1, Bates; 2, Coomber; 3, Grearly; vhc, Stanger. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, Hay; 2, Watson; 3, Johnston; vhc, Tower; hc, Bates; c, Nicholson. BUFF (11): 1, Johnston; 2, Towers; 3, Watson; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Hay; c, Blakey. GREEN or CINN. (6): 1, 2, Johnston; 3, vhc, Greenwell; hc, Nicholson; c, Blakey. HEN (15): 1, Nicholson; 2, vhc, Johnston; 3, Bates; hc, Watson; c, Tower. CREST (7): 1, 2, Hugill; 3, Bewick; vhc, hc, Jeffries; c, Stanger. C.B. (3): 1, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, Gillespie. LINNET (15): 1, Waters; 2, vhc, Wright; 3, Forster; hc, Stewart; c, Robson. COLDF. or BULLF. (4): 1, Stangef; 2, Wilson; 3, Simpson; vhc, Wright. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, Greenwell; 2, vhc, Forster; 3, Wilford; hc, Hooper; c, Hogg. GREENF. (7): 1, Gentleman; 2, Wright; 3, Boyd; vhc, Simpson; hc, c, Goodfellow. HEN (8): 1, Montague; 2, 3, Wright; vhc, Simpson; hc, Boyd; c, Hooper. AO.V. HARDBILL (15): 1, Boyd; 2, Rutherford; 3, Simpson; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wright; c, Knaggs. SELL. (6): 1, Lawson; 2, Hogg; 3, Stanger.

SCOTS FANCY NATIONAL DERBY

The annual show of the Scots Fancy National Derby O.A. was held Oct. 14 in the National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow. The competition marked the gathering together of the best of the season's breeding, and the show was well patronised by breeders of the front rank from all quarters. Entries were about 30 up from last year, and quality was quite up to that of previous years. Mr. W. McClure, Glasgow, was out again on top, providing the Derby winner in his foul buff cock, which had done the same for its owner the previous week in Edinburgh. Mr. J. Muir, Glasgow, furnished the best for opposite sex with a foul buff hen of much promise. The secretary's duties are still very creditably carried out by the well-known and much respected enthusiast, A. M Baird, Paisley, who knows his work and does it, and to whom much credit is due for the success of the venture. Judging was got through in good time, and must have met with general approval, as we heard no grumbling.

YELL. CK., CLEAN OR FOUL (10): 1, Morrison, fine size cl., good type, col., and top end, thick through, nice pos.; 2, Allan, good stamp, not just so massive, will improve; 3, Thornton, good style and qual., fine action, better cond., runs hard up on 2nd; 4, Dalgleish, nice style and pos., fails in shoulder and size; 5, Phillips; 6, McClure; 7, Hannay. YELL. CK., PIED or GREEN (12): 1, Muir, real nice pied, well built, nice style and action, could do with shade more side and subs.; 2, Morrison, very nice green, in lovely order, fine type and qual., ready worker, must have pressed; 3, Main, green, bit unsteady, but good cond., fails in top end; 4, David, pied, nice reach and length of side, typical, but scarcely so thick through; 5, Muir; 6, McAdam; 7, Harrower. BUFF CK., CL or FOUL (17): 1, McClure, meritorious foul, carries off the much-coveted honour for second Saturday in succession, all there for build, thick through, fine length of side, nice drive, prominent shoulder and fine reach, good droop, handles well; 2, David, good cl., fine size and cond., nice type and qual., free worker, not so thick as leader, 3, Baird, in fine bloom, larger, thicker made, fine side, good top end, must have made a tight run for 2nd place; 4, Thornton, small, but neat, typical, proper stamp, only wants size; 5, Gray; 6, Kennedy; 7, Main. PIED or GREEN (24): 1, sp, David, fine exhibit, grand size, stylish and ready action, in lovely bloom, wins nicely; 2, Muir, nice pied, free action, good reach and shoulder, nice drive, fails in side and depth through; 3, Allan, trifle smaller, very stylish, rare top end, grand droop, staged in good order; 4, 6, Dalgleish, better for size, nice cond., good length of side, beaten at top end; 5, Livingstone; 7, Muir. YELL. HEN, CL. or FOUL (21): 1, Dalgleish, grand cl., fine depth of col., very stylish, fine action, rare shoulder and reach, good droop, nice drive, we liked much; 2, Morrison, typical, good top end, fine length of side, not so thick through, loses in cond.; 3, McAdam, good type and style, free worker, similar to 2 and well up for 2nd place; 4, Wilson, similar size and type, good cond., not quite the reach; 5, David; 6, Vernall; 7, Stewart. PIED or GREEN (17): 1, sp, Kennedy, pied, nice size and stylish, fine reach and shoulder, thick got up, not quite in full bloom yet; 2, Dalgleish, pied, fine size, col., and qual., A1 cond., well balanced throughout, close up; 3, Livingstone, green, fine style and action, fine shoulder, grand reach, could do with pinch more size, otherwise good; 4, Strathearn, Jun., green, similar type, good top end, nice drive, beaten size and length of side. BUFF HEN, CL. or FOUL (24): 1, sp best opposite sex to cup winner, Muir, really good foul, free worker, head, neck and shoulder all there, fine droop, nice side, thick through, fine model to work on; 2, Thornton, nice qual., similar type, loses in side and depth, well put down; 3, Dalgleish, good one, runs tight up on 2nd, nice shoulder and head, fine side and deep through, not just the droop; 4, Wilson, smaller built, nice type and qual., but beaten here; 5, Hendry; 6 and 7, Vernall. PIED or GREEN (23): 1, Allan, green, not one of the largest, but neat and typical throughout, and in fine order; 2, sp, Hunter, pied, good top end, nice side, good drive, not so free in action; 3, Muir, good green, fine style, action, nice shoulders, good side and drive, just beaten in reach, in fine bloom; 4, Beattie, nice pied, in good cond., fair style and type; 5, Dalgleish; 6, Cook; 7, McLauchlan.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Annual open show of Canaries, Feversham Street Council Schools, Oct. 14, the first Yorkshire Union show of the season. The room is very comfortable for exhibits and visitors alike, being well lighted, warm, and free from draughts, and within easy distance of the stations and cars. Entries totalled 393 for 30 classes, an average of 13 per class, and this must be considered excellent for the first show of the season. The society had made a good classification and the show started the competition for the Yorkshire Union challenge ten-guinea trophy, so visitors got to see many of the very best specimens of the Yorkshire Canary in the county from which it has taken its name. Unflighted classes were the strongest, as usual, having 101 entries in five classes. The sec., Mr. W. Helliwell, had full charge of the show, and was ably assisted by Mr. J. Horsfield. These two fanciers have had years of experience, and therefore everything was conducted in a very businesslike manner. The show stewards were Messrs. Brown, Carncross, McEwen, Bolton, and Bower. The gate was very well looked after by Mrs. Helliwell and Mr. Brown, and visitors turned up well, the room being packed all the afternoon. Several of the exhibits were claimed, the winner in the unflighted Norwich class at £10 10s.; the 2nd prize winner in unflighted Yorks hen at £12 12s., about a record price for a hen; the winning novice buff cock at £5 5s., and three hens in the selling class. These sales will help to make the show a success. The judges were: Mr. Peel (Yorks), and Mr. Cowgill (Norwich), and both seemed to give general satisfaction. The prize money was paid out during the afternoon to all the winners who attended the show.

CL. YELL. YORKS CK. (11): 1, Dykes, beautiful type, nice length, lovely qual. of feather, grand head and neck, rare wing carr., pipe tail, level col., stands correct, well shown; 2, Lunn, splendid length, feather like silk, nice head, wings well carried, hardly as straight as 1st, short of bloom, will improve; 3, c, Bennett, rare type and qual., very slim and stylish, well up on leg; 4, Hartley, well built, nice qual., not as fit; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Arthur Radley. BUFF (10): 1, Fawcett and Long, very long, feather smooth as glass, good sound head, well-filled neck, wings and tail well braced, A1 position, in fine cond.; 2, Dr. Craig, beautiful qual., correct type of Yorks, head, neck and wings perfect, best of legs, only beaten in length; 3, Lunn, very stylish, grand shape, fine silky feather, shows well; 4, Bennett, full of type and qual., rather unsteady, will do better; vhc, Dykes; hc, Chittenden; c, Mason. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Hodgson, sen., wing tkd., plenty of length, stands correct, lovely qual., sound level col., well-fitting wings and tail, staged in fine style; 2, Dykes, tkd. head and wing, lovely shape and style, fine silky feather, grand shaped head, wings and tail well placed, full of nerve, stands well; 3, Smith Bros., nice length, very slim and stylish, rare wing carr.; 4, hc, A. Brown, grand shape, good stock bird; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Arthur Radley. BUFF (7): 1, A. Radley, beautiful wing tkd., standard length, fine boxy feather, wings and tail well carried, well up on leg, shows well; 2, Dykes, wing tkd., plenty of length, feather like glass, grand head, full neck, wings perfect, close up; 3, Dr. Craig, lovely type and qual., correct pos.; 4, P. Hirst, grand shape and style, rather short of bloom, will improve; vhc, Brown; hc, Chittenden; c, Myers and Thornton. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, P. Hirst, cl., splendid type, rich level col., grand head and shoulders, nicely cut away behind, feather like silk, A1 pos., a gem; 2, Myers and Thornton, sweet wing tkd., rare qual. of feather, very typical, good head, well placed wings, pipe tail, loses in length; 3, W. Helliwell, cl., very slim and stylish, lovely feather, well up on leg; 4, Bennett, grand length, full of type and qual., rich col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, J. Helliwell; c, A. Radley. BUFF (18): 1, 3, A. Radley, slightly tkd., plenty of length, grand head, well-filled neck, lovely qual., sound col., correct type, 3rd big strong bird, more like a stock bird, not quite fit yet; 2, Hartley, cl., beautiful shape, nice length, feather like wax, rare shaped head, wings well placed, best of legs; 4, P. Hirst, very stylish, full of nerve, nice qual.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Myers and Thornton; c, G. Midgley. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dykes, wing tkd., correct length, shape and style, perfect rich col., feathered as tight as wax, A1 pos., best of cond.; 2, J. Helliwell, grand type, fine silky feather, stands correct, level col., just a shade stout in build, neat wing carriage; 3, A. Radley, nice shape and style, rather rakey in feather, not ready; 4, Dr. Craig, cl., lovely type, bit loose, will improve; vhc, Bedforth; hc, Lunn. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Myers and Thornton, cl., plenty of length, grand head and neck, wings and tail well carried, stands well up on leg, very fine drawn; 2, W. Helliwell, cl., rare shape, feather very boxy, lovely wing carriage, on good legs, only beaten in length; 3, Hartley, cl., wonderful length, teeming with qual, built on slimmer lines; 4, J. Helliwell, cl., lovely qual., rather stouter, rare wing carriage; hc, Dibb; c, Fawcett and Long. UNFLIG. HEN (22): 1, 4, P. Hirst, cl. buff, grand length, fine boxy feather, nice head, on good shoulders, wings well braced, stands well up, 4th sweet wing tkd., lovely qual. and type; 2, Hodgson, sen., wing tkd. yell., very long and well built, rich col., beautiful qual., well-fitting wings, shows well; 3, Hartley, cl. buff, rare type, plenty of length, excels in qual.; vhc, Middleton; hc, Towers; c, J. Helliwell. GREEN MKD. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Dykes, even mkd., wonderful length, rich in col., grand head, back and wings, beautiful feather, well up, on best of legs; 2, A. Radley, var., very long and well built, fine silky feather, nice round head, well placed wings and tail, richly col., well benched; 3, R. Ellis, sen., uneven mkd., rare type and shape, rather loose in feather, will improve; 4, Hodgson, sen., heavily var., hot in col., nice style and qual.; vhc, Lunn; hc, Fawcett and Long; c, Bennett. BUFF (11): 1, Hartley, strongly mkd., plenty of length, fine boxy feather, stands well up on leg, well fitting wings, sound level col.; 2, Dykes, uneven mkd., wonderful length, feather like silk, correct pos., very long and well carried flights, best of legs and feet; 3, Rothery, wing tkd., nice lengthy bird, rare shape, not quite fit yet; 4, Towers, even mkd., grand type and qual., rich in col., deserved a better place; vhc, Dibb; hc, Bedforth; c, Lunn. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Chittenden, even mkd., lovely type, plenty of length, shape and style perfect, A1 pos., wings and tail nicely carried, well benched; 2, Middleton, var., standard length, nice shaped head, on good shoulders, hardly as tight in feather, should improve; 3, Rothery, even mkd., full of type, excels in qual., shade less; 4, Hartley, var., very typical, rich qual.; vhc, Brown; hc, P. Hirst; c, Mason. BUFF (13): 1, Sharpe, var., grand length, feather as smooth as glass, good head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, best of cond.; 2, Chittenden, even mkd., lovely type, head well placed, on good shoulders, wings well carried, slim lines, stands well up; 3, Dykes, even mkd., very stylish, teeming with qual., close up; 4, Mason, even mkd., splendid size, well up in pos., feathered like wax; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Towers; c, S. Midgley. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Dr. Craig, wonderful length, rich level col., grand head, level neck, rare wing carr., stands correct on good legs, wins, 2nd uneven mkd., plenty of length, rare shaped head, wings and tail, well braced, rather rakey in feather, will improve; 3, Morrison, mkd. head and wings, good qual., very breedy, shows well; 4, Sutcliffe, var., very typical, rich qual., rather unsteady; vhc, Harrison. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Dr. Craig, even mkd., wondertul length, rich in qual., level col., on slim lines, lovely pos., best of legs, fine cond.; 2, Firth, even mkd., not quite as long, but full of type and qual., sound in col., shows breed, nicely benched; 3, S. Midgley, var., excels in qual., splendid shape, only beaten in length; 4, Brown, wing tkd., lovely shape and style; vhc, Hadwen; hc, Morrison; c, Harrison. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, var., splendid shape, feathered to perfection, grand head, neck and shoulders, rare wing carr., body well rounded, gem; 2, Dr. Craig, even mkd., very long and stylish, fine boxy feather, wing and tail, well braced, hardly as round as the leader; 3, Morrison, var., grand length and type, excels in qual., fine cond.; 4, S. Midgley, uneven mkd., nice size, lovely shape, well on leg, hardly fit; vhc, Hadwen; hc, Firth. SELL., HEN (8): 1, Hodgson, sen.; 2, Lunn; 3, 4, Collins Bros.; vhc, G. Midgley; hc, Raistrick; c, Harsfield.

THE OPEN NORWICH CLASSES.

YELL. CK. (11): 1, Moss, uneven mkd., grand size, large head, full breast, teeming with qual., rich and very hot in col., well across perch, fine cond.; 2, Kaberry, cl. yell., plenty of subs., exquisite tone of col., well on perch, splendid head, bold chest, well benched; 3, Crawshaw, even mkd., grand shape, nice subs., not fit, will improve; 4, Stubb Bros., tkd., hot in col., nice head and breast, shows well; vhc, Wilson; hc, Waters; c, Heap. BUFF (18): 1, Stubb Bros., grizz. on back, very massive, full of subs., sound col., nice wings, good head and breast, faultless style; 2, Waters, cl., plenty of subs., good head and very chesty, not so good in shape and col., should improve; 3, Thomas, mkd. head and wings, grand head and breast, hot col., nice shape, good 3rd; 4, Kaberry, grizz. on head, rare size, bold breast, rather fails in head; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Hartley; c, Crawshaw. UNFLIG. CK. (25): 1, 4, Livingstone, cl. yell., beautiful shape, head and breast, perfect, rich in col., stands correct on perch, a real gem, 4th cl. yell., hot col., good head and nice round breast, fails in subs.; 2, vhc, Crawshaw, mkd. yell., plenty of subs., very hot col., splendid head, gets well on perch, hardly as bold in breast; 3, Haigh, cl. yell., grand shape, plenty of subs., stands well; hc, Kaberry; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Waters, cl. yell., grand size, beautiful head and very bold breast, lovely tone of col., gets well on perch, fine cond.; 2, Crawshaw, yell. mkd., lovely type, rich col., full of qual., body round and cobby, only beaten subs.; 3, Thomas, wing tkd., grand shape and style, short of subs.; 4 vhc, Wilcock cl. yell., good head and breast, sound in col.; hc, Hirst; c, Rushton. BUFF (13): 1 Hean, cl., beautiful type, best of heads, good breast, sound level col., body shape correct, stands well; 2, Kaberry, cl., another beauty, plenty of subs., grand head, and breast, steady as a rock, just a little short of bloom, close up; 3, Clayton, cl., correct shape and type, hot in col., good 3rd; 4, Crawshaw, wing tkd., grand head; vhc, Bennett; hc, Baldwinson; c, Tose. UNFLIG HEN (21): 1, Waters, grizz. on head, buff, good size, large head, very broad chest, stands well, level in col. a beauty; 2, 3 Crawshaw, buff, mkd. on head, nice shape and qual., lovely head and breast, beaten in size, 3rd buff var., plenty of subs., well across perch, nice shape and type; 4, Hirst, cl. yell., lovely type, on smaller lines; vhc, Stubb Bros.; hc, Thomas; c, Moss.

NOVICE Y.U. CLASSES (Limit £5 5s.).

CL OR TKD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Crowther, cl., grand length, rich col., feathered like glass, good head, wings and tail, well placed, gem; 2, Lloyd, cl., plenty of length, rich in qual., sound col., good head and neck, wings well carried, hardly as straight; 3, P. Taylor, cl., very stylish and breedy, grand qual., stands well; 4, A. Taylor, mkd. on head, nice length, good type, bit short of bloom, will improve; vhc, Medley; hc, Pacey; c, Haggis. BUFF (21): 1, Cowell, cl., typical, plenty of length, excels in qual., head, shoulders and wings perfect, A1 pos.; 2, Wheatley and Son, cl., larger, but not as good in qual., make grand stock bird, not quite in best cond.; 3, A. Taylor, tkd., full of type and qual., well up on leg; 4, Baker Bros., tkd., slim and stylish, rich qual., shade less; vhc, Chapman; hc, McEwen; c, Wilman. A.O.V. CK. (14): 1, Pownall Bros., var. buff, grand length, good head and neck, wings and tail, well braced, stands correct, fine boxey feather; 2, Cowell, var. yell., beautiful type, rich level col., lovely qual., close up, only beaten in length; 3, Hamlyn, even mkd. yell., very slim, full of nerve, shows breed; 4, Robinson, uneven mkd. yell., full of type, feather like silk; vhc, Wheatley and Son; hc, P. Taylor; c, Ramsbottom. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, P. Taylor, cl., beautiful shape and style, tight as wax, level col., fine cond., wings and tail perfectly placed, well staged; 2, Lloyd, cl., slimmer in build, grand length, rich in qual., best of legs, rare wing carr., fine cond.; 3, Northrop, cl., very long and stylish, nice qual., neat wing carr.; 4, Senior, cl., slim and typical; vhc, McLoughlin; hc, Jowett; c, Heeley. BUFF (22): 1, Terry, cl., splendid shape, nice length, tight as wax, grand head, well, filled neck, wings and tail well placed, A1 pos.; 2, Wood, cl., wonderful length, excels in qual., good shape, built on strong lines, fails a bit in wing carr., requires more training; 3, Crowther, cl., lovely shape and style, well up on leg, will do better; 4, Lloyd, mkd. shade less, beautiful qual., slim and stylish; vhc, Wilman; hc, Bolton and Lunn; c, Craven. A.O.V. HEN (15): 1, Chapman, var. buff, grand size, full of type, fine boxey feather, level col., good head, neck and wings, stands correct, staged well; 2, Crowther, tkd. yell., very slim and stylish, teeming with qual., rich sound col., wing carr. perfect, close up; 3, Haggis, buff mkd., grand shape, fine silky feather, well up on leg; 4, N. Hirst, ycll. mkd., nice size, lovely qual., fails in head; vhc, c, Senior; hc, Raistrick. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. CK. (5): 1, Woad, even mkd. yell., wonderful length, rich hot col., very long flights, well up on good legs, put down in fine style; 2, Chapman, even mkd. yell., another good big bird, plenty of length, good col., wings and tail well carr., A1 pos.; 3, Robinson, buff mkd., lovely shape and style, finely feathered; 4, Ramsbottom; vhc, Andrews. HEN (7): 1, Hodgson, junr., var. yell., correct type, lovely qual., rich and level col., wings and tail perfectly placed, benched in fine style; 2, 3, Pownall Bros., buff mkd., grand length, well up on leg fine silky feather, wings well carr., shows well; 3, buff mkd., built on slim lines, excels in qual., very stylish; 4, Andrews, buff mkd., grand shape and type; vhc, Woad; hc, Bleazard; c, Raistrick.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Oct. monthly table show, 22 birds staged. Mr. H. James, judge. Some good Canaries were on view. A.V. Can. (Champ.): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, H. T. Gibb, a fine team, 1st and 3rd Yorks., 2nd Nor.; hc, Pearson. Novice: 1, 2, 3, Firth, all Yorks., a good lot; vhc, Gorman; hc, Brown; c, Fellows. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Firth, yell. Goldie-Can.; 2, H. T. Gibb, buff Goldie-Can.; 3, Parsons, yell. Goldie-Can. Brit.: 1, Travers, Goldfinch.—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Oct. 3, Mr. T. Evans presiding over a good attendance. A competition was held for the hottest colour fed birds, and some highly coloured specimens were exhibited. Mr. T. Evans judged, and gave complete satisfaction. Clear Yell.: 1, Huyton; 2, Worrall; 3, Wilson; vhc, hc, Knight; c, Tullock. Buff: 1, 2, Huston; 3, Wilson, vhc, Worrall; hc, Tullock; c, Howard. Mkd. or Variegated Yell.: 1, Huston; 2, Worrall; 3, Tullock; vhc, Knight. Buff: 1, Huyton; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Cothiff; vhc, Tullock. Novice half-day show, Nov. 11; judges, Messrs. T. Rowlands and T. Evans.—A. E. Huyton, Hon. Sec.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN C.B.A.

Successful table show of Canaries, British and Foreign, Oct. 3. The birds sent in were quite up to the high standard usually seen at the shows of this Society. Special, best bird, was won by Mr. Bailey with a typical Norwich of lovely quality. The Sec., Mr. P. Brooks, managed everything in his usual able manner. Mr. H. Norman judged. Ch. Nor.: 1, 2, Griffin. Amat.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bailey. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bailey. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dr. Huggins; hc, Miss Smith. Nov. Nor.: 1, Dr. Huggins; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Smith. Brit.: 1, R. L. Huggins; 2, Mrs. Willis. For.: 1, Mrs. Huggins; 2, 3, Willis. Amat. Yorks.: 1, Mrs. Willis; 2, R. L. Huggins.

EAST HAM F.S.

Eighth Members' Young Stock Show, Central Liberal Club, Oct. 7. The quality was splendid. W. Blows won silver spoon and diploma with a Yorks. yell. ck.

Yorks, Yell.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Blows. Buff: 1, 2, Blows. Mkd. or Var.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Blows. Nor. Yell.: 1, Blows. Buff: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Blows. M. or Var.: 1, Bosher; 2, 3, Blows. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Blows. Mules: 1, sp, 2, Bosher. British Hardbill: 1, sp, 3, Bosher; 2, Thompson; vhc, Moses. Softbill: 1, sp, Wadsworth. Sell. Can.: 1, 2, hc, Blows; 3, vhc, c, Thompson. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, Thompson. Cup most points, Blows. Best Brit., Wadsworth. Best Brit. 1916, Bosher. Best Mule 1916, Bosher. Judge, A. Fleet.—W. A. Harwood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Table show Oct. 7. Judge, Mr. W. Hall, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Yorks. Yell. (8): 1, Baldwinson; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Sanderson; 3, c, Yelland. Buff (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sanderson; 4, Yelland; hc, c, Kendrew. Nor. Yell. (9): 1, 2, 4, Livingstone; 3, Chambers and Smith; vhc, Johnson; hc, Baldwinson; c, Kendrew. Nor. Buff (7): 1, vhc, Chambers and Smith; 2, Livingstone; 3, Kendrew; 4, hc, c, Baldwinson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Stephenson. Brit. Lin., Red, Sis., etc.: 1, 3, T. Dobson; 2, 4, hc, Hunt; vhc, c, Cummings. Gold. or Bullf.: 1, Cummings; 2, T. Dobson. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Cummings; vhc, c, Dobson.

It was decided that we remove our headquarters to the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, and that members' show, Nov. 4, date be altered to Nov. 11 on account of so many members wishing to visit and exhibit at Sheffield on Nov. 3-4. This show on Nov. 11 will be held in the stock room at the Griffin Hotel (entrance down Mill Hill), and members are asked to make a note of this, and also that entries will definitely close Nov. 8.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show held Headquarters, Oct. 9. There was a very good entry of 73 birds, all Yorkshires. Mr. Bray, Holmfirth, judged. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, vhc, A.Radley; 2, Bray; 3, Gledhill; hc, Wood. Buff (10): 1, Whitehead; 2, M. Radley; 3, Sykes; vhc, Buttle and Coupland; hc, Looney; c, Gledhill. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 3, Gledhill; 2, Sykes; vhc, Ellis; hc, A. Radley; c, Cox. Buff (9): 1, Smithies; 2, 3, A. Radley; vhc, Wood; hc, Bray; c, M. Radley. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (10): 1, vhc, Bray; 2, c, Sykes; 3, M. Radley; hc, Smithies. Buff (12): 1, Bray; 2, e, Townend; 3, Smithies; vhc, Buttle and Coupland; hc, A. Radley. Unflig. Yell. Hen (6): 1, Sykes; 2, A. Radley; 3, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, M. Radley; hc, Hargreaves; c, Whitehead. Buff (6): 1, Sykes; 2, Bray; 3, Townend; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Smithies. Cin. Mkd. Ck. (5): 1, Wood; 2, vhc, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Holmes and Schofield; hc, Shanks. Hen (6): 1, Sykes; 2, hc, Smithies; 3, A. Radley; vhc, Cox; c, Buttle and Coupland. Principal point winners: F. Sykes, 98; M. Radley, 68; Buttle and Coupland, 67: A. Smithies, 65; W. Gledhill, 49; G. Wood, 46; B. Townend, 44; C. Bray, 43; A. Radley, 36.—A. Lawford, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First old bird show of the season, headquarters, Park Chapel Schoolroom, Oct. 7. Mr. R. Garnett, Windhill, judge. 96 birds staged.

Champ.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Bushfield. Buff: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Farrar; 4, Northrop. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Walker; 2, Wroe; 3, Farrar; 4, hc, Northrop; vhc, Riley. Buff: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Midgeley; 4, Riley; vhc, Rushworth. Mkd.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Farrar; 4, Rushworth; hc, Busfield. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Northrop; 2, 4, Farrar; 3, Walker; vhc, Midgley; hc, Busfield; c, Laycock. Buff: 1, Farrar; 2, Walker; 3, 4, Wroe; vhc, hc, Busfield; c, Midgley. Mkd.: 1, 4, Farrar; 2, Laycock; 3, Riley. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Verity; 2, Wilman; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Spencer. Buff: 1, Wilman; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Spencer. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Verity; 2, Hargreaves; 3, C. S. Taylor; 4, Walton. Buff: 1, 2, Naylor; 3, Wilman; 4, vhc, Spencer. Mkd.: 1, 3, Hargreaves; 2, Wilman; 4, vhc, Denton; hc, Spencer. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, Denton; 3, Spencer; 4, Walton; vhc, Anderson. Buff: 1, 4, Wilman; 2, 3, Naylor, vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Verity. Mkd.: 1, 4, Spencer; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Verity. Sell.: 1, Walker; 2, Rushworth; 3, Wilman; 4, Anderson. Hen: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Anderson; 4, Wilman.—J. Spencer, Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE C.B.S.—Oct. 21, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 2. Final table show. Nor. York and Brit. Judge, Mr. F. Hargreaves. —J. Whitehead.

BLAYDON C.B.S.—Oct. 28, at Coop. Library, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show, etc.—Geo. Havver.

BIRMINGHAM (SOUTH) C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Marlboro' Hotel, 7.30. Members' annual show business; several new members to be proposed.—G. H. Swindon.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.—Oct. 23, Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., 8. Norwich judging competition; receive annual show specials. Fanciers invited to see Mr. A. Howard, of Norwich, judge.—F. J. Martin.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S.—Oct. 28, at Three Tuns Inn, 7. Fix specials for open show and other important business.—Smith and Lees.

COALTOWN OF WEMYSS C.B.S.—Members please pay subs. on or before Oct. 28, to have names entered in Fife C.B.L.—A. Storrar.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.—Oct. 25, George Hotel, 7.30. Most important. Re table and Federation shows, old and new members well catered for.—Wm. Hearfield.

FIFE C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Lochgelly, 6. Delegates meet at Cross at 6.—J. Sneddon.

FALKIRK, GRANGEMOUTH AND BANNOCKBURN.—Oct. 28, Union Hall, 7.30. Business very important and interesting to all.—D. Aitken.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.—Oct. 23, White Hart Hotel. 7.30. Open show business.—A. Lawford.

IDLE C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Springfield Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; entries day of show. Judge, Mr. J. A. Taylor, Bradford.—J. Chippendale.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Ante-room Drill Hall, 6.30. Show business; final meeting before show.—W. Grewar.

LARKHALL C.B.A.—Oct. 28, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Classification for open show; reports from judges and other show business; come early. —J. McGregor.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.—Oct. 21, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7. Autumn show business.—W. Gilbert.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.—Oct. 26, "Seven Stars," St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Very important.—J. W. Thomson.

NEWCASTLE E. END C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Shop, 161 Shield Road, Newcastle, 7.30. General business and arrangements for show.—E. Coltman.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.—Oct. 28, Manchester Show, 3.—General meeting; important. —J. Hopkins.

OPENSHAW GORTON C.B.S.—Oct. 25, 8.30. Room, back of stage, Alhambra, Higher Openshaw. Selection of judge "Annual Show." Subs. due; annual show correspondence.—A. W. Newton.

OXHILL CENTRAL WORKMEN'S.—Oct. 22, Headquarters, 10.30 a.m.—Select stewards and other important business.—W. J. Platten.

PUDSEY AND STANNINGLEY C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Entries for show and other business.—Roy Kell.

PARTICK C.B. C.—Oct. 20, Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road, 8. Special meeting; annual show business.—T. Fraser.

PENY GRAIG C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Butchers' Arms, 6. Washing exhibition, also show business. Subs. are due; new members invited. —G. Padfield.

QUEEN'S PARK (GLASGOW) C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.45. Final show arrangements and washing exhibition by Mr. W. Connelly. Novices specially invited.—A. K. Hunter.

SWANSEA C.B.A.—Oct. 21, Elysium, High Street, 8. Show business; final arrangements; subs. must be in; last night.—J. H. Ford.

SACRISTON P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, 5.30. Business, re open show; full meeting after Committee meeting at 7.—Wm. Dodd.

STRATFORD AND E. LONDON F.S.—Oct. 25, Eagle, Stage at 7. Young stock show of British, any age. Judge, Mr. Skinner. Certificates and specials. Entries Monday, to A. Wasey.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.—Oct. 21, North of England Café, Station Street, 7.30. Business of members' show.—F. Riscborough.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.—Oct. 24, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Show business; election of judges, etc.—A. H. McLean.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Show business; election of judge, schedule, etc.—H. Warburton.

WAKEFIELD O.S.—Oct. 21, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Business in connection Oct. show and inter-club show.—J Isherwood.

WEST STANLEY EMPIRE F.F.C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Club Hall, 7. Important show business—R Hutchinson.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Queries Answered

(For Rules see last week's issue.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

POINTED TAIL FEATHERS.

M. H. A.—The feathers you sent are certainly just a trifle narrow and thin, and such as might occur from having too much yellow blood in the birds, as when double-yellow-bred, or from mating birds too closely related. But considering that they are nest feathers there is not really very much the matter with them, and you will doubtless find when the new feathers come in the place of the two sent that what you consider a grave defect has to some extent disappeared, as the new feathers will almost certainly show a broader tip than the nest feathers, and also be slightly longer. Still, if the parents are not related, to be quite on the safe side I would advise you to select the best and chubbiest buff hen with the broadest and bluntest—that is with the width continuing nearest the tips—tail and flight feathers from the young hens, and mate it back to one of the buff cocks, preferably not its own father, though there would be no objection to doing this once if necessary, and work these double-buff bred youngsters back into your stock the following season; of course, keeping an eye on the desired breadth of flights and tail each season. This will correct any defect that may exist in these young birds, which you may find is not very palpable after all.

RATS IN ATTIC.

Nourishing Pat.—If it is only a stray visitor from adjoining premises that now and again finds its way up to your boarded attic, I think you would find it quite a sufficient deterrent if you got a little chloride of lime, hunted out all the entrance holes in the attic, and worked as far as possible some of the lime into each hole, pushing it in with a small thin cane with a tuft of linen tied on the end, so as to get it to drop down the holes behind the boards well beyond the entrance into the attic. Then fill the hole with a mixture of broken glass or china and cement. The odour of the lime is an excellent deterrent to these rodents, and when it has filled the space behind the boards should suffice to keep an occasional visitor at bay for a very long time. In addition to this you must take the precaution of keeping all seeds and foods in tins or boxes, the former for preference, well out of the way, and never allow any waste seed or husks to accumulate in the cages or about the floor of the attic. The latter is the great attraction, and it is one of the mysteries of bird-keeping how soon waste allowed to lie about will attract these pests from afar. It would be best to continue your efforts at trapping, which have succeeded so far, on the ground floor, as long as there are any signs of the pest, and if you are afraid of a cat on this floor, why not try a small terrier?

TO SETTLE A DISPUTE.

J. Nichols.—This argument is rather one of the chameleon type—you know the story, of course. You are quite right in saying that Canaries bred in 1916 will not lose the large quill feathers of the wings and tail this year unless they were forcibly plucked out, and your friend is also quite right in holding that pigeons do lose these feathers at the first moult in the same year they are bred, and is, of course, equally correct in saying that pigeons are birds. What else could you imagine they were? A pigeon is just as much a bird as a Canary, and so is a turkey or an ostrich for the matter of that, in just the same sense as a mouse and an elephant are both animals. To come back to your dispute, you appear to differ only through ignorance of the fact that it is only certain families of birds which retain the flight and tail feathers until the second, or what is termed the adult moult, and the Canary being so largely bred in a domestic state is the best known of these species. Most of the Finch family are subject to the same moulting phenomenon. Therefore you see that, as in that other famous argument, you may both justly claim to be right, but it would be quite wrong to say that birds, speaking collectively, do not lose their flights and tail until the second moult, because the great majority of them certainly do so, though many species do not.

HUSKINESS AFTER MOULT.

Songster.—It is not at all uncommon for the voice to be somewhat husky, or hoarse, when a bird is first starting to resume song after the moult. As a rule it is of no material importance, as the symptoms pass off as the voice regains its normal strength, and the bird gets into full song. It is only really necessary to see that the bird is kept in a pure atmosphere, free from irritating fumes, and also direct cold draughts and rapid fluctuations of temperature. If the hoarseness appears serious, twelve drops each of glycerine and lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a three-penny-piece in the water for two or three days should be all that is really necessary to remove it.

EFFECTS OF MOULTING.

G. G.—It is possible that the change to the fresh room for moulting was too much for the bird, especially if it had previously been accustomed to a very warm place. Remove it now to a fairly warm place, though it need not be overheated, and see that it is quite free from cold direct draughts, and sudden extremes of heat and cold, and treat as follows for a month. In addition to the staple seed diet give every third day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the intervening days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a small spray of some green salad, and next a morsel of banana. Also keep a morsel of the following paste stuck in the wires for it to peck at for a week or two. Mix together a teaspoonful of pure honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, ditto of powdered grain of paradise, and a sufficiency of finely powdered biscuit to make it the consistency of soft cheese. When set, cut it into cubes to stick in the wires. Add to the water for three consecutive days ten dops of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitro every second day for a fortnight.

AILING NORWICH.

F. McK.—The scaly appearance of the beak is very suggestive of old age, which would account for most of the other symptoms accompanying the moult. In this case you would also probably find that the feet are coarse and scaly, and, perhaps, the claws overgrown and curved, which would account for the difficulty in perching. To remedy this soak the feet once daily for a few days in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water—then dry carefully, and on the first day if the claws are much overgrown cut them back with a sharp pair of nail scissors to about the normal length, but be careful not to go quite so far back as the end of the thin pink streak which, if you hold the claws up to the light, you will notice extends a little beyond the end of toe. Keep the bird quite on the warm side until the effects of the moult have quite disappeared, and see that the temperature is fairly equable, and avoid cold direct draughts. Every second day for a fortnight, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of green salad or banana. In the water for three consecutive days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this give instead 20 drops of chemical food in the water every second day for two or three weeks.

NORWICH COCK AILING.

M. A.—(1) I am afraid, as I said in my last reply, that the bird will never be of much use again. Go on now with the following treatment for a month, and note effect on the tightening of the plumage. As you cannot get good summer rape, give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of the following mixture, viz.: Equal parts each, by measure, of hemp, black rape, white millet, teazle, niger, and broken groats, with just a slight sprinkling of yellow mustard in the bulk, and on the alternate days give twice only in each week a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a morsel of green salad daily, and keep a little of the paste advised to "G. G." in this issue stuck in the wires for it to peck at when it likes. Offer the bath only in bright, mild weather. In the drinking water add 20 drops of a solution made by dissolving half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, and then adding a teaspoonful of glycerine. Give the latter every second day for three weeks. (2) I cannot advise you to retain this hen for breeding next season. It would be much the wiser plan to discard her altogether. However, if you wish to treat her, first examine her to see if she is troubled with grey lice, and also the cage for signs of red mites; and if either pest is found take the necessary steps to eradicate them. Then keep in a fairly warm place and add to the water every second day for a fortnight 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. At the end of a fortnight of this treatment throw a light cover over the cage and remove it to a colder room where no fires are kept, but see that the place is fairly equable and free from damp, and leave it there for a week or so, and if the moult has made a good start by that time you may take it back to a more comfortable place, and let it follow its own course. Stop the medicines when you first remove it to the cold room.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HAWFINCH WITH BROKEN LEG.

Inquirer.—Although simple fractures in animals and birds unite well and quickly, I would advise you not to interfere with the bandage under a month, unless you find in a week or so that the bird pulls it about himself; in that case, you must carefully release it and re-bind a little less tightly, but do not interfere with it unless you are absolutely obliged.

FRESHLY-CAUGHT FINCHES.

M. Mitchell.—There is a little knack and a good deal of judgment required to successfully feed freshly-caught Finches. I think the great error is in giving them too much hard seed directly they are caged. From the month of August onward the seed they eat in the open is either new seed just ripened, or seed that has laid in the open and become soft and sprouting. If fanciers would bear this in mind they would have fewer losses. Many freshly-caught birds will eat hard seeds readily, and their owners think they are doing well, but they are simply gorging themselves with hemp, etc. As regards Goldfinches I have found the following method successful. Keep them in separate cages; feed on teazle, maw, Canary, and a little linseed, also cracked hemp in a separate vessel; soak some rape and teazle (three parts rape to one of teazle). Give them this daily and see that they eat a fair quantity. Collect wild seed, and get on to the dry seed diet gradually. When they have been caged a week give an aperient (as much Glauber salts as will cover a shilling in an ordinary drinker). If they require a tit-bit to pick them up, offer soaked teazle alone. You can treat freshly-caught Linnets in much the same manner, relying mainly upon soaked rape. Give also chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's-purse until they are well on seed. In the case of "going light," prevention is better than cure. Cleanliness combined with suitable food are the principal preventives; the aperient occasionally also assists. If you have any doubts about your water supply, boil it before giving it to the birds. When you constantly mix drugs with it, they lose their effect, and the birds do not drink freely.

MULE BREEDING IN SPARE ROOM.

D. W. (Mountain Ash).—I would advise you to turn into your room the following birds: Two Goldfinch cocks, one Linnet cock, and about six hen Canaries. It is no use leaving in all the Linnets you mention; they would only chase each other round the aviary and neglect the hens. I suggest Goldfinches and Linnets for Mule breeding, because Mules from these are always in demand, so that you can easily get rid of your spare birds; but if you fancy any other of the Finches, say, Siskin, Greenfinch, or Redpoll, you could put one in place of one of the Goldies. You can let them fly together all the winter, and when the spring comes place nest-boxes, pans, etc., in different positions, having many more than are actually required, so as to give the hens a choice of position and prevent quarrelling. Read answer to "G. H. R." in last week's issue.

DEATH OF WILD BIRD.

Hilda.—By the description you send of the bird you caught with the broken wing, I rather fancy it was a hen Yellow Bunting. I am sorry you did not send the bird up for identification, which is quite in order. You evidently misread our rule. It refers to dead bodies for post-mortems; these should be sent direct to Mr. Yates, not to the office. In matters of identification the bird itself is, of course, much better than the most minute description. As regards the death of your bird, although you did your best for it, the conditions were not ideal. Had it been put into a proper cage in a light, quiet place, with plenty of seed (mostly Canary) and water, it would probably have done well. The broken wing would have soon united; it is an accident of rather frequent occurence among birds.

ACCIDENT TO MULE.

Collier.—I am sorry to hear of the accident to your light Mule; your first aid should have been to cover the injured parts with salad oil, and then roll him in a cloth for about an hour, just noticing that his beak was clear, so that he was not suffocated. After that he could have been returned to the cage, with some paper as a floor covering. This would have been better than sand, which would have stuck to the plumage, and made the bird "messy." I would advise you now to anoint any injured parts with Zamhuk. If, as you say, he has not moulted, he will, of course, get a complete new suit of feathers later.

SEX OF WOOD PIGEON.

H. B. G.—If you have only the one bird, I am afraid you will have some difficulty in sexing it. The only difference that I know of is one of size, the cock being larger throughout and bolder looking. You might find out by watching its behaviour when near other pigeons.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BIRDS PUFFY AND SHIVERING.

S. W. B.—It is the effects of the journey plus the warm, stuffy quarters they have come from. Transfer them to a cage containing food and water, and place the cage near a fire, or in really warm quarters, and leave them there for a time. If they appear much exhausted, put three to five drops of brandy into their water, and it is always best to give chilled water to new arrivals showing exhaustion. Heat—that is, really hot quarters for them—will restore birds apparently dead, but, of course, when restored they must not be suddenly transferred to cool quarters—this must be done gradually. Two useful remedies to have by one are: Dinneford's Magnesia and chemical food—the first as a mild laxative, and the latter as a tonic. Of the former, half a teaspoonful to the ounce of water should suffice for small birds; it need not be administered by hand, it can form the drinking water. Lightly colouring the drinking water with the chemical food is the best way to give this. Indian millet and millet sprays are better than the larger seeds for newly-arrived small ornamental Finches.

WHAT WEAVER?

Challis.—The Hyphantornine Weavers are, with many of the species, so similar as to colour and colour arrangement, that a very minute description is necessary to definitely pick them, and this is always very difficult from a written description. I think your bird is a Rufous-necked Weaver, but as there are other species very similar, I think, especially as you are not far away, it would be best if you put it into a small cage and took it to the bird-room, Natural History Museum, South Kensington, where they would compare it with the skins for you and correctly name it, though they will only give you the Latin name, most of the popular names being unknown to them. If you do not care to do this you must accept my dicta that it is a Rufous-neck, and secure a mate for it as opportunity offers, when I hope you may have the gratification of seeing a perfect nest woven. Many of the nests of this species have quite long spouts (entrance) dropping from beneath the domed structure of nest chamber.

THE MANAGEMENT OF BUDGERIGARS.

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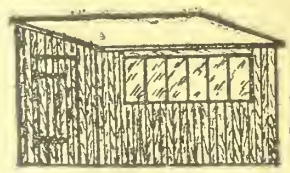
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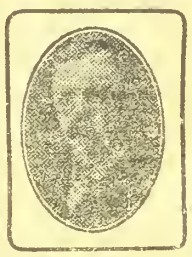
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Entries close Nov. 8. Good classification; no cancelling of classes. **Judge, J. Robson, Esq.** Schedules ready.—**Hon. Sec., J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.**

EASTLEIGH

Third Annual Open Show, **November 15 and 16,** at **Council Chambers.** Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Entry, 1/-. Judge, H. Norman, Esq.—**J. Aldersiade, 64, Desborough Rd., Eastleigh.** (632)

CHELTENHAM OPEN SHOW

NOVEMBER 1st and 2nd, 1916.

Judges:—Messrs. J. ROBSON, H. BATTYE, and J. H. PAYNE.

Open Classes—Crests 15, Norwich 13, Yorks 8, Borders 9, A.O.V. I, British 7, Hybrids 4, Foreign 6, Selling 4.

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NOV. 3 & 4.

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Seventeenth Annual Open Show, SATURDAY and MONDAY, NOV. 4 and 6.

Judges: H. W. Battye (Canaries), Chas. Houlton (Crests and British). **Grand Cash Specials. Entry Fee, 1/6.** No Classes Amalgamated. No Classes Cancelled. **Prize-money guaranteed.** Classification as follows:—**Norwich.**—Class 1: Natural Colour Cock or Hen; Class 2, Clear or Ticked Yellow; Class 3, Clear or Ticked Buff; Class 4, Marked or Variegated Yellow; Class 5, Marked or Variegated Buff; Class 6, Clear or Ticked Yellow (unflighted); Class 7, Clear or Ticked Buff (unflighted); Class 8, Variegated Yellow or Buff (unflighted); Class 9, Green or Broken Green (Green to predominate); Class 10, Clear, Ticked, or Variegated Yellow Hen; Class 11 Clear, Ticked, or Variegated Buff Hen; Class 12, Unflighted Hen, Yellow; Class 13, Unflighted Hen, Buff. **Yorkshire.**—Class 14, Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Yellow; Class 15, ditto, ditto, Buff; Class 16, ditto, ditto, Yellow, bred 1916; Class 17, ditto, ditto, Buff, bred 1916; Class 18, Any Other Variety of Canary not previously mentioned. **Novice.**—Class 19, Norwich, Any Variety, Yellow; Class 20, ditto, Buff; Class 21, ditto, Unflighted Yellow or Buff; Class 22, Any Variety Hen (novice). **Hybrids.**—Class 23, Any Variety of Light Canary Hybrid; Class 24, ditto, Dark, ditto; Class 25, ditto, Hyb., between two Brit. bird. **British Birds.**—Class 26, Goldf. (Cock) (guaranteed); Class 27, Bullfinch (Cock); Class 28, Linnet (Cock). Class 29, Greenfinch (Cock); Class 30, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite (Cock); Class 31, Bramblefinch Cock (guaranteed); Class 32, Chaffinch Cock (guaranteed); Class 33, Yellow Bunting (Cock) (Guaranteed); Class 34, A.O.S., British Seed-eater (Cock) (guaranteed); Class 35, A.S. British Seed eater (Hen) (guaranteed); Class 36, Insectivorous British Bird, not larger than and including the Wheatear (guaranteed). **Selling Classes.**—Class 37, Any Variety Cage Birds, single or pairs, price not to exceed 25/-; Class 38, Any Variety Cage Birds, single, price not to exceed 15/-. **Entries extended to 1st post, Tuesday, Oct. 31st.** Now Fanciers, show your patriotism and support the shows with entries. Trains will be met on Friday night. Exhibits carefully looked after by a committee of experienced fanciers. Fanciers not having received a schedule please enter from here and send to—**Day and Roberts, Joint Secs., 28, Francis St., Stoneygate, Leicester.**

DON'T FORGET

BARROW-IN-FURNESS RED CROSS SHOW

NOV. 3 and 4. Specialist judges, Mr. H. W. Battye (Canaries), Mr. C. Houlton (British and Mules). Patronage of B.F.C.C. and G.C.A. Classification: 13 Yorks, 13 Norwich, 3 Cinnamons, 22 Borders, 2 Scotch Fancy 13 British and Mules, 1 Selling, 1 Gift. Specials galore, including £1 1s. for best exhibit. Don't forget to send your exhibits. The champions will not be here. 27 classes; guaranteed full prize money. Entries close October 28. Any entry bearing postmark of Oct. 29 will be accepted. All Scottish exhibitors send by Carlisle and Whitehaven, as there are special arrangements made with Railway Co.—**D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec., 26, Lord Robert Street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.**

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT

Open Show, Nov. 10 and 11, 1916.

In aid of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors. **Classification**; Norwich 22 Classes, Crest 5, Borders 10, Yorkshires 8, Mules, British and Foreign, 26. **Special Galore.** Schedules now ready, from—**Wm. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street, Glasgow. ENTRIES CLOSE SAT., NOV. 4, 1916.**

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OLD SHILDON WORKMEN'S CLUB CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Members of the North Yorkshire and South Durham Federation will hold their 6th Annual Open Show, to be held on **NOV. 10 and 11,** with 23 classes for Canaries and 11 classes for British and Mules. **Judges: R. S. Bewick and W. Rutherford.** Schedules have been sent out. Exhibitors, rally round and give us a good entry.—**John Ainsworth, 15, Vaughan St., Shildon, co. Durham.**

READING C.B.S.

Fifteenth Annual Open and Members' Show, will be held WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Open Classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Borders 4, A.O.V. Canary 1, Goldfinch 1, British Hardbill 1, British Softbill 1, Light Hybrid 1, Dark Hybrid 1, Light Mule 1, Dark Mule 1, Foreign 2, Selling £1 and 12/6. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Specials, 2/6 cash, 5/- Special most points Hen classes. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Judge, **J. Robson.** The most central show in the South; 3 Railways. Schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors; others please apply to—**Hon. Sec., O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St., Reading.**

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26th Annual Club Show, 28th Oct., 1916, in Temperance Halls, 122, Ingram Street. Crystal Palace and Scottish National winners entered.—**M. Craig, Sec.**

CAMBUSLANG C.B.A.

Annual Club Show, Nov. 4, Free Gardeners' Hall.—A. Crawford, Sec., 248, Hamilton Road, Halfway, Cambuslang, Scotland.

BRECHIN

OPEN SHOW.

First in Scotland. NOV. 4. Grand classification. Judges: Norwich, Calderwood; Borders, Clark (Irvine); British, McLean (Larkhall). Schedules from—**John Daigety, Sec., 10, River Street, Brechin.**

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Annual Open Show, **Nov. 8 and 9,** at the **Church Institute, Paddington St., Baker St., W.** 73 classes. Six cups and nearly 100 Specials for competition. Fanciers, book the dates. (632)

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Red Cross Detachment Show; Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. **Judges, C. A. House, H. Rosenburgh, D. J. Morley.** Also **Welsh Leghorn Club Show;** judge, W. T. Sherlock. Poultry Classes, 32; Pigeons, 17; Cage Birds, 28. 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-, 4th is 13 entries and over. Entrance, 2/-; Homers, 1/-; Cage Birds entrance, 1/6; 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Schedules ready.—**P. Herbert Morris, 20, Arthur St., Aberavon.** Fanciers please help. Detachment in need of further equipment. Federation Challenge Cups; Welsh Leghorn Challenge Cups; and numerous specials. **Pigeons entries close Nov. 9; Poultry and Cage Birds close Nov. 16 certain.** (629)

FANCIERS, SEND YOUR ENTRIES.

HANLEY

Open Show, **NOVEMBER 9, 1916.** 46 Classes. **Judge, W. A. Cowgill.** Schedules now ready, apply—**C. Beckett, Sec., 186, High St., Far Green, Hanley.** (631)

EAST LOTHIAN C.B.S.

Great Red Cross Show (open), Nov. 11th, 1916, in Corn Exchange, Haddington. Judges: J. Patterson, W. Thomson, J. Holmes, J. Livingston. Classes: Scotch Fancies 9, Borders 12, Norwich 12, British and Foreign 14. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry money, 1/6. **Entries close on Tuesday, Nov. 7th.** Schedules to be had from—**J. Fairgrieve, Sec., 10, Hope Park, Haddington.** (616)

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

12th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British Birds, in the United Methodist Free Church Schoolroom, **Saturday, Nov. 11, 1916.** 41 Classes under the patronage of the N.Y.C.C., N.N.P.C. Popular judges: T. Dixon, Bedlington; T. Rohson, Newcastle; R. Tindale, Newcastle; and W. Espie, Gosforth. Send for schedule.—**Geo. Havver, 1, Therese Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

MUIRKIRK

Open Show **November 11th.** Cage Bird entries close **November 7th.** Judge, D. Whitelaw, Esq., Govan. 10 Border Fancy classes; 2 British Birds. Proceeds for War Relief Fund. Schedules from—**J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

LONDON OPEN SHOW

43 CLASSES.

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SWANSEA RED CROSS SHOW

Nov. 16th.

Judges: Canaries, J. H. Roe; British, Mules, and Foreign, C. Houlton. 57 Classes. Schedules sent out; if not received, please apply at once to—**J. H. [illegible] 82, Norfolk St., Swansea.** (628)

Mountain Ash,

NOVEMBER 16. C. A. House, Esq., judging. Schedules from—**Thos. Holman, 7, Rock Street, Mountain Ash, Glam. Entries close Nov. 6.** (626)

WEST BROMWICH & HANDSWORTH C.B.S.

11th Annual Open Show, NOVEMBER 18 and 20.

Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close Nov. 13. Schedules—**H. J. Collier, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.** (630)

AYR RED CROSS OPEN SHOW.

Y.M.C.A. Hall, High St., Ayr, DECEMBER 9. B.F.C.C. Medal; S.F.C. Medal; handsome Medal for British Section; Numerous Specials for all Sections. 44 Classes. **Judges: J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), R. Martin (Kirkintilloch), J. Hamilton (Eskbank).—H. M. Ferguson, 37, Whitletts Rd., Ayr.** (628)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.) H.W.B., B.C., J.G., C.H.

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.) J.R., H.W.B., J.H.P.

Nov. 3-4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., W.A.C., J.C.B., J.F.

Nov. 3-4.—**Barrow Red Cross Show** (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.) H.W.B., C.H.

Nov. 9.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)

Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 18.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.H.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.

1917.
Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)

Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.) D.W.

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton).

1917.
Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Oct. 28.—**Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.**—(H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terr., Plasmarl, nr. Swansea.) J.H., J.E.J.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.

Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) J.H.P., E.J.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Portb, Glam.)

1917.
Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. H. Best, 5, Alma Place, Beckett Street, Leeds, writes that he will send on application a schedule of the Leeds Roller C.C. contest, Nov. 3, 4, to anyone who has been overlooked.

Mr. J. Dalgetty, 10, River Street, Brechin, writes that if those who have not received a schedule for Brechin show, Nov. 4, will send their entries on plain paper he will classify them.

The Ordnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S., writes Messrs. Smith and Lees, secs., Lynn Croft, Eastwood, Notts, has engaged Mr. J. H. Roe, of Birmingham, to judge the annual open show, Nov. 25. Schedules are now ready.

I have gone into partnership with Mr. J. Bunn, writes Mr. T. H. V. Hayter, and in future will exhibit under the name of Hayter and Bunn. Will show secretaries please note, and address all communications to 81, Ena Avenue, Sneinton Dale, Nottingham?

A little bird says that some cross talk in the secretary's office at Liverpool Show caused great amusement. "How those wounded soldiers laughed." Our representative sat still and listened, very much amused. It was not all Canary chat, but brimful of wit. The "star turns" of this little episode, although busy up to the hilt (we better not mention names) are just it. Both declared they were — tired, and wished the Fancy to know.

We have changed our show date to Nov. 25 instead of Dec. 16, writes R. Johnson, 17, William Street, Whickham, hon. sec. Whickham C.B.S.

Mr. A. Knaggs, hon. sec., Guisbro Priory C.B.S., writes that fanciers will be welcome at the annual table show to-day, October 28. Birds will be staged at 2 o'clock.

Sharp Work in Paying Out.

We understand that all prize money won at Newcastle Red Cross Show, Oct. 21, has been paid. All exhibitors present at the show received their money on the spot.

Llanelly Show in Aid of War Prisoners.

Llanelly C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Webster, hon. sec., have decided to again run their annual show, and all profits will be devoted to the Llanelly Prisoners of War Fund.

Last Week's Prize Letter.

The full address of the writer of the prize winning letter of last week is Mr. Wallace C. Jones, 147, Dupont Street, Toronto, Canada. We had not the address at hand when awarding the prize.

Another Charity Show at Hamilton.

I am pleased to inform you that the fanciers of Hamilton have decided to run another open show on Dec. 9, in aid of War Relief Funds and Prisoners of War, writes Mr. W. S. Wilson, sec.

Further Corrections in Barrow Show Schedule.

Mr. McFarlane, hon. sec. Barrow C.B.S., writes that in the schedule for the Red Cross Show, Nov. 3-4, class 27, Cinnamon Norwich, should read self or foul yellow or buff cock, and class 28, ditto hen.

New Sec for Windhill O.S.

Mr. R. Garnett, 32, Carr Lane, Wiudhill, Shipley, writes that as Mr. Taylor has been called to the colours he has been appointed hon. sec. to the society, and that all entries for the members' show, Nov. 4, and the open show, Dec. 2, must be sent to him accordingly.

Corrections in Clapham Report.

Mr. F. C. Knight, Dartmouth Park, writes that in our report of the Novice clear yellow Yorkshire cock class at Clapham Show 1st prize should be Knight, not Smart, and that our reporter's remarks in the unflighted buff class, "1, Knight, we could not find," were due to the fact that the bird was being judged for the specials.

The Patronage of the Green Canary Association.

The patronage shows this season, writes Mr. F. Handley, hon. sec., are: Liverpool, Oct. 20 and 21, full patronage; Manchester, full, Oct. 27 and 28; Barrow, Borders, Nov. 3 and 4; Sheffield, Yorkshires only; Swansea, Nov. 16, Borders; Gateshead, Dec. 9, Borders. G.C.A. show date not fixed yet. Cups will be held over this year, as there are not enough competing shows. Good list of specials in each section.

The Song of the Roller Canary: Illustrated by the Living Birds.

To very many lovers of Canary song the fine distinctions between the various "tours," which are known to the experts under separate names, such as Gluck Roll, Bell Roll, Hollow Roll, etc., are quite unknown. Those who are interested should read the report of the last meeting of the British Roller Canary Club, as published in our Club Reports column this week, and should watch "Club Notices" for the announcement of the next demonstration.

The Patronage of the Norwich P.C.

Owing to a mistake, writes Mr. J. Hopkins, the list of the Norwich Plainhead Club's specials were omitted from Sheffield schedule. They are similar to those granted to Manchester and Accrington, and are subject to the same conditions. Members must mark N.P.C. or N.P.C.X, as the case may be, on their entry forms. Novice Norwich classes have been changed to Amateur Norwich. Members cannot win a special or count points towards one unless their subscriptions have been previously paid.

Should Judges Give their Reasons?

In a letter referring to the recent Clapham Show, published in our correspondence columns this week, Mr. G. E. Rattigan suggests that judges should explain their awards for the benefit of unsuccessful exhibitors. A distinguished legal luminary once advised a newly-fledged judge to be careful always not to give reasons for his decisions, but perhaps this would not apply to bird shows. As it happens, in this particular case the reason for the non-success of the bird in question was given in our report. It was an immature bird in imperfect plumage, and had to compete against a champion Nightingale, one of the best Blackcaps ever staged, an exquisite Wheatear, and several other birds, each a perfect specimen of its own species. Its rarity as a hand-reared specimen of a rarely exhibited species made it a very interesting exhibit, but it had no chance of winning as an exhibition bird among such perfect examples as were in the class.

Blaenavon Show, Nov. 9, will be under the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, writes Mr. Geo. Broome, sec., 82, Ping Street, Blaenavon. Members will be required to compete at this show for their specials. Schedule will be sent on receipt of postcard.

Prize Money Paid.

All prize money has been paid out for Abertillery C.B.S., writes Mr. Newell, 62, Princess Street, Abertillery. Anyone overlooked please apply.

Crossbills Domiciled in Ireland.

In the Irish Naturalist, Mr. C. J. Carroll says that since the invasion of seven years ago of an unusual number of Crossbills, these birds have nested each year in the Galtee Mountains, Tipperary.

Bumping Entry at Manchester.

Up to now, Oct. 23, writes Mr. J. Green, hon. sec. Manchester and N. Counties O.S., we have 900 entries, and more still to open, and from what we can judge we shall have a record entry for Norwich; we have 350 in the open (champ. and amateurs) now. Other sections are also going strong.

Joint London Show Probable.

I regret to state, writes Mr. A. J. Watcham, hon. sec. London C.B.A., that again no show will be held at the Horticultural Hall, but efforts are being made to have a good London show, similar to that held at Holborn Hall last season, which I am sure will be fresh in the memory of all fanciers. I hope to be able to announce success very shortly.

OBITUARY.

We hear, with great regret, of the bereavement which has fallen upon Mr. A. J. Notley, the sec. of Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S., in the loss of his wife on Oct. 17. Mr. Notley is left with six motherless children, and we are sure that readers of Cage Birds will join us in sympathy with him in his sad trouble.

Mr. J. BEANLAND (Bedford).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. H. W. Valentine, Bedford and Beds United C.B.S., that I send you the report of the death of our chairman, Mr. John Beanland. Mr. Beanland was a keen fancier of the Norwich Plainhead, and always ready to do a fellow fancier a good turn. I feel sure that all who knew him will be grieved at the news of his death.

Mr. J. C. Wilmot, hon. sec. Bedford and Beds. O.S., also sends a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Beanland, in which he conveys the information that the sad occurrence was the result of a motor cycle accident.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

Lance-Corporal Hodgson, Stanley.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Robt. Hutchinson, Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S., I have to inform you of the sad news one of our members has received of the death of his son, Lance-Corpl. Thomas Hodgson. He was wounded on Sept. 15, and died Sept. 19. He was only 21 years last June, and was a great help to his father, one of our oldest fanciers and local judges. I am sure all fanciers will join me in expending their greatest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hodgson in their great trouble, and in hoping God will give them strength to bear it. He died nobly.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Sheffield O.S.—Cutlers' Hall, Church Street. Nov. 3-4: judges, W. A. Cowgill, J. C. Barnes, J. Robson, J. Frostick. 97 cl.: Yorks. 33 (11 Nov., 4 Greens). Nor. 23 (7 Nov., 4 Greens, 3 Cinn.). Crests 12 (4 Nov.), Sell. 4; Brit. 13, Hyb. 5, For. 6, Gift 1. Prizes: Foreign, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; others, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. cl. Oct. 28, to E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.

Midland Roller C.C.—Seven Stars Hotel, St. John St., Wolverhampton, Nov. 9-10. Judges, J. Netherwood, J. H. Willows, J. Tomlinson. 5 classes: Champ. Young, Nov. Young, Champ. any age. Nov. ditto; 4-2 limit. Prizes: Young birds, 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 4/-, 2/6, 2/-, 1/6; others, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28, to J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook Road., Wolverhampton.

Swansea C.B.A.—The Market, Oxford St., Nov. 16. Judges, J. H. Roe, C. Houlton; 57 classes; Nor. 9, Yorks. 9, Bord. 12, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mules 6, Brit. 16, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 if 9 entries; half if less. Ent. close Nov. 13 to J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.

Leeds Roller C.C., Trinity Church Schools, Boar Lane. Nov. 3, 5; Judges, C. Wareing, H. Jocbuck, J. Tomlinson. 6 classes: Champ. Young Birds, Nov. ditto., Nov. any age, Champ. ditto., Amat. any age, Cup class 1916 closed ring. Prizes, Young Birds, 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., 4s., 2s. 6d., 2s., 1s. 6d.; others, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 31 to H. Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

Aberavon and Port Talbot B.F.A.—Riding School, Port Talbot, Nov. 23. Judge, C. A. House. 28 classes: Yorks. 8, Nor. 8, Bord. 7, Brit. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 16 to P. H. Morris, 20, Arthur-st., Aberavon.

Muirkirk O.S.—Drill Hall, Nov. 11. Judge, D. Whitelaw. 12 open classes: Borders 10, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 1 to J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 17-18. Judges, C. A. House and H. W. Battye. 24 classes: Open Yorks. 8, Novice 9, Open Norwich 6, Amateur 4, Brit. 5, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Ent. fee, 1/6. Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 14, to J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley-st., Battinson-rd., Halifax.

Will members please note, writes Mr. A. C. Shirley, sec. City of Birmingham C.B.S., that the members' show will not be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, as there are no rooms vacant at headquarters.

An Address Wanted.

The Rev. G. H. Raynor, Hazeleigh, Maldon, would be glad of the exact address of Mr. W. Tullett, of Brighton, who answered a recent advertisement of his in Cage Birds.

Hoopoe's Nesting in Bucks.

A correspondent to the "Selborne Magazine" says that a pair of Hoopoes nested near Taplow in the spring of this year, and reared at least one young one. The young bird was seen with its parents during the third week in May, and the two parents were again seen on July 5.

Evenings for Fanciers.

Mr. A. J. Watcham, hon. sec. London C.B.A., writes that fanciers will be welcome to the table show and judging competition (Canaries) at the next meeting, Nov. 9, at 8, at headquarters, the Red Lion Hotel, 2, York Street, St. James's. Similar evenings will be given later for British birds and foreign birds.

Yellow or Grey Wagtails?

A friend of mine who has wintered in the Newquay district, says "W.C." in the "Manchester Dispatch," tells me that a few miles inland, when out shooting, he has seen the Yellow Wagtail in December and January, and that he has considerable doubt as to whether the whole of these Wagtails do migrate.

Another Fancier Joins Up.

I am sorry to say, writes Mr. H. W. Valentine, Bedford, I have to part with all my birds as I am joining the Army, and have no one to look after them. I am particularly sorry, as I have spent years in building up a strain, and had got the right type nicely fixed, as the report in Cage Birds of the last Bedford Show testified, but we must keep on smiling, there is a big future for Cage Birds and the Canary fancy, as there is sure to be a big demand for birds when the boys come home.

Sheffield's "Red Letter" Days.

Friday and Saturday next, Nov. 3, 4, will be feast days for fanciers in the cutlery capital. Fanciers from north, south, east, and west will be in the city of blades to visit the show of the Sheffield O.S. in the Cutlers' Hall, an ideal place for a bird show. The schedule is a fine one, replete with valuable specials, and the birds will be looked after by a staff of experts. The patronage of most of the leading specialist clubs has been secured, and all profits from the show will be devoted to war charities.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. Comes of Age.

We have received the schedule of the 21st annual members' exhibition of the City and Suburban A.C.B. at the St. Marylebone Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., Nov. 8 and 9. There are 73 classes, embracing all kinds of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds. As usual with this Association, the specials list is a very generous one, and this year there are no fewer than 82 specials, ranging from a seven guinea challenge bowl to a large number of cash prizes. Messrs. J. Robson and C. Prior are to judge, and the show should be well worth a visit.

Manchester Show in Aid of Blinded Soldiers.

At the general meeting of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., writes Mr. A. E. Thorpe, it was unanimously decided that all the profits from our open show Nov. 11 should be given to the Blinded Soldiers' Fund. The Lord Mayor of Manchester has kindly written to say that he approves of our object, and, seeing that we have provided a special classification of 89 classes, we are looking forward to the fancy in general to give us their united support, as our object is worthy of the greatest consideration. We are hoping to be able to hand over a sum such as will be a real help and blessing. If those who have not already received a schedule will write to the secretary, A. E. Thorpe, Park Villas, Park Grove, Levenshulme, he will gladly forward one.

The "Avicultural Magazine."

The "Avicultural Magazine," the Journal of the Avicultural Society, for October contains a full index to Vol. VII. and a list of the names of contributors. The opening article, "Notes on the Red-winged Bush Shrike," by Dr. Van Someren, is illustrated by some beautiful photographs by the author. Dr. A. G. Butler contributes an interesting article, "The Imitative Power of Birds." The Marquis of Tavistock sends his "Breeding Notes of 1916," and other articles are "Cuvier's Podargus," by Dr. G. Renshaw, "Breeding of the Pink-crested Touracou" and "Wagtails in Herefordshire," by the Editor, Mr. Astley, and "Bird Life on Yanko Creek, N.S.W.," by C. Barrett. An item of very considerable value to students of ornithology is "Robins," by Dr. E. Hopkinson. It takes three pages of the magazine to give a list of the world's birds to which the name "Robin" is applied.

The Famine in Canaries.

What some London Dealers think.

The Trade is Dead, pro tem.

Sir,—I am rather surprised at your note, "Great Famine in Canaries."

Long before Cage Birds was ever thought of the American dealers were buying yearly immense quantities of Norwich and Yorkshires, with others.

Forty years ago I can remember the Americans visiting London twice yearly to pick up their consignments from Norwich and Bradford. They have continued to do so down to the present time. Genuine American dealers. The English breeders have greatly benefited by the many thousands of pounds spent by these American dealers.

Without their custom the Canary trade would be absolutely nil. Then why advise the breeders to spoil themselves? Advise them to breed every possible Canary for exportation, to supply the world as usual. I state without fear of contradiction that there is no trade at home here for Canaries, or even foreign birds of any sort. The bird trade is dead pro tem. in Great Britain. There only remains the old export trade.

John D. Hamlyn.

The letter as above is published as received, and we think that we cannot do better in reply than to quote an article which has appeared in the London "Star," and which is as follows:—

A FAMINE IN CANARYLAND.

WHERE WE CAN CAPTURE MORE GERMAN TRADE.

The song of the Canary is no longer heard in Seven Dials, Walworth, Bethnal Green, and districts where Canary dealers congregate. Never in the history of the trade has there been such a famine in this popular songster.

A "Star" man who made a tour of London Canaryland failed to discover a single "Roller" Canary, and dealer after dealer assured him that they were unobtainable.

Not a Song in Them.

There were a few Canaries of sorts to be seen, but not heard. Not all the arts and wiles of the professional hand could get anything which might be described as a note out of them.

How the British Canary industry has been unable to cope with recent demands, and the money there is to be made by British breeders who will enter into the trade with science and skill, was explained to a "Star" man by Mr. W. S. Isaacs, the well-known ornithological expert and dealer, of Shaftesbury Avenue, who said that during the past two years the demand for Canaries has gradually exceeded the supply.

"If I could buy a thousand Canaries to-day they would all be sold before the end of next week," he said.

No Birds from Abroad.

"The crisis has arisen since the importation of birds from abroad was prohibited. Before the war 2,000 to 5,000 Canaries were imported every week, but although the importations gradually fell away, up to a few weeks ago birds came in pretty freely from Holland. They were described as Dutch.

"We breed a fair number in Norwich, Yorkshire, and Lancashire, and a few of the Scotch and Border fancy, but the British breeders have never supplied one-tenth of the demand. It is the sudden cutting of these Continental supplies which is the cause of the famine.

Doubling in Price.

"Birds which a few weeks ago would have only fetched from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. now sell for 15s. and a guinea.

"The British 'Roller' Canary has always been a very scarce bird. Many good and beautiful 'Roller' Canaries are bred in this country, mostly by members of the British Roller Canary Club, but they are not a fraction of those sold."

Mr. Isaacs explained that the Canary breeding in Germany has been an industry for generations, and German bred birds are to be found all over the world. The headquarters of the industry is in the Hartz Mountain districts, where the birds are bred by the thousand by the poorer people, who make a very good living.

The Cobbler's Pets.

They are mostly toy and boot makers, who work in their own homes, and train the Canaries to sing whilst they are at work.

Some birds are taught to sing by the mouth, and others by an organ, but the best Roller birds are taught by the mouth.

To the initiated there is all the difference between a "Roller" and an ordinary singing Canary. Mr. Isaacs has heard German "Rollers" with thirty changes in their tunes, and a well-trained Canary which has a compass of two octaves has always been worth anything from £10 10s. upwards.

In Mr. Isaacs' view British breeders have never been thorough or businesslike enough to set up an industry to oust the German bird. The majority of the British breeders have bred too much for show purposes.

Money in Canary Breeding.

"There is undoubtedly very big money to be made by breeding Canaries in this country," added Mr. Isaacs, "if carried on scientifically, systematically, sensibly, and on a large scale. There are men in Yorkshire and Lancashire who have earned good livings for years by collecting birds from small breeders and retailing them to dealers.

The Wrong Way.

"But to start breeding Canaries in a haphazard way, as the average British breeder does, with one or two pairs, will certainly not result in any profit worth having."

An Interview with a Norwich Breeder.

To get at the bottom of the facts relating to the supply of and demand for English Canaries we have had an interview with Mr. Arthur Howard, of Howard and Son, London and Norwich, breeders, exhibitors, and dealers in Norwich Canaries especially.

Mr. Howard agrees that the demand for the past two years has exceeded the supply, but he says this is putting the case mildly. The demand, he told us, has always exceeded the supply, not only during the past two years, but for all the years his father and he have known anything about the trade. The demand is practically illimitable. All that is necessary is to breed the young birds. They will all be wanted, and more; more will be wanted than can possibly be produced.

Before the war, Mr. Howard told us, more birds went to Germany annually than to any other country in the world. One German buyer alone would buy a thousand pairs from each of four or five Norwich dealers, who themselves collected the birds from the breeders.

But the home trade alone in English Canaries has always been greater than that with America and Germany combined, notwithstanding the fact that the birds taken out of our country by the German agents were replaced to some extent by German-bred singing Canaries.

Now that the German supply to our markets has been definitely stopped, the future for the English Canary breeder is rosy in the extreme. The opportunity is before him, and it only requires grasping. Breed the birds, don't trouble about the selling of them, says Mr. Howard, they will sell themselves.

It should not be forgotten that the English birds which in pre-war times went to Germany in thousands were not for Germany itself. The German agents were only middlemen between the English breeder and purchasers all over the world. The world's demand will now come to England direct, and if the English breeder is not prepared to meet it it will be his own loss.

The Views of a Pessimist.

Fears that there is No Market.

Sir,—I have read with interest your article in Cage Birds, Oct. 21 issue, appealing to the Canary breeders in Great Britain to "keep the home fires burning." I don't doubt for one moment that that is what every good and true fancier is out to do, but you say it is not Canary attics, but Canary farms, that are wanted. Just so, but where is the working man who has got a Canary attic who could afford a Canary farm? We will say for argument's sake that I give up my attic in which I can breed a hundred birds, and build a very large place for Roller breeding, and I breed two thousand birds. To whom am I to sell them; where is the market for them? That is what I and scores of other fanciers want to know. Is it to dealers that offer us 1s. 6d. for hens and 3s. 6d. for cocks? If so, then no "Canary farms" for me. Neither will it pay to sell birds in ones or twos; I know several fanciers in this and other towns that have given the business up in disgust through that one thing alone. They could not make it pay. You say that there are thousands of birds going abroad. I suppose it is because the breeders can get a higher price for them than they get at home, and no one can blame them. After going through the breeding season, with all its troubles and anxieties, they want some return for time and money spent. Now, Mr. Editor, in conclusion, let us know where we are to get a respectable price for respectable birds, get us a good market, and I'll guarantee you get the birds. Wishing Cage Birds the success it so well deserves, and hoping that you, too, Sir, will "keep the home fires burning."

Eli Orrillard.

[If our correspondent will read our advertisement columns from week to week we think he will see that a standing market exists, and the prices continually being offered by dealers are many times greater than those he quotes. If the supply were multiplied twenty times there would still be a demand for more.—Editor.]

Do Dealers Offer Unfair Prices

Sir,—I read with great interest your article, "Great Famine in Canaries," in the issue of Cage Birds of Oct. 21, and I notice you state that thousands of Canaries will change hands this season for 15s. each. Yes, I've no doubt about it, but I am afraid it won't come from the dealers to the working man, who is the backbone of the fancy, and who spends, perhaps, pounds in getting good stock birds, cages, and, above all, the best of foods.

I myself (a working man) have been a breeder of Canaries for several years, and have spent pounds in getting as good a class of birds and cages as I possibly could, and have spent all my leisure hours in looking after the welfare of my birds. Then after the trouble and anxiety in rearing young birds during the breeding season, I see dealers advertise for all kinds of Canaries in the columns of Cage Birds. If I write to them and offer them my birds, they coolly write back, stating that their highest price is 1s. 6d. for hens and 3s. 6d. for cocks, though they have a ready sale for the birds at anything from 3s. to 5s. for hens and 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. for cocks.

I think, dear Sir, something ought to be done to induce the dealers to offer more to the working man for his trouble, time, and the anxious times which he gets during the season. I am fully aware of the fact that the dealers must make a profit. Some of them are making a good profit, and the working man is not getting enough to pay for his seed bill, let alone anything else. If dealers will offer more for the birds they want the working man will breed them more and more, and will look upon it as a duty of national importance.

H. O. Corbett.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mrs. May Raynor, Hazeleigh Rectory, Maldon.

How the Lighting Restrictions Come in.

Sir,—I must congratulate the Committee of the Clapham C.B.A. upon their very fine show, but at the same time I should like to mention one little item, the bad arrangement of light. Classes 1 to 4, also some of the British, could not be seen after lighting up time, which is very annoying to visitors who cannot get there early. It was just the same two years ago, but I trust it will be put right for the future.

C. G. Martin.

The Patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.

Specials Going Begging.

Sir,—The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club has given its patronage to Clapham, Swansea, Cheltenham, Llanelly, and Dulwich and Peckham, and is prepared to adopt four more shows.

We are giving a diploma open to all for best Norwich in show, and a 5s. special to our members. All we ask in return is that our members who wish to show with other club members shall be allowed to do so on payment of a proper entrance fee. I am given to understand that some who belong to local clubs object to "outsiders" showing at their members' shows. But surely other local members have some claim to specialist clubs' patronage, and I wonder why they allow their local club to debar them therefrom?

We heard a little while ago that the specialist club did nothing for the local club. Yet here, as I say, are specials going begging.

Frank Cole,
Hon. Sec.

51, Melbourne Grove,
East Dulwich, S.E.

Proposed Red Cross Show for Glasgow.

Sir,—It is out of the question to run the Red Cross show in Glasgow at the same date as last year, as the "City of Glasgow" have fixed their show for the 3rd and 4th January, but it would be a great pity to let the Red Cross show drop altogether. I for one feel that the necessity for it is much greater this year than last.

The outstanding feature of the last year's show, over and above the £80 given to the Red Cross, was indeed a very pleasing one, and that was that fanciers dropped their "little" grievances, and all pushed the one way, namely, to success, so let us all do the same this year, only with greater push.

I would suggest that all clubs (without exception) be asked to help to run a show early in February, and I am quite sure that if Mr. R. Heggie was approached he would be quite willing to take the secretaryship at double the salary he had last year. When we remember that last year he got nothing, we could not expect him to do it at much less. What say others to another Red Cross show?

V. A. D.

A White Chaffinch and a Pied Blackbird at Hunstanton.

Sir,—It may be of interest to you and others to know that a pure White Chaffinch has been seen near here (Hunstanton). I believe it is a hen bird. I have also seen to-day a Blackbird with black and white breast, white head, and black and white wings and tail.

A. W. Meek.

Hybrid Wrong-classed at Clapham Show.

The Judge, Mr. Robson, Explains.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. S. A. Reynolds, my reason for wrong-classing his Hybrid at Clapham Show was that after closely examining the bird I was unable to make it other than a cinnamon coloured Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid. As such it should have been entered in Class 45, "Any other variety of dark Canary Hybrid." The class Mr. Reynolds entered the bird in was confined to Bullfinch crosses and Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrids, consequently I had no alternative but to wrong class it. I was sorry to have to do so, as it is a very nice specimen.

John Robson.

Theft of "Drinkers" at Abertillery Show.

Sir,—May I make an appeal through your valuable paper Cage Birds on behalf of the exhibitors of the country re drinkers at shows? I had charge of the Borders at Abertillery Show, and while I was packing two drinkers were taken from my own cages by some one. I have no doubt that the person who took them would have taken the birds as well if he had had half a chance. It is not for the value of them that I am grumbling, but I think it is a pity fanciers cannot send their drinkers out without some mean person stealing them from the cages.

Wm. Cooper.

A Hybrid Winner in a British Class.

A Question as to the Classification.

Sir,—Did Mr. Cook know what the bird was that he placed first at Ystradgynlais show? I have known a Cinnamon Chaffinch win in a Mule class before to-day. No correspondent has yet raised the question as to whether there was a Mule or Hybrid class at Ystradgynlais, and not having seen a catalogue I am in ignorance. Will Mr. Cook quote an authority—apart from himself—in saying that a Goldie-Greenfinch Hybrid is a British bird? I cannot find such a statement in any of my ornithological books. One would think that Sam D. Davies is either the breeder or exhibitor of the Hybrid in question, and naturally backs up the judge's award.

W. F. Lloyd James.

[There was no class for Hybrids at Ystradgylais show. It was a mixed show, and four classes were provided for Cage Birds—Yorks, Nor., A.O.V. Canary, and British.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 637.)

Proposed Society for Ferndale.

Sir,—Apropos of your article under the heading "A Famine in Canaries," kindly permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to suggest that the fanciers of Ferndale and district are sufficiently strong in number to form a society and do something towards the "big push."

I think a society could be established with very little effort, and I would like to see anyone holding similar views writing to your paper with a view of forming a society for Ferndale and district.

Tom Jones.

Ferndale.

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg Food.

Is it an All-round Success?

Sir,—In the early part of the year there was some discussion upon rearing Canaries without egg food, and at the time several recipes were given. Now that the breeding season is over, and the majority of young ones bred are well through the moult, I think it would be instructive if those readers who made use of egg substitutes were to give their experiences.

May I suggest answers to the following:—

The kind of food used?

Did the hens feed readily upon it, and were the usual number of young reared?

Did the young ones thrive after leaving the nest, and how did the percentage of losses compare with other seasons?

Was there any loss of size in the young?

Saxon.

The Hen Canary that Wouldn't.

Can Anyone Give a Reason?

Sir,—I thought I would like to tell you of an experience I once had with a hen Canary, a plain Norwich, which I bought of a local breeder. I tried to pair her with a large variegated cock, but there was nothing doing; she fought him with such vigour that I had to separate them after a week. Then I tried her with a Bullfinch, and she served him the same. After several trials I lent her to a friend, and his bird she served in the same way, and he was convinced my bird was a cock, so after about a week he brought it home. I put her in a cage, and, noticing her carrying bits of greenstuff about. I gave her a nest box and some material, and to my delight she built a lovely nest, but then, instead of laying, started to sit very tight, so I found four Linnets' eggs and put under her. She hatched them off, and then sat on the perch and absolutely refused to feed them, so they died very soon. I tried to pair her afterwards, but always with the same result, so when war broke out she went with the rest of my birds, as I had to sell all. If there is anything to learn from it I should be glad of advice. Wishing Cage Birds every success.

Pte. J. W. Locke.

The Success of a Novice.

Ten Young Canaries from One Pair.

Sir,—It was with interest and sympathy that I read in Cage Birds the account of a lecture given by Mr. H. Bell on How to Start Canary Breeding. He states that out of 21 pairs mated this year he has only had nine chicks, and I thought it might be interesting to your readers to know that I have reared ten strong, healthy youngsters this year from one pair. It is perhaps more exceptional when one considers that this is my first attempt in the hobby, with absolutely no knowledge or friends to advise me, only a 6d. edition of "Canary Breeding," by Claude St. John, of which I cannot speak too highly, though I might mention that I have been enlightened by various articles which have appeared from time to time in Cage Birds. It all came about in this way. I bought a cock Canary for 8s. 6d., and was so struck by his song that I developed a desire to take up breeding, so I purchased a hen at a local bird shop for 4s. 6d., got an empty box, and knocked up what I considered to be something like a breeding cage, and got to work. On March 3 I paired them up, rather early, I suppose, but at any rate they produced four chicks by April 1, of which I lost two. On May 19 I paired them up again, and this time the hen laid six eggs within ten days of being paired up, one being broken, presumably by the cock. She hatched out five chicks from this nest, but one died. I paired them up again on July 23, and by August 12 I had four more chicks, two of which are now whistling. All being well, I hope to meet with similar luck next year.

R. W. Robbins.

Missing the Moult.

A Nightingale that Has Not Moulted, and a Skylark that is Singing Though Moulting.

Sir,—As an old reader of Cage Birds, and one who has derived much practical assistance from its columns, I fancy the following may interest readers of your paper.

I have been a fancier of Nightingales for some fifteen years, and at the present time I have several. One of them, a fine old cock bird, has moulted regularly for the past four or five years at the usual time, but up to the moment of writing hasn't shed a feather this season, and yet is in splendid condition and health, and—what will surprise even fanciers of this charming bird—is at the present time in full free song.

Another remarkable thing is that he has not bathed once since being caged, but is, of course, sprayed regularly and fed on the best of food, including some fifteen to twenty mealworms daily. I also possess a Skylark, which is moulting heavily, and yet singing by daylight and gaslight.

I suppose I must be one of the lucky ones, but as a matter of fact this is the only 'Gale that has so handsomely repaid me for the trouble and care expended upon it. I wonder if any other 'Gale fanciers have had a similar experience? Wishing Cage Birds the success it so well deserves.

A. Gregory.

Earwigs in the Birdroom.

Bad for the Earwigs if They Get Caught.

Sir,—I was interested to read Mrs. Lingwood's letter in this week's issue of Cage Birds, for I, too, have lost one young bird through the bleeding she describes, but I certainly do not attribute it to earwigs, as none can get to my bird room.

I noticed several times that the birds were bleeding profusely from the tops of the wings, and that their own beaks had blood on them, and this shows that they picked themselves and caused the bleeding. I think this came about by the small feathers moulting off at the top of the wing, then the bird pierced itself and picked the bare part between the ends of the flight feathers, and gradually worked a sore spot, which bled, and it kept on picking, as it liked the taste of the blood.

The same occurred in the case of bleeding from the end of the tail feathers. The bird I lost bled from the tail. One night I noticed a lot of blood about the cage and from the tail, but as the flow had stopped, and the bird seemed all right, I left it for the night. In the morning it was dead, evidently from weakness. I may mention here that 10 drops of calendula to a good tablespoonful of water is effective in stopping bleeding.

Although earwigs are unpleasant things, I don't believe they could harm a bird. A few days ago a rather amusing incident happened. A friend was giving some nasturtium flowers to the birds, and an earwig fell out of a flower into the cage. Immediately an old cock Canary flew down, got the earwig, and brought it to his perch, where he killed it by eating off the head, and then ate the remainder! I did not know before that a Canary would eat insects!

Before closing I would like to mention that I consider your correspondence most interesting, and wish Cage Birds all success.

(Miss) M. Wallis.

What Mules and Finches Love.

Familiar Seeds that are Little Known as Bird Provender.

Sir,—Our outdoor aviary is divided into two compartments. One of these (20ft. long, of which 13½ft. is flight and 6½ft. shelter, the height being 8ft.) is at present devoted to the following birds, viz., two cock Goldfinches, a hen Bullfinch, and three hen Canaries, together with their progeny, which consists of seven Goldfinch-Canary Mules and a Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. The aviary faces south and west, and is very well sheltered, so that its lovely tenants thoroughly enjoy their little lives, and are a perpetual source of pleasure to ourselves and all our visitors.

It is a pretty sight indeed to watch the demeanour of the inmates when a fresh supply of food is introduced. Besides the usual sorts of green food, such as groundsel, chickweed, sowthistle, and sods of flowering grass, we give them in autumn very many kinds of seeds gathered wild. Of these knapweed (hardheads) and a very similar plant, the lesser skullcap (Scutellaria minor), are especial favourites, whilst teasel and thistle heads are also welcome, so are seed-heads of ragwort, dock, the two plantains, and dandelion.

Use Our Notepaper.

To these may be added two very fascinating plants with which your readers are probably unfamiliar as bearing seed relished by birds. One is the seeding heads of the ordinary Michaelmas daisy (aster) in its many varieties such as you find in almost any garden; the other is a less known plant, but not uncommon in cultivated and waste places throughout Europe, and of frequent occurrence in the British Isles. I myself gather it in weedy fields in this immediate neighbourhood (Hazeleigh), where it is fairly common in September. It belongs to the buckwheat family, and is named Polygonum convolvulus, and in English the black bindweed. It is a glabrous, i.e., smooth-leaved, annual, with a twining stem as in convolvulus, whilst its pointed leaves are heart-shaped. The seeds resemble small triangular nuts, and are sharply pointed on the mid-rib. It is these of which the birds are so enamoured.

All species of Polygonum when in seed seem particularly beloved of birds, among them being the buckwheat of agriculturists (an Asiatic plant), the Persicaria, and the knotweed or knotgrass, the specific name of the latter being "Aviculare," that is "acceptable to birds."

The Bullfinch and her Hybrid son revel in blackberries, haws, cotoneaster, and privet berries, whilst, strange to say, the Goldfinch Mules also partake of haws, although neither of their parents is much addicted to any kind of berry. The Mules are pretty perky little chaps, ever on the move, and singing lustily, but the gem of all, and a gem indeed of first water, is Tim, the Goldie-Bullie. Resplendent in his coat of many hues, he dashes here and there unceasingly, warbling the while his sweet melodious song and glistening like a jewel. In this aviary every bird is tame, but Tim is tamer than the rest, and invariably manages to sample everything before his comrades arrive upon the scene of his delight.

(Mrs.) May Raynor.

The Recent Clapham Show.

Pied Flycatcher Dies, and Exhibitor Blames the Management.

Sir,—I have a serious complaint to make re the management of the Clapham Show, and I consider it is only fair to exhibitors in general that facts such as those set forth below should be made public.

As I seldom exhibit, and even on this occasion only exhibited one specimen, it may well be that the management does not think my entries are worth bothering about, and treats them accordingly. A very short-sighted policy to adopt, surely, even from the financial standpoint.

However, whatever the cause of the neglect may be, the facts are as follows. At considerable inconvenience and expense I exhibited a young Pied Flycatcher which, amongst others, I had succeeded in hand-rearing this season, thinking, as I believe these birds are seldom if ever exhibited on the show bench, that it would prove an interesting exhibit. However, as, for some reason, best known to the show authorities, the name of the bird, although plainly stated on my entry paper, was not put into the catalogue, probably few of the visiting public were aware of its identity.

I brought the bird with me all the way from Wales, and as it was a great favourite of mine, and I was anxious to avoid all unnecessary risks, I had the bird dispatched to and brought from the show by special messenger, from which it will be at once apparent that I do not exhibit from any mercenary spirit.

Unfortunately before dispatching the bird one of the glass drinkers was accidentally smashed, and I had to substitute at the last moment two small china dishes. I mention this, as it occurs to me the excuse may be put forward that it was impossible to clean out the food and water vessels without opening the cage door to get them out. Even if this were the case, I can see no excuse for what happened, but as a fact it was quite easy to get the vessels out from the front with just a little trouble.

The bird was returned to me on Thursday night looking very bad, and on examination I found the food in its cage was in a horrible mildewed condition, and, of course, rank poison for anything, let alone a delicate bird like a Flycatcher.

The food had obviously not been changed since I put it in on Tuesday night, the consequence naturally being that the bird was poisoned, and I have since lost it. I think it absolutely disgraceful to treat birds in such a way, apart from the loss to exhibitors of birds they value, and which are, as in this case, quite irreplaceable; it is downright cruelty to the birds themselves.

It is only fair to mention that I have been assured that this sort of thing is quite exceptional at the Clapham Show, which is, as a rule, very well managed, and the exhibits well cared for. However this may be, the fact remains that upon the two occasions upon which I have exhibited at this show I have had ample reason to regret my temerity. The other occasion I refer to was, speaking from memory, in 1911, when, through some carelessness, they allowed some Parrot finches to escape, one of which was never recovered.

A Suggestion to Judges.

Whilst on the subject of shows, I think it would be of general interest if judges would always give their reasons for the awards they make, such as is the practice in certain dog shows, etc. This would enable exhibitors to see where they had failed, and give them the opportunity of doing better upon the next occasion. I always myself imagined that the rarity of the exhibit and the difficulty of keeping it in captivity counted for most, but this apparently is not so, so it would be interesting to know upon what system, if any, birds are judged. I am referring, of course, to mixed classes of Soft-bills, etc., where different varieties compete against each other.

Gerald E. Rattigan.

[We have communicated the purport of this letter to the hon. sec. of the Clapham C.B.A., and his reply is as follows.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

The Hon. Secretary Replies to the Complaint.

Sir,—I am greatly indebted to you for letting me know of Mr. Rattigan's complaint about the treatment of his Spotted Flycatcher at our late show. I have enquired of Mr. Vale, who fed the Soft-billed section, about this particular exhibit, and he says the food vessel was stuck, and impossible to get at, so he put fresh food on top of the old each day, and saw the bird eat it; he also gave the bird mealworms, which it ate. With regard to the bird not being named in catalogue, I cut out the names of the specimens owing to the cost of printing, and thereby saved four pages, which would have added to the cost of catalogues. As it was, we had to pay 7½d. each, and sold them at 6d.

The old complaint of a bird being lost several years ago I have no personal knowledge of, but I can assure you and Mr. Rattigan that every possible care is taken of exhibits whilst in our charge, and we have always been complimented upon the way our exhibitions have been conducted. Our committee comprises some of the most capable and hard-working fanciers in the kingdom, and I am deeply sorry Mr. Rattigan should have lost such an interesting exhibit. I can assure him that everything possible was done for the bird, and it is through no inattention on the part of any person in connection with the Clapham C.B.A. that it has died.

T. J. Hose,
Hon. Sec. Clapham C.B.A.

Border Fancies at Sheffield.

Breeders and Exhibitors as Judges.

Sir,—In reply to the letter of Dr. Craig, in which he states that he wishes to explain the end of the controversy with me for the benefit of fanciers who are interested and might be misled by my last letter, I am quite agreeable to leave the matter in the hands of your readers, who can form their own opinion whether they have been misled by me or not. The only conditions made by me were as published in Cage Birds of Oct. 14, and were worded exactly as in a private letter sent direct to him.

His letter in your last issue might convey to some that I had a standing grudge against the judge mentioned; this is far from the truth, and at the time of writing him I had no notion who were to be the judges (in his former letter he states "the same judges") until I heard from him. My sole reason for making the condition that the judge must be both a breeder and exhibitor of the Border Fancy Canary was the conviction which I have held with many more exhibitors for a number of years, that when once a fancier stops being a breeder and exhibitor he should also retire from judging. When judges have to keep in the thick of competition themselves it keeps their mind active to the conditions in which their brother fanciers have to exhibit, and keeps them up to date in what is required to assist the specialist clubs under which shows are held.

The Sheffield Society are quite within their rights to engage whom they choose, and, much as I regret my conditions did not meet with their approval, I think they must also admit that by guaranteeing their classes where I stood to pay the piper I was entitled to select some part of the tune. I know, therefore, that your readers will not throw the onus of responsibility for the failure upon me.

J. Patterson.

(MANY INTERESTING LETTERS UNAVOIDABLY HELD OVER.)

Club Reports.

WHICKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 2, Club room, Mr. J. Crass chair. Owing to clashing with other shows we have decided to hold ours on Nov. 25. Other two classes were added to schedule, one for British hens, any variety, and a 10s. selling, making a total of 25 classes. Fanciers are invited to join us, and should watch CAGE BIRDS for next and final meeting before show.—R. Johnson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Oct. 21, North of England Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a fair attendance. After going through the members' show business a very interesting discussion took place about previous shows held at Sunderland, some of the older members going back 30 years or more, when the rule was to show a cage of four birds.—F. Riseborough, Asst. Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND F.S.

Meeting, Oct. 7, Nelson Temperance Hotel, Mr. W. Wood presiding over a large attendance. Mr. J. Stewart gave a successful demonstration of his method of washing birds and thereafter judged a novice washing exhibition, and his awards were 1, Gilbert; 2, Hunter; 3, Fulton. Mr. Stewart was awarded a hearty vote of thinks.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

NEW KYO (Constitutional) C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 8, Mr. R. Humphrey chair. After a lengthy discussion Mr. T. Dixon, of Bedlington, was elected judge. It was proposed to adopt last year's classes with an additional class each for young Nor., young York., and A.O.V. Brit. Sec. was instructed to write, re printing, etc. Members attend next meeting, Oct. 29, at 10.30 to have these classes confirmed.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

A very successful washing competition was held at the meeting, Oct. 18. There were several spectators, who seemed to enjoy the proceedings. Mr. T. Collier judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction: 1, C. Walkden; 2, H. Taylor; 3, R. Charleson. Several specials were offered for competition for our old show, and it was decided to leave the fixing of them until the next meeting.—R. Charleson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 11, Mr. Jones, chair, with improved attendance, but room for more. Nominations for 1917 were made. Messrs. J. E. Crook and J. Bailey elected members. Table show result: Yorks.: 1, 3, 4, Jones; 2, vhc, Williams. Nov. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Williams; vhc, Sisson. Norwich: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Gill; hc, Sisson. Messrs. Drabble and Woolhouse judged. Members are urged to be present at the next meeting, so that business can be done. Mr. Towl will give a washing exhibition.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting Oct. 19, Mr. McGown presiding. The arrangements for annual show were practically completed. The judges selected are Mr. R. H. Livingstone, Rutherglen, Norwich and Yorkshires; and Mr. P. Gentleman, Avonbridge, Borders and British. Agreed to have the same adverts. as last year in CAGE BIRDS and the local papers, and to get all printing done by the Leith Printing Co. Any specials intended for annual show might be intimated to sec. before our next meeting Nov. 16.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

A Series of Instructive Evenings for the study of the song of the Roller Canary.

Meeting, Oct. 17, Cock and Lion Hotel, 69, Wigmore St., W., Mr. Fisher presiding. Notwithstanding very bad weather there was a good attendance, and a notable feature was a number of visitors, so much so that it was felt desirable to postpone business to an interim meeting to be called in a few days, and so get on straight away with discussion of the song from the birds present. We had a fine exhibition of a variety of tours in two young birds brought in by a notable breeder. Gluck, Gluck Roll, Schockel, Bell Roll as contrasted with Hollow Roll, were much discussed. Considerable interest attaches to the song of these young birds as they come up month by month, and those who have attended these meetings regularly are able to detect the gradual development of the tours as the season goes on. Next meeting there will be more birds, possibly some of the old moulted ones, and if the attendance means a crowded room visitors are requested to note that the landlady of the house has notified us that she will be pleased to let us have a larger room if it is found necessary.—Hy. W. Gutierrez.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual Open Show to be Held.

Meeting of the Show Committee, at 142, High St., Edinburgh, Oct. 21. Election of office-bearers for 1916 resulted in Mr. Jas. Lumsden President, Mr. S. Buglass Vice-pres. and Show Manager, and W. B. Smart Sec. Committee: Messrs. J. Aitchison, A. Bell, J. F. Dewar, A. Gilchrist, W. Hock, J. Hutchinson, H. Watson, W. H. Nelson, J. Weir, C. Stewart. Decided to add any other member willing to act. It was agreed to again have a judge for each section at the annual open show; clears, variegated, and Greens and Cinnamons; three being proposed, it was left with the Sec. to have answers from them for next meeting, Nov. 18. Arranged that Sec. get offers from three different firms for printing schedule, and he was also instructed to write Sec. of Southern Club for use of staging at show. Failing Southern staging, it was left in the hands of Pres. and Sec. to arrange with other societies. Agreed to adopt last year's classification with the exception of heavily variegated class. Sec. was instructed to get offers from two local firms for prize cards. The President said we had secured St. Cuthbert's Church Hall this year, which the meeting considered a great improvement on last year. This hall is in King's Stables Road, off Lothian Road, and only two minutes walk from the side entrance of Caledonian Station. It now lies with every member of the club to be up and doing his best in the interest of our second show, Dec. 30, Jan. 1. If any member has any suggestion to make, I will be very pleased to hear of same in time for next meeting, and the committee will give them due consideration, as we are anxious to put out a good schedule. I will be very pleased to hear from any member who wishes to give a special.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 12; Mr. Ridal, chair. Members please note alterations for annual show, Nov. 11. Birds are to be staged by 2.30, on view at 3.30, the show closing at 5.30. No charge for admission. Prize-money, 4s., 2s., 1s. Specials for each section. Officials nominated for 1917. Third table show result: Yorks: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Williams; c, Sisson. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Gill; c, Sisson. Mr. Drabble judged. Next meeting, important business.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 16, Secretary's residence, with a very good attendance, and some good business was done. Schedule for open show was passed, and it is hoped that exhibitors will do their best to keep the flag flying. Five silver medals will be competed for independent of our other trophies, and specials were also received from Messrs. Foyle, Chandler, Legg, Godbur, and Alderslade. There are several more promised, so everything is looking very well, considering the circumstances.—J. Alderslade.

WIGAN ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Oct. 11, Mr. T. Kay, chair, and 18 members present. Decided to accept terms of judges for open show: Mr. J. Tomlinson (Newcastle), Mr. Lyons (Blackburn), Mr. Kilshaw (Bolton). Also decided to hold show Dec. 15-16, as arranged at the meeting in February last. Unanimously decided that Mr. Best, from Leeds, be sec. of control board. New member, Mr. J. Hitchen. Thirty-two special prizes were promised. We ended a busy night with a small whip round for our soldier members for smokes, etc.—W. T. Unsworth, Assist. Sec.

ABERDEEN (Amalgamated) C.B.S.

One Day Show for Charity.

Meeting, Sept. 27, arranged to hold open one-day show on Dec. 9, with same classification and prize money as last year. The surplus (after paying expenses) to be handed over to the Aberdeen and District Prisoners of War Bureau. Mr. George Bennett, Brechin, will judge open section (Canaries), Mr. John Strachan, Aberdeen, the Amateur section, son, H. Watson, W. H. Nelson, J. Weir, C. Stewart. The society is to go forward, relying upon the Fancy generally to give them their hearty support, as in the past, in their undertaking. Fuller particulars will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS later.—R. J. Robertson, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Extra Classes for Border Canaries.

Table show and judging competition, Headquarters, Oct. 16. Mr. W. Shakespeare officiated as final judge, his decisions being well received. Fifty birds were staged: Yorkshires 10, Norwich 15, British 25. Members first judged birds, entering their awards on slips, which were collected by Secretary. Mr. Shakespeare then judged in a very critical manner. Meanwhile a meeting was held and annual show business settled. A feature of business was putting on of extra classes for Borders. Our vice-president, Mr. T. R. Trower, again gives a generous array of special prizes. The silver medal for judging competition was won jointly by Messrs. A. and F. C. Knight. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Shakespeare for his services.—F. C. Knight.

GLASGOW & WEST. COUNTIES.

Meeting, Oct. 7, Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie presided over a fair attendance. Four Crest classes were added to classification of annual show, two for young birds and two for old. Mr. James Johnstone, Partick, was admitted a member. The management, ever on the look out for something special, did not belie their reputation when they introduced Mr. R. T. Campbell, of Dunfermline, to the members. Mr. Campbell chose for his subject the Border Fancy Canary, and right well did he handle it, both from a literal and scientific point of view. He touched on very many knotty points and at times he was on very dangerous ground, but Bob came through it all with credit. At the close many questions were asked and answered in a capable and efficient manner. Mr. Campbell was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and we look forward to another of his visits in the near future. Next meeting, Nov. 4, a washing exhibition by Mr. J. H. Adam.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Meeting, Headquarters, Oct. 18, when a Field-Moulted British Table Show was held. Goldf.: 1, 2, 3, Bryant. Greenf., Etc.: 1, Rothwell; 2, Leadbetter. Linnet: 1, Rothwell; 2, Leadbetter; 3 Jones. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Jones; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Bothwell; hc, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Jones. Mr. J. Abbot, of Liverpool B.B.A., judged, and gave every satisfaction. During the judging the final selection of judge for annual show, Dec. 2, was made and the honour fell to Mr. W. Young, New Brighton, who gained the verdict by 1 vote from J. Thornton, Liscard.

Mr. J. Lloydd then gave a splendid demonstration on bird washing, washing three birds and outlining in detail the methods of handling the bird, and washing it from stem to stern in masterful fashion, and fully kept his audience engrossed. Washing a bird seems such an easy process when in such hands as Mr. Lloydd's. A hearty vote of thank to Mr. Lloydd, and to Mr. Abbot for judging brought to a close a most successful meeting. Next meeting Nov. 15.—R. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

Public trial of the Sexing Apparatus which has been so much discussed in our columns.

Meeting, Headquarters, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., Mr. Clark chair, and a splendid attendance of members and visitors. As was foreshadowed in last week's CAGE BIRDS, the demonstration by Mr. W. R. Bonniwell, on "How to ascertain the sex of Birds," proved most entertaining, it being followed with the keenest of interest by all present. The sex of those birds experimented with certainly proved to be correctly indicated by the ingenious method applied, and a great deal of discussion followed, but the opinion of those present seemed divided as to whether it was an infallible way of discovering the sex of birds. At any rate the demonstration proved most interesting and was enjoyed by all.

This was followed by Mr. W. G. Sanders reading a well thought out paper on "Matters of Opinion" which was very ably written, pointing out how opinions of fanciers varied in many respects appertaining to birds. At the conclusion of a very enjoyable meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. W. R. Bonniwell and Mr. W. G. Sanders for the way in which they had entertained all present.—W. R. Beasant, Hon. Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, Festival House, Oct. 12, with a good attendance. Announced that the balance in hand to date, after paying all expenses, amounted to nearly £7, and this amount will be considerably increased. The completion of the general rules of the club was the principal business, and after considerable discussion the draft of these as made by the Committee was agreed to with very little alteration. Sec. was instructed to write to societies in East Anglia, inviting applications for the patronage of the club, and to point out that owing to the war, and the number of classes scheduled by many societies being greatly reduced, we are prepared to consider applications to moderate our requirements. —R. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting, Oct. 7, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Mr. F. Harrison presided over a good attendance. The special business of the evening was the washing competition. Messrs. Gilbert, Harrison, Durham, Dyer, and Cullers took part, and the silver medal went to W. Gilbert; Harrison 2nd, and Durham 3rd. Mr. W. Shakespeare then gave his washing demonstration, and all were greatly interested in his most instructive and expert manner of bird washing. Several questions were asked, and Mr. Shakespeare suitably answered them all. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Shakespeare for officiating as judge at the washing competition, and for the demonstration. Vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a pleasant evening to a close.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, Godfrey's Dining Room, Trinity Street. Mr. E. J. Banks presided over a well-attended meeting. A communication was read from Mr. R. L. Crisp stating that through pressure of business he would not be able to judge at our show, and it was agreed that Mr. H. C. Smith take the whole of the Yorkshire section, Mr. J. H. Payne the open Norwich and Mule classes, Mr. Maggs the Novice Norwich and Selling, and Mr. H. Norman Borders and British. Resolved, that all wounded soldiers be admitted free to the show, and that invitations be sent to the various hospitals. We made two new members, Mr. Wilson and Mr. C. Haines. Resolved that we pay night stewards for the open show. Our President, C. Williams, Esq., sent a donation of £5 towards the show funds, and the following members also gave donations and specials, Messrs. Banks £1 1s., Pugh 10s. 6d., Smith 10s., Thomas 10s., Phelp 5s., Allsopp 5s., Pearce, Wiseman and Wilson 2s. 6d. each. Mr. Ball promised 4 specials; will all other members let me know what specials they have? The show fund will be open for donations until the show. Contributions are now due, and members who are in arrear will not be entitled to compete for any members' special.—E. Thomas, Sec.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show Granby Hotel, Oct. 21: 42 birds were judged by Mr. J. H. Fowle, Queensbury. Cl. or Tkd. Ck.: 1, Haggis; 2, Allatt; 3, Farrar; 4, hc, Ambler; vhc, Gregson; c, Womersley. Mkd.: 1, 2, Hoyle. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Farrar; 2, Womersley; 3, Allatt; 4, vhc, Ambler; hc, Rolfe; c, Sugden. Buff: 1, vhc, Sugden; 2, hc, Ambler; 3, Allatt; 4, Hoyle. Mkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Sugden; 2, Verity; 3, Haggis; 4, Allatt. Buff: 1, Haggis; 2, Verity; 3, Womersley; 4, vhc, Ambler; hc, Gregson. Unflig. Ck.: 1, vhc, Rolfe; 2, 3, Verity; 4, Haggis; hc, Gregson.—W. Jagger.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show (date not stated.—Ed.). Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Gedhill; 4, Reed and Son; vhc, Pownall Bros. Buff Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Swaine; 4, Hodgson. Green Mkd. Ck.: 1, 4, Hodgson; 2, Pownall Bros.; 3, Gledhill. Yell. Hen: 1, hc, c, Hodgson; 2, Reed and Son; 3, Swaine; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Pownall Bros. Buff: 1, Hodgson; 2, 4, Gledhill; 3, Pownall Bros. Green Mkd. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Gledhill. Cinn. Ck.: 1, Hodgson. Hen: 1, Swaine; 2, 3, Pownall Bros. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Booth; 3, Firth. Buff: 1, 3, Booth; 2, Firth. Yell. Hen: 1, Firth. Buff: 1, 2, Firth; 3, Booth. Green Mkd. Hens: 1, 2, Booth; 3, 4, Firth.—L. Hodgson, Jun., Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' Show, Victoria Hotel, Oct. 14, 73 birds staged. Judge, H. Long, Shipley, who gave entire satisfaction. CHAMP. Class 1 (13): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Chittenden. Class 2 (9): 1, Bloomfield; 2, 3, Dykes; 4, Chittenden. Class 3 (7): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Fretwell; 4, Boocock. Class 4 (9): 1, Bloomfield; 2, Dykes; 3, Chittenden; 4, Dykes. NOV. Class 5 (5): 1, Greenwood; 2, Riddihough; 3, Close; 4, Goult. Class 6 (6): 1, Greenwood; 2, Lloyd; 3, Goult; 4, Alred. Class 7 (1): 1, Goult. Class 8 (5): 1, Smith; 2, Lloyd; 3, Greenwood; 4, Goult. Class 9 (5): 1, 2, Alred; 3, Smith; 4, Close. Class 10 (2): 1, Smith; 2, Alred. Class 11 (3): 1, 3, Greenwood; 2, Alred. NOR. Class 12 (3): 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Wilcock. Class 13 (2): 1, 2, Wilkinson. Class 14 (1): 1, Wilkinson. Class 15 (2): 1, 2, Wilcock.—H. Fretwell, Sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

Members' show, Oct. 14. Mr. T. Inman judged; 61 birds were staged. Cl. or tkd. Yell. Yorks. (4): 1, Sharp and Son; 2, Hanson; 3, Widdop; 4, Oldfield. Buff (8): 1, Oldfield; 2, 4, c, Firth; 3, vhc, Oliver; hc, Sharp and Son. Mkd. Ck. (5): 1, 3, Firth; 2, Warburton; 4, Hanson; vhc, Sharp and Son. Hen (4): 1, 3, Sharp and Son; 2, 4, Warburton. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Warburton; 3, Oliver. Buff (8): 1, Warburton; 2, c, Widdop; 3, Oldfield; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Firth; hc, Oliver. Unflig. Ck. (13): 1, Widdop; 2, Warburton; 3, c, Firth; 4, Oldfield; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Bartle. Hen (12): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Warburton; 3, Widdop; 4, vhc, Firth; hc, Bartle; c, Fisher. Nor. Hen (4): All Bartle. Most points for the day: Warburton, 23; Widdop, 20; Firth, 20; Ackroyd, 17; Oldfield, 17; Sharp and Son, 12; Bartle, 11; Oliver, 11. Most points to date for cup and specials: Widdop, 45; Ackroyd, 40; Warburton, 34; Bartle, 28; Firth, 27; Oldfield, 19; Sharp and Son, 12; Oliver, 11; Fisher, 6; Hanson, 5.—A. Firth, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting of the above society at headquarters, City Arms Hotel, Narrow Wine Street, Oct. 4, a very successful table show for moulted birds took place before a good attendance, about 40 birds being staged. The exhibits were well above the average, and the general opinion was that a good many of them will be heard later in open competition, which goes to prove that the cage bird fancy in Bristol is booming and very much alive. Mr. Lovell judged, and his awards were well received. Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Sampson. Yell., Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, Tristem; vhc, hc, Greenslade; c, Matthews. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Tristem; 3, Sampson; hc, c, Matthews. Yorks. Yell. (1916): 1, Yorke; 2, Buckland. Buff: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Greenslade; hc, Yorke. Tkd., Mkd., or Variег. (1916): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Greenslade; hc, Yorke; c, Buckland. Nov.—Yorks. Yell. (1916): 1, hc, Walter; 2, Withers; 3, vhc, Hiscox. Buff: 1, 2, Hiscox; 3, Walter; vhc, Withers.—J. A. Withers, Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

First inter-club show with Wakefield O.S., Black Swan, Oct. 14. Some excellent exhibits were staged, and keen competition ensued for the various specials. Mr. T. Alexander won special best bird with a beautiful Chaffinch, and second special with a topping Goldfinch; Burnell special best Greenfinch; Holroyd special most points in Yorks. Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Manningham, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Cl., etc., Yorks. Hen (9): 1, vhc, Rollings; 2, 4, Talbot; 3, hc, c, Holroyd. Ck. (3): 1, 2, 3, Holroyd. Mule or Hybrid (5): 1, J. Burnell; 2, vhc, D. Bedford; 3, 4, A. Bedford. Goldf. or Bullf. (5): 1, sp., 2, Alexander; 3, D. Bedford; 4, vhc, J. Burnell. Linnet (12): 1, hc, A. Bedford; 2, Walton; 3, 4, Alexander; vhc, c, Burnell. Redpoll, etc. (8): 1, A. Bedford; 2, Kendrew; 3, Summers; 4, hc, Alexander; vhc, Walton; c, D. Bedford. A.O.S.: 1, sp., 4, Alexander; 2, vhc, hc, Burnell; 3, Summers; c, A. Bedford. Greenf.: 1, sp., Burnell; 2, Walton. Mr. Alexander takes the honours for most points. Next inter-club show at Wakefield Nov. 11.—A. Walton, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show, Black Horse Hotel, Oct. 14, 97 birds; judge, Mr. T. Bennett, Bradford, whose awards were well received. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, sp, Fawsett; 2, Trevenar. Buff: 1, Bower; 2, Carneross; 3, Ascough; vhc, Myers; hc, Burnett; c, Earl. Uneven or Foul Mkd.: 1, Earl; 2, E. Middleton; 3, vhc, J. Middleton; hc, Scaife; c, Earl. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Fawcett; 2, Nelms; 3, E. Middleton; vhc, Myers. Buff: 1, E. Middleton; 2, Ascough; 3, J. Middleton; vhc, Bower; hc, Fawcett. Uneven or Foul-marked: 1, Burnett; 2, 3, J. Middleton; vhc, Fawcett; hc, E. Middleton; c, Carneross. Unflig. Cock: 1, vhc, J. Middleton; 2, Crowther; 3, Bower; hc, Ascough; c, Mitchell. Hen: 1, vhc, J. Middleton; 2, Bower; 3, Scaife; hc, Carneross; 2, Crowther. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, Fawcett; 2, Earl; 3, Bower; vhc, Nelmes; hc, Scaife; c, Burnett. Hen: 1, E. Middleton; 2, Fawcett; 3, Burnett; vhc, Nelmes; hc, Bower; c, Trevenar. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Smith; 2, Fowler; 3, Dr. Young; vhc, Feather; hc, Fowler. Buff: 1, Butterworth; 2, Smith; 3, Dr. Young. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Dr. Young. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, c, Fowler; 2, Smith; hc, Dr. Young. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Fowler; vhc, Feather. Hen: 1, 2, Butterworth; 3, Fowler; vhc, Feather.—C. W. Town, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Club show Oct. 14 and 15, Volunteer Inn, Oldham. Judge, Mr. E. Lowe, Oldham. Lancs. Coppy: 1, Collinge; 2, Oldham. Plainhead: 1, sp., Oldham; 2, Collinge; 3, Clark. Hen: 1, Collinge. Bred 1916: 1, Clark; 2, Collinge; 3, Clark. Lizard, Nov., Gold Cock: 1, sp. best novice, Moorbey; 2, 4, vhc, Bosworth; 3, Clark; 4, Ford. Silver: 1, Clark; 2, Ford; 3, c, Howard; 4, Bosworth; vhc, Moorbey; hc, Millington. Gold Hen: 1, Clark; 2, Ford; 3, Bosworth; 4, Moorbey; vhc, Millington. Silver: 1, Clark; 2, Ford; 3, Moorbey; 4, Millington. Gold, Clear Cap: 1, Hamer; 2, Hampshire; 3, Rukin; 4, Barnes. Silver: 1, Rukin; 2, Barnes; 3, Hamer; 4, c, Hampshire; hc, Hardy; vhc, Clegg. Gold, Broken Cap: 1, Hamer; 2, 3, Hampshire; 4, Rukin; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Barnes. Silver: 1, Hamer; 2, Rukin; 3, Clegg; 4, Barnes; vhc, c, Hampshire; hc, Hardy. Gold Hen, Clear Cap: 1, sp. best Lizard, sp. best Gold hen, Hamer; 2, Rukin; 3, Hampshire; 4, Clegg. Silver: 1, sp. best Silver hen, Hampshire; 2, Barnes; 3, Hardy; 4, Rukin; vhc, Hamer. Gold Hen, Broken Cap: 1, Rukin; 2, Hampshire; 3, Barnes; 4, Hamer. Silver: 1, Rukin; 2, Hardy; 3, Hamer; 4, Hampshire. Gold, Old Bird: 1, spl, Mrs. Burgess; 2, Clegg; 3, Howard; 4, Hamer. Silver: 1, Barnes; 2, Rukin; 3, Hampshire; 4, Hamer. J. Hampshire won sp. most entries and most points in show.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Oct. 22; 16 of the best birds in Leeds were admirably judged, and some very good singing was heard, Mr. Wigfield's bird standing out alone: 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, shared, Brown and Brophy. Judges, T. C. Summers; timekeeper, J. Shepherd.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality. Linnet singing Oct. 22; 25 birds sang for five prizes. 1 and 2, shared Sissons and Sellers; 3, Jim Chippindale; 4, T. Ward; 5, Sissons. Judges, Hardcastle and Grant. Also a Roller contest Oct. 22; 7 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Ridgyard; 3, Condliffe. Judges, Hardcastle and Grant. Open contest for Roller Canaries every Saturday and Sunday until further notice.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec. (Advt.)

Linnet contest Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Oct. 22; 23 birds sang. 1, 2, 3, 4, Marshall. Judges, W. Lang, R. Dearlove. Canary contest Oct. 22; 16 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, Hirst; 3, 4, Smith. Judges, W. Lang, T. Marshall. Open Canary contest Oct. 27.—W. Lang, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

"HOMING" SONG BIRDS.

By A. R.

(Continued from Page 593.)

A charming account, by a life-long bird lover, of his birds which he trained to leave and return to their cages.

MULES are not to be recommended as likely homers. My one experiment with such ended more at a deterrent than any other. I formed the opinion that at the first opportunity, given the wild instincts of the Finch blood, aggravated by an undeveloped sense of self-preservation, hybrids lose their heads the moment they feel the unwonted sensation of complete freedom.

I had reared in a large garden aviary a nest of four Mules—one Goldfinch, one Linnet, two Siskins—(the Canary mother had not been very particular in the choice of a husband and had coquetted with three.) The Siskin Mules turned out hens, and after their first moult I caged them for some days where they could see the aviary with all its occupants, the scene of their young life. I reckoned on their making straight for this, like many other birds had done before at the first opportunity available. Vain hope! They rose at once, cleared every inviting settling place and disappeared over some high trees in that first unchecked flight. I lost faith in Mules then.

A German Goldfinch, after raising some Canary Mules, escaped one September day, and was only discovered through his twittering in the trees. His Canary wife was promptly hung up, but did not utter a sound of call. Meanwhile Goldie sampled the tree-tops for aphides, and enjoyed himself generally for more than two hours, and it was getting dark. He had then strayed out of sight, and I mentally classed him with the failures of previous trials.

I left his cage out, furnished with fresh seed, and his favourite maw and hemp seed inside the open door, and next morning that bird had become a Homer. Before I had the chance of looking at the empty cage, he had visited it and regaled himself. He soon returned again, and was carefully secured for that day. On the next and last occasion he served me in the same way, and, not liking to lose a valuable muling Finch, I kept this Homer for a more tangible benefit.

The Greenfinch which Refused Liberty.

Greenfinches lend themselves readily to make Homers. A hen, which I had got tired of keeping, was let out of a window where a few birds in cages were hung up, but, although she had then only been caught two months, she elected to sit on the cages until the window was opened for re-admission.

Now, that bird was simply too lazy to fly away in order to forage for herself, and being voracious, like all Greenfinches, kept near the well-spread table within reach, rather than join the hungry throng starving in the open. I did not, however, trust her after February, but kept her with a cock-bird in an outdoor aviary, where she built, laid eggs, and sat the full time, but all were clear, much to my chagrin.

This reminds me of another hen Greenfinch found in a common spring-trap cage, captured by the tips of her out-spread wings, which were held fast by the closed trap-door. While thus suspended, she was greedily eating the seeds used as bait. I released that bird, of course, but there was no keeping her out of the trap for a few days; at last I carried her fully a mile into the country, and set her free. This proved insufficient; before I reached home she was in the trap again, but for the last time!

I made a cage-bird of that hen, and let her have the sustenance which she was probably unable easily to procure in the natural way. No! This was not an escaped prisoner, glad to throw away her liberty to appease her hunger, but a perfectly-plumaged wild country bird. What a homer she would have made had I wanted one then?

Foreign Birds as "Homers."

A more surprising experiment, meeting with perfect success, was made by me when living in a south-western suburb of London. Among my foreign birds was an odd Grey Waxbill, which had been out of health for a month or so, keeping, however, in perfect plumage. The little mite constantly puffed out its body feathers, and never ceased looking for something outside its prison.

Putting aside all scruples, called up by the contemplation of its puny body, the cage was hung outside the conservatory, and the door opened. One minute later it had flown to the garden path, from which it returned to its cage half an hour later a happier and a healthier bird. In a few days that little Astrild had become a charming Homer, in the pink of health, defying the Sparrows, laughing at cats. The white-painted conservatory served as beacon, the skylight as means of egress and ingress to its board and bed.

I then thought of increasing the number of my foreign Homers, and selected a single St. Helena Waxbill for the purpose. Nothing was easier than success. The St. Helena, being in excellent health, straightway joined the Grey Waxbill, and followed it closely. Thus I had two most perfect Homers, which caused me no uneasiness of being lead astray by any wild congener.

Instead of increasing their number, I contented myself with studying their habits as unfettered denizens of a London suburb. The next nearest locality to do this would have been—Africa. My observations can be briefly recorded.

Free Waxbills in a London Suburb.

One side of the road I lived in was not built upon. The land was not under cultivation, and being bordered by a long row of old elm trees and a ditch, offered food and shelter to numerous wild birds.

When I let my Waxbills out, they disported themselves in the cultivated shrubs of the back garden, visited the lawns and gravel paths very warily and briefly, and then disappeared over the roofs. The flight was vigorous, but not of great velocity; quicker than that of our Titmice, but slower than our Willow Wrens; the propulsion was intermittent, showing, however, very little arch or drop; the short call note was uttered incessantly when on the wing.

My birds would make for the middle of the nearest tree in front of the house, after crossing the fallow land, and travel by stages to the very farthest elm. By that time they were about five hundred feet from their home. Frequently have I seen them flying in a bee line from the top of that tree towards the roof beneath which they would find food, shelter, and especially water. They always seemed thirsty on their returns to the conservatory.

An Unfortunate Ending.

With the advent of shortened days, I had to keep my Waxbills in a warmer atmosphere, and before the next spring came round they were "no more." A terrible winter and a household removal during a blizzard were responsible for many losses in my live-stock.

Cripples or very old cage birds, unable to use their wings effectually, must not be experimented with while in that state of defencelessness. A summer migrant, after enjoying the tender care of its keeper all the winter months, if released before Nature has provided ample sustenance for it, would starve or get killed through exposure, before it could resume its earlier habits of supporting life.

But to some extent such a bird could be turned into a Homer. I well remember a hen Blackcap, which would not leave the garden, but re-entered the cage as soon as it was carried outside; but there were then no wild Blackcaps about likely to entice mine away, nor insects or elderberries.

The first Homers I had were three Serin finches taken with the nest and reared by the parents—heartlessly caught when tenderly endeavouring to bring them sustenance. Deeming the young to be all hens, they were offered their liberty after some three months. Two hours later they were all back in their cage, which, henceforth, was fixed inside a second floor room, where for two months the birds had free access to food and sleeping quarters through an open window. Meanwhile they had moulted, turned out to be males after all, and showed an inclination to camp out at night. Then I stopped the excursions.

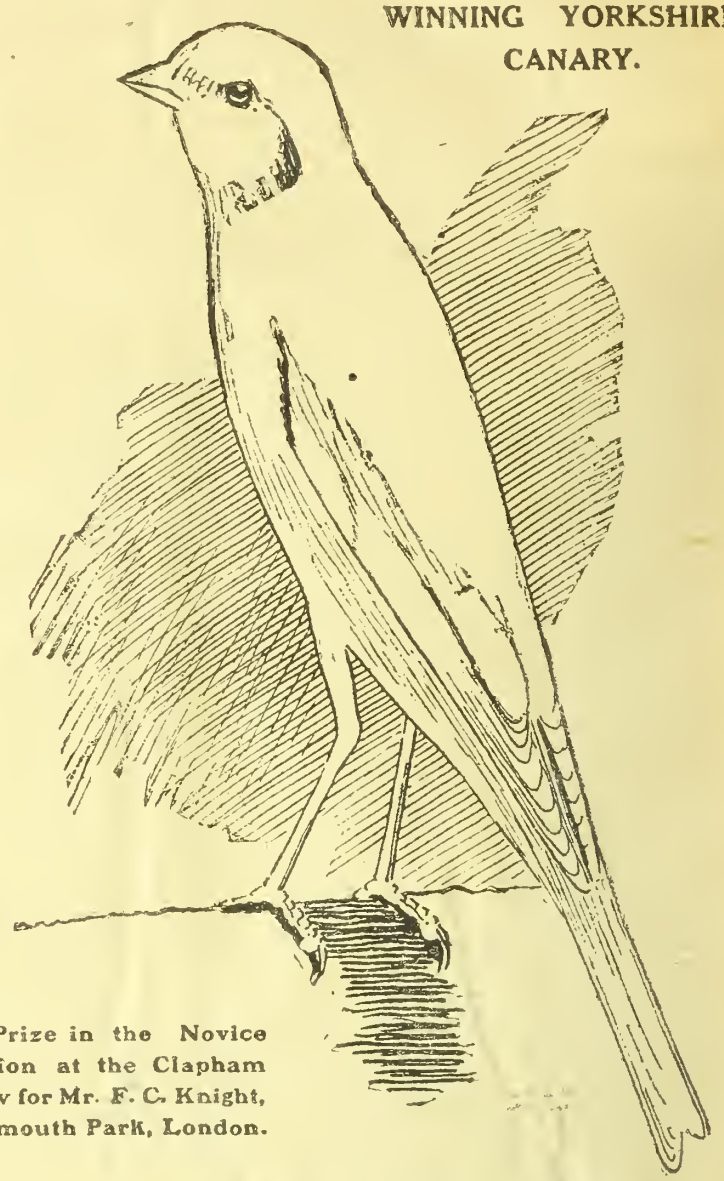
Next spring one only had survived, and he proved faithless to his trust after a few days' freedom. Nature's laws would not be defied any longer.

(To be continued.)

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THE PEKIN ROBIN And How to Keep It.

By E. ALLISON, Tulse Hill.

A short account of a most charming foreign bird which, while presenting no particular difficulty in its keeping, is a splendid songster.

THE Pekin Robin is a bird that is rather delicate on first arriving in our rather sunless land, but after it has been with us a month or so, and has become acclimatised, it is a very hardy subject and, if properly treated, will keep in perfect condition for years.

When freshly imported it should have plenty of insect food and grubs, and a good deal of ripe fruit, but later it can be easily kept on any really good insectile food, accompanied by an allowance of fruit, say half banana until finished, a half apple or a pear, a few grapes, a plum, or even a few soaked raisins if fresh fruit is unobtainable. I mean, of course, any one of these fruits at a time.

All kinds of insects should be offered in addition, and anything from blight on a rose leaf to a large moth is appreciated. Recently I gave my cock Pekin a large specimen of the moth family, more or less as an experiment, and after I had put it in his cage it occurred to me that it was rather an unusual insect to give, and thought it might upset him. It was partly devoured, and I put my hand in the cage to take it out, but the language of the bird was so awful that I had to desist, he was absolutely "mad" on devouring it, and it all disappeared immediately.

A great feature of my Pekin Robins is their habit of criticising by means of loud scolding, and sometimes subdued mutterings, the food offered, or the apparel of any person visiting them who does not meet with their approval. The other morning I had caught a mouse in one of the "break back" traps and the remarks of the Pekins, when they saw it and "strafed" it were absolutely blasphemous.

In order to obtain the maximum of song from a cock Pekin, the plan that I have found the best, is to have a hen within calling distance, but out of sight of the cock; by this method I have had Pekin music from one bird every day of the year, moult included. If the hen is a good distance off, the song is even louder, and seems to fill the house with cheerful melody.

The Pekin Robin makes an endearing pet, and takes a lively interest in everything that occurs. He is very inquisitive, and any new arrival in the bird room causes him the greatest concern until the newcomer has satisfied him that his credentials are in order, and that he comes from a respectable family, and carries his exemption card, etc.! If the newcomer should be placed under the Pekin's cage, not visible, his curiosity, if unsatisfied, will cause him the greatest anxiety.

I find that Pekins do best kept separately in a good sized cage indoors. I have tried a pair in an outdoor aviary, but the cock nearly killed the hen in the raptures of his very numerous passions, and scarcely ever sang properly. They also seemed very easily upset by the presence of cats, even in the day time, and, if there is one thing that grows well in a London garden it is cats.

By the way, if any reader wishes to test his stock of restraint in trying circumstances, I would recommend him to try and catch, without a bird net, a healthy Pekin Robin in a fair sized aviary. Greased lightning is slow going compared with the movement of one of these birds being pursued by a mere man, and even when you think you have caught it, you usually find that the bird has slipped through your fingers like fine sand.

I have tried to breed Pekins, but have never got them beyond the highly interesting stage of love-making. In conclusion I would remark that if you have a true pair that have been cage-moulted the sexes are easy to distinguish, but if you see a mixed lot in a dealer's cage, the task is very difficult for an amateur. The plumage of the cock is much brighter and bolder everywhere than the hen's, and especially on the throat and long feathers in the wing. Round the eye of the cock the feathers are yellower than those of the hen, but the song of the cock is the never-failing guide and a daily source of delight to all.

FINE SHOW AT LIVERPOOL.

A TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS—LAST YEAR'S RECORD ECLIPSED.

Magnificent Entry of 961 Splendid Specimens.

The 9th annual open show of the Liverpool O.S. took place Oct. 20 and 21. St. Martin's Hall, in which the exhibition was held, is a most capital venue, spacious, lofty, free from draughts, and nicely lighted. The birds were well staged at a convenient height to be comfortably seen.

The management, as usual, was perfect, no hitch whatever occured, and everything went as smooth as marriage bells. The Merseysiders are a jovial and enthusiastic lot of fanciers, and it does one good to be amongst them.

The Men who did the Work.

An enormous amount of work throughout the show days was got through practically and to a nicety by Messrs. T. Rowlands (the Yorkshire Green expert), G. Benson, W. R. Knowles, J. Abbott, and T. Evans. Mr. E. Lawson, the treasurer, has his heart and soul in the society, and to describe adequately the worth of Messrs. J. W. Metcalfe and G. Green, the joint hon. secs. to the society, would be beyond the power of words; one might go many miles before locating their equals. Stewards deserving of the fullest praise, each one proving himself an acquisition, were Messrs. H. Jones, J. Knight, A. Parsons, J. Roberts, Scatterwait, Leadbeater, Huyton, and J. Thornton (chairman). We must not forget the indefatigable lady helper, Mrs. J. R. Jones. Every show time sees her busy and industrious, tending to many details promptly and efficiently.

Mr. G. Green makes a fine show manager; his handling of the venture proved him to be master of his job. He and his colleagues were highly delighted with the fine entry of 961, which proved to be 161 up on last year's number.

Quite a host of wounded soldiers were present (all invited free by the society), enjoying themselves to the fullest. Amongst the many well-known visitors was Mr. Keating, all the way from Dundalk.

Unfortunately several cases of exhibits did not arrive in time for judging, although the classes in which they were entered were kept open until about one o'clock.

Champion Exhibitors Send their Representatives.

Yorkshires made a nice collection, both in numbers and quality. Many envious eyes fell upon the yellow cock and buff cock standing at the head of their respective classes, and doing great credit to their owner, Dr. W. Craig. Yorkshire Greens were grand, better type and col. prevailing than in those of a few seasons back, a progression to be noted with pleasure. Toppers were benched by Messrs. T. Rowlands, who had quite a field day (5 1sts), and R. P. Roberts. Norwich Greens were good, although not numerous; gems were those the property of Messrs. J. McAndrew and R. Barker. Norwich Plainheads captivated. Type, quality, colour, and substance were all in evidence. The clear buff cock of Sam Cook's is a stormer, and will want some stopping. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood scored in unflighted yell. cocks with a clear possessing all the essentials of a true Norwich. The bird was a study of an ideal Norwich, and great credit is due to the owner for the perfect manner in which he staged a perfect bird. Mr. W. N. Turner staged a magnificent team, and his stud accounted for three 1sts. Borders, the "wee gems," were numerous and exquisite. Many exhibits that were fully worthy of a 1st had to be satisfied with lower mention, the competition in this section being "red hot," such stalwarts as Messrs. J. S. Wilson, J. Nicholson, G. Higgins, J. Brown, D. Lawson, T. E. Davison, and A. Reid, putting down their warriors to do battle. Mr. G. Large, the judge, must have had a stiff task in separating which from which in the yellow and buff (clear, etc.) classes. He went into raptures over them, and might well do so, for they were "hot stuff." He would have liked to give three sets of prizes.

Among the Mules and British.

Canary Mules brought a few good birds together, the winner, an eye ticked buff Goldf.-Canary, was shown in the best of condition. We missed a lot of last year's cracks this time, but perhaps they are not quite ready yet. British birds were a very good lot, and the winners had to be in tip-top form to get there. Goldfinches were smaller in numbers than usual, but made up in quality. Linnets were a fine all-round lot, and it only wants a little more time to make some of these take higher honours. Greenfinches were few, but very good. The Siskin, Twite, or Mealy Redpoll class contained some of the best Twites and Siskins seen together here for some time, very little separating all the card winners, a slight change in condition may easily alter positions. The Lesser Redpoll class was exceptionally good, and two sets of winners could have been placed. Brambles and Chaffinches were very fine—the winning Bramble being an ideal of perfection. The A.O.V. Hardbills were led by a fine conditioned Hawfinch, and about the largest and best Corn Bunting seen for years stood 2nd. Softbills were conspicuous by their absence this year. Under war circumstances the British classes must be counted very good on the whole.

Catalogues with awards were on sale by 4 o'clock. Many entries were sent too late to appear in the catalogue, the printer, through shortage of labour, not being able to include them.

The show-room was cleared and all birds got away on their return journey by 6 p.m. on Saturday, and prize-money was paid out to all fanciers present on the second day. Judging commenced in good time, and capital light assisted the judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye (Yorks.), J. C. Barnes (Norwich), G. Large (Borders), and C. Boulton (British).

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye.

YORKS. GREEN YELL., SELF OR FOUL (10): 1, Roberts, beautifully feathered self, rich sound col., slim, lengthy and straight, clever legs, gem; 2, vhc, Jones, self, stands nicely, good in feather, beaten somewhat in col.; 3, c, Richardson, self, silky feather, neat head and neck, bit thicker in body; 4, Rowlands, self, capital qual. and col.; 4, Stewart. BUFF (3): 1, Rowlands, self, tremendous length, straight, A1 col. and feather, if anything on the strong side, magnificent for stock purposes; 2, 4, Richardson, good ones, leader foul tail, lengthy and leggy, lovely col. and qual., capital pos., shows well, 4th a self, good in col. and feather, nice length; 3, Metcalfe, self, all there for col. and qual., good length, nice back and wings, shade low on leg, yet a good 3rd; vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; hc, Jones; c, McDermott. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 3, Rowland, selfs, leader lengthy and slim, erect and lovely carr., perfect feather, delightful col.; 3, stands nicely, lengthy and straight, well on leg, A1 back and wing carr.; 2, Jones, self, exquisite symmetry, teeming with qual. and col., neat and narrow, fine length, pressed hard, real gem; 4, Ellis, very nice foul, well put down; vhc, Richardson; hc, Stewart; c, Sladdin and Baldwin. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Rowlands, self, one of the first water, superb col. and feather, rare pos. and length, staged to the moment; 2, Bell, self, charming merit, rich in col. and qual., lengthy, leggy, and stylish, close fight; 3, Richardson, foul tail and wing, good type, nice tone of col., lengthy, hardly so tight; 4, McDermott, foul tail, A1 col. and qual.; hc, Roberts; c, Helliwell. YELL., BRED 1916 (8): 1, Rowlands, self, feathered to perfection, slashing col., grand outline, rare length, a bird with a future; 2, McDermott, self, of the right sort, capital all through, should make its presence felt, real beauty; 3, Bell, self, delightful feather and col., straight as a rush, slim, not quite so lengthy, still most promising; 4, hc, Jones, self, full of col. and qual., neat wing carriage; vhc, Roberts; c, Hirst. BUFF (8): 1, Rowlands, topping self, A1 qual. and col., stands finely, rattling length and style, will want stopping; 2, vhc, Steinart, self, capital feather, rich col., good pos. and length, very close up; 3, Richardson, foul tail, superb feather and col., lengthy and well on leg, stronger in build; 4, Jones, self, smooth as wax, capital col., very stylish; hc, Cooper; c, McDermott. YELL. CL., ETC. (20): Fine class: 1, Dr. Craig, cl., wonderful length, stands like a guardsman, feathered like box, shows to perfection, an eye opener; 2, Johnson, mkd. cheek, wedge shaped, very lengthy, superbly clothed, rich col., in the pink, beauty; 3, Rothwell, cl., not so lengthy, but very stylish, smooth as glass, well on leg, neatness itself; 4, Gregson, mkd. left wing, red hot, marvellous length, good pos., fails a little in texture of feather; vhc, Young; hc, Rowlands; c, Knowles. BUFF (26): Rare lot: 1, Dr. Craig, slashing cl., true pos., rare length, feathered like marble; 2, no name, bonny cl., straight as a pencil, slim and lengthy, superb qual. and col., not far away; 3, Rowlands, cl., good col. and qual., nice length, neat head and neck, bit wild; 4, Johnson, cl., capital symmetry, A1 col.; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Spencer; c, no name. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Young, cl., richly gowned, delightful outline, true pos., admired by all; 2, T. Johnson, cl., rattling qual. and col., lengthy, capital pos., well filled back, neat flights, beauty; 3, Rothwell, cl., smooth as glass, straight and stylish, shows to perfection, very choice; 4, H. Johnson, cl., neat, narrow and lengthy, A1 qual. and col., in the pink; vhc, Douglas; hc, Ellis; c, Henderson and Crosby. BUFF (13): 1, Henderson and Crosby, cl., beautifully clothed, A1 col., best of backs, grand wing carr., gem; 2, J. J. Thornton mkd. head, all there for pos., length and style, hardly so close in texture, still a good one; 3, Rothwell; cl., not of the largest, but smart, catching to the eye, well worth its place; 4, Dr. Craig, cinn. mkd. wings and eye, A1 col. and feather, good length, nice back and flights, hardly ready; vhc, Keating; hc, Knowles; c, Rowlands.

YELL. BRED, 1916: 1, Rowlands, cl., magnificent merit, wonderful length, smooth as glass, grand pos., perfect back flights and tail; 2, Hirst, mkd. neck, delightful feather, red-hot, rare length and pos., well on leg, pressed; 3, Young, warmly fed cl., good in feather, lengthy, hardly the stand of those above it, yet one we admired; 4, Johnson, beautiful feather, nice col. cl.; vhc, no name; hc, Keating; c, Greatrex. BUFF (21): 1, Large, smart and stylish cl., superb feather and col., straight as a pencil, grand back and wing carr., clever legs; 2, Spencer, cl., lengthy, nice type, good col., well on leg, superior feather, close up; 3, no name, cinn. mkd. left wing, very lengthy and racy, lovely col. and qual., crosses wings at times; 4, Johnson, mkd. wing and head, on smaller lines, yet full of true character; vhc, Knowles; hc, Thornton; c, no name. NOV. YORKS. GREEN YELL. SELF OR FOUL (15): 1, Smith and Cowen, self, stands nicely, good length and well on leg, rich col., A1 qual.; 2, Postlethwaite, self, superior col. and silky feather, capital pos. and length, stronger throughout; 3, Kewn, self, good pos., col., and qual., neat wing carr., bit slack about thighs; 4, Corkhill, self, rich col., very stylish, shorter; vhc, Breckell; hc, Algie; c, no name. BUFF (16): 1, no name, self, beautiful qual. and col., stands like a Guardsman, very lengthy, clever legs, gem; 2, Scott, foul tail, smooth as wax, exquisite col., capital pos. and length, plenty of thigh, close up; 3, c, Browse, self, good in feather and col., lengthy, neat back and wing carr., lower on leg; 4, Postlethwaite, self, A1 qual. and col., nice length, shade stronger; vhc, no name; hc, Leadbeater. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Jordan, self, wonderful length, neat and narrow, rattling pos., real gem; 2, c, Evans, self, plenty of length, superior col. and qual., good back and wings, hardly so straight; 3, Worrall, lengthy self, good col. and pos., not over ready, not braced up yet; 4, Parsons, self, well clothed, rich col.; vhc, no name; hc, Leach. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Browse, self, lovely feather and col., stands finely, shows well, lengthy and leggy, much admired; 2, 3, Evans, self, A1 qual. and col., capital pos., stylish, close up; 3, we could not locate; 4, Smith and Cowen, self, smooth as wax, superb col., nice pos., shorter; vhc, Scott; c, Worrall. YELL., BRED 1916 (14): 1, Algie, self, magnificent col. and qual., delightful pos. and length, best of backs, neat wing carr., should make a champion; 2, Milner, self, another promising youngster, very little removed from 1st, in the pink; 3, Corkhill, foul mkd., neck and sides, capital feather and col., straight, good length, stylish, worth its place; 4, hc, Evans, very nice positioned self, tight as a Java, not of the longest, still very catchy; vhc, Worrall; c, Smith and Cowen. BUFF (14): 1, Jordan, rare good self, fine qual. and col., lengthy and capital pos., grand back, flights and tail; 2, no name, self, superb col. and feather, rattling length, A1 flights, beaten a little in pos.; 3, Parsons, self, rare length and pos., nice qual., good legs, not the col; 4, vhc, Evans, self, good col. and feather, nice length, A1 wing carr., close up; hc, Breckell; c, Milner. YORKS. YELL. (27): 1, Wilson, cl., rare qual. and col., straight as a rush, very lengthy, well filled in back, grand wing carr., cheap at catalogue price, £2; 2, Lloyd, cl., shooty, lovely feather, rattling col. and length, clever legs, not far behind; 3, Gawne, mkd. wings and eyes, straight as a rush, smooth in feather, good col., nice style; 4, Ralphs, mkd. wing and eye, very lengthy, A1 col. and qual.; vhc, Corbett; hc, Dew; c, Jordan. BUFF (28): 1, Sergeantson, gem of a cl., straight as a gunbarrel, smooth as box, rare length, clever legs, staged to the moment; 2, Cain, mkd. back, capital qual. and col., grand pos., lengthy, on the strong side, good for stock; 3, Barr, cl., lengthy and leggy, nice top end, neat body, wings and tail, not the quality quite; 4, Nixon very lengthy cl., good in col. and pos., well on leg, rather harsh in texture; vhc, Dodd; hc, Lloyd; c, Baynes. YELL. HEN (18): 1, no name, beautifully feathered, rich col., neat and narrow, grand pos., full of style; 2, Farrell, straight, tight as wax, A1 pos., well on leg, not quite so lengthy; 3, Gawne, good feather and col., nice length, capital wings and tail, good 3rd; 4, Huyton, slim and upstanding, rare qual., very smart; vhc, no name; hc, Ralphs; c, no name. BUFF (22): 1, Mulliner, mkd. wing and eyes, straight as a rush, superior feather and col., good length, well on leg; 2, hc, Huyton, nicely clothed cl., sweet head expression, good back and wing carr., plenty of leg, very close up; 3, Appleton, salmon-tinted cl., shooty, A1 qual., neat head and neck, nice body; 4, Luxton, cl., rich col., A1 feather, full of true character, but wee bit short; vhc, Nixon; c, no name; Nos. 1, Grice, and 12, Poole, w.c., yellows. YELL., BRED 1916 (37): 1, no name, mkd. wing, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, capital col., delightful wing carr., pipe tail, beauty; 2, Algie, smartly clothed cl., rich col., erect, very lengthy, well on leg, pressed hard; 3, Howard, mkd. wing, red-hot, lovely feather, stands nicely, worth its place; 4, no name, very lengthy cl., A1 col., good pos., bit rough in feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Appleton; c, Miss L. Roberts. BUFF (25): 1, no name, tight as wax, superb col., A1 length and pos., clever legs, could win in open competition; 2, Corbett, straight as a pencil, full of qual. and col., grand back and wing carr., shows thighs well; 2, Luxton, A1 qual. and col., shooty, neat wings and tail, hardly so lengthy; 4, vhc, Helsby, good length and pos., nice col., well on leg, little behind in qual.; hc, Stott; c, Barr.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.
Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.

NOR. GREEN YELL., SELF OR FOUL (5): 1, McAndrew, bouncer, grand shape, lovely feather and col., best of carr., will want beating, a stormer; 2, Thornton, well up in subs., A1 col. and qual., capital type, wings not yet braced up; 3, Yates, sweetly moulded, smooth as a bottle, rattling col. and feather; 4, Metcalfe, neat shape, nice qual.; vhc, Lowe. BUFF (11): 1, no name, marvellous subs., A1 qual., nice col., grand shape and carr., a "knock out"; 2, hc, Barker, fine shape, A1 col. and feather, not quite so massive in build, still a gem; 3, no name, rattling type, jaunty carr., lovely col. and qual.; 4, McAndrew, full of qual., rich col., very shapely, bit small but neat; vhc, Lowe. YELL. HEN (8): 1, McAndrew, massive, best of shape, clinking qual. and col., sweet carr., easy win; 2, Yates, good qual. and col., nice shaped body, neat wing carr., loses in head character; 3, vhc, Lowe, capital col., A1 qual., nice head and neck, might be bolder in chest; 4, Smith, feather and col. good, nice body shape; No. 5, Leatherbarrow, disqualified, seemed to have been colour-fed somewhat. BUFF (8): 1, Barker, foul, lovely shape, rich col. and quality, well up in subs., perfect carr., topper; 2, B. Lowe, self, well clothed, capital col., good size, fat on chest which spoils the outline; 3, c, Thornton, self, not big but nice shape, col., and feather, graceful; 4, no name, self, on the small side; vhc, McAndrew; hc, O. J. Lowe. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Turner, cl., fine subs. and shape, beauty for col. and qual., jaunty carr., not a feather wrong, gem; 2, Peters, cl., not quite so rich in col., grand shape and feather, well up in size, good carr., can beat more than beats it; 3, Gough and Loach, red-hot cl., A1 qual. and shape, in the pink, hardly so large; 4, Cook, warmly fed cl., good subs., capital qual.; vhc, Bixter; hc, Bastock; c, Granger. BUFF (11): 1, Cook, noted cl., looking as well as ever, one of the hottest coloured buffs seen for many a day; 2, 3, Hartup, beauties, 2nd cl., grand shape and qual., well up in subs., A1 carr., hardly the col. of 1st; 3rd, mkd. head, monster, capital feather, nice tone of col., good head, neck, and chest, longer in barrel, wings and tail; 4, no name, cl., of great size, nice qual., paler in col. and not finished; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Green; c, Brotherhood. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Turner, mkd. head, good "big un," teeming with quality and col., lovely shape and carr., charming damsel; 2, no name, mkd. wings and head, A1 qual., very shapely, paler in col., nice size and carr.; 3, Fielding, cl., superb feather and col., grand shape, neat wings and tail, wanting a little in head; 4, Fildes, mkd. neck, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Gough and Loach; hc, no name; c, no name. BUFF (5): 1, Mrs. Booth, lovely cl., fine shape and subs., nice col. and well gowned, jaunty carr.; 2, Cook, cl. of good size, A1 feather, not so rich in col., moves nicely; 3, Granger, mkd. wings and eyes, capital col. and feather; 4, Barker; vhc, Gough and Loach. UNEVEN (12): 1, Turner, yell., mkd. wing, magnificent shape, slashing qual. and col., plenty of subs., eye-opener; 2, Cook, buff, lightly var., lovely shape, teeming with qual. and col., well up in size, jaunty carr., gem; 3, Barker, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, capital qual. and col., good size, clean cut, hardly so typical, still one we admired; 4, McAndrew, buff var., red-hot, cobby, nice carr.; vhc, Fildes; hc, no name; c, Peters. HEN: 1, no name, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, ablaze with col., feathered to perfection, rare size and shape, delightful carr., gem; 2, Cook, buff, mkd. head, short and thick-set, capital col. and feather, nicely frosted, will make up well; 3, Jones and Chester, yell., mkd. wing and root of tail, good feather and qual., nicely fed, beaten a little in type; 4, Hartup, buff, mkd. head, A1 qual. and col., grand shape and carr.; vhc, Johnson; hc, Wilkinson; c, Trengrove. YELL., BRED 1916 (11): 1, Brotherhood, magnificent hot-fed cl., delightful feather, perfect shape and carr., round as a ball, stormer; 2, Peters, cl., superb feather and rich col., grand shape and size, moves nicely, clean under, gem; 3, Cook, mkd. wing, ablaze with col., very shapely, A1 qual.; 4, Fielding, cl., grand shape, superior feather, rich col.; vhc, no name; hc, Trengove; c, Turner. BUFF (20): 1, no name, mkd. wing and head, short and thick set, full of col., superb feather nice subs. and carr., should do some winning; 2, Peters, very bonny cl., best of type, smooth as wax, A1 col. and qual., pressed hard; 3, Mattinson, mkd. eye, massive build, nice col. and feather, very shapely, not quite ready; 4, Granger, red hot cl., cobby, capital feather, jaunty carr., very neat; vhc, Fielding; hc, Barker; c, Jones and Chester. NOV. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Nichols, nice shaped cl., good size, capital feather and col., A1 carr.; 2, c, Evans, mkd. neck, full of fire, shapely, nice subs., good wings and tail, close up; 3, Dyson, cl., superior feather and col., cobby, fair size, jaunty; 4, Smith, mkd. head, paler col., but nice shape and size; vhc, Johnson; hc, Parvin. BUFF (15): 1, Mawdsley, cl., true type, lovely feather and col., grand carr. of flights and tail, not big, but a charmer; 2, Phillips, cl., more subs., equal in qual. and col., beaten a little in symmetry and style; 3, Evans, cl., capital qual. and col., good body and wing carr., not so neat in head; 4, Shorrock, cl., bouncer, rich col., nice shape, bit free in feather; vhc, Lane; hc, Garbutt; c, no name. YELL. HEN (7): 1, hc, Phillips, very shapely and well fed cl., nice size, clean cut away, very bonny; 2, Barr, cl., larger, nice type, good feather, patchy in col. or might have won; 3, Mawdsley, cl., unfly., capital shape, qual. and col., rather small, yet one we admired; 4, no name, mkd. head, cobby, A1 qual. and col., neat carr.; vhc, Radley; c, Leatherbarrow. BUFF (14): 1, Parkinson, cl., very shapely, nice subs., A1 qual. and col., tight as wax, neat carr.; 2, Smith, mkd. head, smooth as wax, superior col., good size and shape, very close up; 3, no name, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely qual. and col., nice head, neck and chest, bit longer; 4, Mawdsley, mkd. head, short and thick set, superb feather, nice tone of col., promising; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Lane; c, no name. YELL. 1916 (13): 1, Hepwood, red hot cl., grand shape, size, qual. and carr., easy win; 2, Whitehead, very shapely cl., A1 feather, nice subs., not the col.; 3, Weston, mkd. cheek, teeming with qual., capital col., rare type, on the small side; 4, Walker, cobby cl., smooth as wax, A1 col. and carr., bit small; vhc, Mawdsley; hc, Parkinson; c, no name. BUFF (18): 1, Hepwood, cl., delightful shape, rare col. and qual., well up in subs., in the pink; 2, Steele, nicely moulded cl., good size, full of col. and qual., jaunty carr., pressed hard; 3, Whitehead, mkd. wings and eyes, capital feather and col., nice shape and size, moves well, again close up; 4, Mallinson, mkd. wings, lovely col. and qual., bit close behind; vhc, Evans; hc, Francis; c, no name. UNEVEN (7): 1, Lane, buff, mkd. wings and head, warm col., silky feather, capital shape and size, neat carr., beauty; 2, Bracegirdle, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, A1 col., superb qual., nice head, neck and chest, longer in build; 3, Vaughan, buff, mkd. wings and head, bouncer, shapely, nice col., but rather coarse in feather; 4, Radley, buff, mkd. wings and head, cobby and nice quality and col., vhc, Byles; hc, Smith; c, Parvin. HENS, BRED 1916 (17): 1, Steele, yell., magnificent col. and qual., very shapely, nice size and carr., neatly shown; 2, Garbutt, buff, mkd. neck, short and thick set, smooth as wax, richly fed, pressed; 3, no name, very smart cl. yell., good size and shape, capital wings and tail; 4, c, Johnson, buff, mkd. wing and head, nice subs. and col., shapely, little free in feather; vhc, Teare; hc, Maiden.

THE BORDER FANCIES.
Judge: Mr. G. Large.

GREEN, YELL., SELF, or FOUL (16) (all selfs): 1, Reid, beautifully moulded, lovely sound col., shone like a mirror, tight as a Java, best of action, topper; 2, Whitelaw, magnificent type, free mover, good col., wee bit behind in qual., yet a gem; 3, Montgomery, very shapely, capital col. and qual., hardly so stylish; 4, Longmore, A1 col. and qual., neat expression, perfect wing carr., shade long; vhc, Shackley; hc, Johnston; c, Lawson. BUFF (4), (all selfs): 1, Reid, lovely shape, superb col., not a feather wrong, clocklike action, put down in masterly style; 2, Johnston, for shape, qual., and col., all one need desire, quite equal to 1st, an eye opener; 3, Montgomery, again one of the best, full of true character throughout, these three must have taken some separating; 4, Battesby, nice col. and qual., good shape; vhc, Davison; hc, Smith; c, Longmoor. YELL. HEN (14), (all selfs): 1, Reid, delightful outline, smooth as wax, charming action, treat to observe; 2, Montgomery, teeming with qual., pure col., grand shape and style, in fine fettle; 3, Longmore, very shapely, good col., moves nicely, hardly so close in texture; 4, Gentleman, nice col. and feather, bonny shape, beaten a little in action; vhc, Johnston; hc, Smith; c, no name. BUFF HEN (20), (all selfs): 1, Davison, charming shape, superb feather and col., delightful carr.; 2, Heslop, exquisite qual. and col., fine shape, full of go; 3, Greenwell, shapely, capital col., not quite the qual., yet one we greatly admired; 4, Reid superior qual., rich col., beaten a shade in type; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Willison Jun., c, Colher. YELL., CL., ETC. (18): 1, 3, Wilson, "knock outs" 1st, cl., perfect shape, feathered to perfection, lovely col.; 3, cl., near on equal to his stable companion, quite capable of winning in most classes, gem; 2, c, Hesketh, cl., slashing qual., superb col., grandly moulded, free in action, shows to perfection; 4, Dixon, mkd. head, tight as wax, A1 col., neat head and neck, capital wing carr.; vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Nelson. BUFF (26): Rare class, easily two sets of winners could have been selected (all clears): 1, Nicholson, many a long day since we saw a more perfect specimen, one was quite infatuated with its beauty, a stormer; 2, still, another hard to find fault with, pretty as paint, practically as meritorious as 1st; 3, Wilson, sweet shape, slashing qual. and col., real beauty; 4, Nelson, full of qual. and col., grand shape, free mover, can beat more than beats it; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Madagan; c, Eckersley. YELL. HEN (18), (all clears): 1, Higgins, model for shape, exquisite qual. and col., lovely action; 2, Edmondson, shape A1, superb col. and qual., moves gracefully, put down in up-to-date style; 3, Eckersley, lovely outline, rare col. and feather, sweet head character, shows well; 4, Madagan, shapely, good col., hardly the qual., still very choice; vhc, Croft and Houlgrave, hc, Mcfarlane; c, Dixon. BUFF HEN (24), capital class: 1, Brown, cl., feathered like glass, grand shape, pleasing col., delightful carr. fascinating; 2, hc, Nelson, cl., good type and col., capital action, just beaten in qual., one of the very best; 3, Wilson, cl., delightful shape, A1 col., nice action, very close up; 4, Madagan, mkd. head, superb feather, lovely shape and carr., not quite so rich in col.; vhc, Mulliner; c, Lancaster. UNEVEN (16): 1, Lawson, buff, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, superbly feathered, lovely col., delightful shape and action, gem of gems; 2, 4, Dixon, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, A1 col. and qual., grand shape, free mover; 4, buff, mkd. wings and head, grand outline, smooth as box, takes perches well, a charmer; 3, c, Wilson, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, sweet shape, superior qual. and col., full of nerve, not far behind; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Elston.

THE HYBRIDS AND BRITISH BIRDS.
Judge: Mr. C. Houlton.

MULES (12): 1, Bastock, eye tkd. buff Goldf.-Can., in the very pink of cond.; 2, Wagstaffe, good sized, 6 pointed buff, in fine order; 3, no name, good dark Greenf.-Can.; 4, Oldham, nice, small, yell., 5 point Goldf.-Can.; vhc, Smith, hc, Penge; c, Sam Smith. GOLDF. (8): 1, Davies, quite well up, fine expanse of blaze, good shape and size, rare moons, bars, and tanning, in nice feather and cond.; 2, Oldham, very good, and quite on lines of winner on all points; 3, c, Williams, grand blaze, moons, and bars, good tan, fine cond.; 4, Eckersley, bit narrower body, in all else equal to others; vhc, Alexander; hc, Keating. LINNET (16): 1, Mawdsley, grand size, fine head, on a grand shaped body, dark tone, good markings, shows white wing margins well; 2, Farlett, fine col., markings, body shape, and cond., shade narrower on skull; 3, Fairhurst, lovely feather and cond.; 4, no name, big, bouncing, cobby bird, full of markings, lacks col. and finish yet; vhc, Oldham; hc, Leicester; c, Davies, a little time will alter some of these wonderfully. GREENF. (8): 1, hc

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LIVERPOOL SHOW.

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Dalton, grand size buff, in the pink; 2, Oldham, almost equal in all points, very pretty; 3, Phillips, very tight and smart all through; 4, Jones, nice size and shape good cond.; vhc Gentleman; c, Collier. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Fairhurst, Twite, very fine shape and size, best of cond.; 2, Oldham, lovely Siskin, in fine cond.; 3, Jaycott, bonny Mealy Redpoll, in good order; 4, no name, very pretty Twite; vhc, Jones; hc, c, Chick. LESSER REDPOLL (17): A great lot for quality: 1, Abbot, splendid bold head on a well shaped body, fine bib, markings, and grand cond.; 2, 4, Jones, beauties, in tip top form; 3, Parlett, A1 col. and cond.; vhc, Dalton; hc, large; c, Marello and Son. BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, Chick, very grand Bramble, in all respects; 2, Macpherson, fine Chaffinch, in fine bloom and cond.; 3, no name, very fine Bramble, in pink of order, well spangled, etc.; 4, Lloyd, Jun., rare good Chaffinch; vhc, Oldham, paler, big Bramble; hc, Marello and Son. A.O., HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, Chick, lovely conditioned Hawfinch and an extraordinarily fine Corn Bunting, both in the pink; 3, Evans, very good Bullfinch, in fine feather; 4, Alexander; vhc, Macpherson; hc, Jones; c, Prange.

ABERTILLERY.

GRAND BIRDS AND A RECORD ENTRY.

The 4th annual show of the Abertillery C.B.S., Oct. 18, proved a great success in every way. The entry was a record for the society, over 400 exhibits facing the judge, comprising as fine a collection of really good exhibits as has been seen at a provincial show, even in pre-war times. This society has indeed made rapid strides in a very short time, and its show is recognised as one of the foremost shows in Wales. This success is not to be wondered at when one meets the officials, all of whom are keen fanciers with but one object in view—the success of their society. The hall is ideal, being well lighted and free from draughts, and the birds were staged in tiers at just the right height to be seen comfortably. This year our old friend, Mr. R. H. Mortimer, acted as show manager, and, in saying that the arrangements were perfection, we only give him the credit that is his due. He was ably assisted by the hard-working committee, Messrs. Hyde, Cooper, Morton, Selby, Webber, Blackmore, Parfitt, Powell, Scott, Salter, Russell, Orill, Warr, and Bibbings, all of whom carried out their duties well. The hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. Newell, though new to the duties, did his part well, and he had as his lieutenant on show day, Mr. E. Moule, another keen fancier, to whom nothing is a trouble.

Norwich were a fine collection, Messrs. Hathaway, Broome, Morris, Amphlett, and Rev. Jolliffe putting down good teams. Yorks also were a very level lot, two sets of winners being easily obtainable in most of the classes. The "Wee Gems" also came up well, the winners being all birds of great merit, while the novice classes were really astounding, the type and quality of the exhibits right through being excellent and reflecting great credit on their owners. Indeed, had some of them been in the champion classes the awards would have been considerably affected. Mrs. Bridgwater's team of Norwich, Mr. Maidment and Mr. Pritchard's Yorks, and Mr. Lapworth and Mr. Egerton's Borders, to mention only a few, were much admired. Sales were exceedingly good, and quite a large number of exhibits changed hands at good figures.

Members' specials were won as follows: Cup, most points, special best Border, special best Nor., special most points in show, Mr. Geo. Broome; special best Yorks, special runner-up for cup, Mr. J. Pritchard; special best unflighted, special 3rd most points, Mr. Newell. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Hathaway, cl., good round head, nice full neck, well moulded, short flights and tail, brimful of qual.; 2, Broome, cl., lovely qual., hardly as rich col., good head and neck, nicely rounded, neat wings and tail; 3, Addison, tkd., neat head and neck, well moulded body, trifle longer; 4, Maggs. BUFF (9): 1, Broome, wing mkd., grand size, neat head, well-filled neck, very shapely, superb qual.; 2, Matthews, close up, good round head, well moulded throughout, nice short wings and tail, grand qual.; 3, Hathaway, cl., grand size, very cobby, neat head, good wings, hardly as good qual. as leaders; 4, Matthews, cl., hardly as large as leaders, very shapely; vhc, Phelps; hc, James and Wells; c, Broome. MKD., ETC., CK. (9): 1, Broome, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, well-filled neck, cobby shape, good size, in grand order; 2, James and Wells, saddle mkd. buff, good size, nicely rounded body, compact wings and tail, beautifully mealed, put down in grand trim; 3, Phelps, lightly var. yell., nicely rounded head, good neck, well moulded body, trifle longer than leaders, good col. and qual.; 4, Tedstone, lightly var. buff, nice size, very shapely; vhc, Jones; hc, Watkins and Thomas; c, Pritchard. HEAVILY VAR. (6): 1, Morris, var. buff, a real gem, grand size, good head and neck, beautifully moulded body, nice, short, well-packed wings and tail, grand col., wonderful polish; 2, Hathaway, foul yell. green, real good one, immense size, grand col. and shape, beautiful qual. and cond., well proportioned throughout; 3, James and Wells, foul green, shade smaller but beautifully moulded; 4, Selby, foul green, good col., lovely qual.; vhc, Watkins and Thomas; hc, Jones. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Selby, var., nice size, neat head and neck, well rounded body, short compact flights, nicely cut away, good col. and qual.; 2, Hathaway, cl., grand size, very shapely, real gem, inclined to be a trifle wild when handled; 3, Broome, cap mkd., grand col., neat head, nicely rounded body, well cut away, shade smaller; 4, Phelps, foul green, nice shape; vhc, James and Wells; hc, Tedstone; c, Jolliffe. BUFF (6): 1, Broome, cl., lovely col. and qual., neat, well rounded head, good short flights and tail, grand body, not one of the largest but a real good one; 2, Pritchard, cl., rather richer col., nicely proportioned throughout, hardly the superb qual. of leader; 3, Jolliffe, really good cl., trifle paler in col., good entrance to head, nicely rounded body, neat wings and tail, in the pink; 4, Morris, cl., very shapely; vhc, James and Wells; hc, Amphlett, UNFLIG. CK. (14): 1, Amphlett, cl. yell., real good one, nice size, good head and neck, nicely rounded chest, well-filled back, flights and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Hathaway, mkd. buff, nice size, good deep chest, well-balanced throughout, best of wings, nicely mealed, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Broome, lightly var. yell., lovely qual., neat, well-rounded head, very shapely, good wings and tail, well put down; 4, vhc, James and Wells, cl. buff, grand size and shape, a trifle flat on head; hc, c, Jolliffe. HEN (5): 1, Hathaway, var. buff, good round head, nice deep chest, short flights and tail, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Addison, cl. buff, good head, well-filled neck, nice cobby shape; 3, Jolliffe, cl. buff, close up, grand type and qual., perhaps a trifle flatter on head than leaders; 4, Selby; vhc, Tedstone. NOV. NOR. CK. (10): 1, Mrs. Bridgwater, cl. yell., really good one, grand head and neck, nicely rounded body, good short flights and tail, rich level col.; 2, Hill, mkd. buff, good size, cobby shape, best of wings and tail, trifle flat on head, grand col. and qual.; 3, Walters, fine size, cl. buff, good head, rather longer than leaders; 4, Bridgwater, cl. buff, very shapely, nice size, only wants tightening up to be a good one; vhc, Owens; hc, Vaughan; c, Jenkins. HEN (6): 1, Gilbert, lightly var. buff, medium size, lovely qual., good head and neck, nice shape, well put down; 2, Lewis, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand col., nice qual., very shapely; 3, Bridgwater, lightly var. buff, good shape, nice qual., fails trifle on head to leaders; 4, Walters; vhc, Briscoe; hc, Jenkins. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Bridgwater, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice size, neat head and neck, good cobby body; 2, c, Fowler, cl. buff, good size, lovely qual., nice shape, inclined to crouch, wants handling; 3, Lewis, cl. buff, nice size and shape, neat wings and tail, loses in head points; 4, Briscoe, lightly var. buff, neat shape; vhc, Bevan; hc, Watkins and Thomas. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Thomson, cl., gem, grand length, nicely rounded head, well-filled back, good shoulders, fine pos., grand leg, col. and qual.; 2, Jones, cl., lovely col. and qual., neat head, nicely moulded, good length, nice pos.; 3, Pritchard, cl., close up, lovely qual., good head, nice straight back, splendid wings and tail, full of nerve, good level col.; 4, Bale, cl., close up, neat round head, good shoulders, well-filled back, grand length, good leg and nerve; vhc, Greenslade; hc, Watkins; c, Pritchard. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Pritchard, both cl. gems, beautifully proportioned, good heads and necks, well-filled backs, grand length, fine pos., clothed perfectly; 2, vhc, Newell, cl., grand type, lovely qual., best of wings and tail, well up on leg, splendid pos.; 4, Thomson, grand cl., correct type, lovely length, grand qual. and cond., stands well; hc, Greenslade; c, Russell and Scott LIGHTLY VAR. CK. (10): 1, vhc, Bale, cap and wing mkd. yell., grand, col. and qual., nice round head, good shoulders and back, lovely length, grand leg, good nerve and pos.; 2, Wooton, cap and wing mkd. yell., another good one, close up, grand length, well moulded throughout, splendid nerve and pos.; 3, 4, Pritchard, both lightly var. buff, good ones, correct type, grand qual., perfect length, stand like guardsmen; hc, James and Wells; c, Russell and Son. HEAVILY VAR. (8): 1, Pritchard, yell., grand length, neat head, neck, good shoulders and back, well clothed, grand col. and cond.; 2, Hollinshead and Edwards, var. buff, nice pos. and style, grand length, full of nerve, good col. and qual.; 3, James and Wells, foul yell. green, grand coll, perfect type, good back, wings and tail, well up on leg; 4, Pritchard, var. yell., capital col. and qual.; vhc, Wooton; hc, Russell and Scott; c, Hyde. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Hughes, wing tkd., nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, capital pos.; 2, Thomson, head mkd., close up, lovely col. and qual., neat head, good shoulders, nice straight back, well cut, grand leg and pos.; 3, Pritchard, var., good col. and qual., capital length, nice style and pos., fine leg; 4, vhc, Bale, cl., lovely qual. and cond., grand length and pos.; hc, Newell; c, Russell and Scott. BUFF (11): 1, Morgan, cl., well moulded, fine length, neat head, good shoulders and back, well up on leg, nice pos.; 2, Terrett, cl., good length, nicely clothed, good back, well cut away, splendid nerve and pos.; 3, hc, Bale, eye and wing mkd., a real model, perfect qual., neat head, wings and tail, clean cut, grand leg, very nervy; 4, Griffiths, cl., nice length, good pos., very nervy; vhc, Pritchard; c, Newell. UNFLIG. CK. (26) a wonderful class: 1, 2, Greenslade, cl. yells., real gems, lovely col. and qual., neat heads, good shoulders, grand backs, perfect wings, well cut, fine leg and nerve; 3, Newell, var. buff, neat round head, good shoulders and back, well cut away, fine style and pos.; 4, c, Pritchard, tkd. yell., shade paler col., grand length, nice pos.; vhc, Gregory; hc, Griffiths. HEN (18), another good class: 1, 4, Bale, cl. buff, grand length and style, well moulded, nice leg and pos., 4th var. buff, neat head, fine length; 2, Hyde, cl. yell., good col. and qual., well braced wings, good pos., nice length, good leg; 3, Hiscox, grizzle mkd. buff, neat head, good shoulders and back, well cut, fine leg and pos.; vhc, Gregory; hc, Russell and Scott; c, Watkins. NOV. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Maidment, eye and wing mkd., fine length, good style, neat wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Latham, cl., close up, lovely type, grand length, fine nerve and pos.; 3, Terrett, var., grand col. and qual., neat head, good back, neat wings and tail, good leg; 4, Russell, eye, wing mkd., non-fed, lovely style, pos., nicely moulded; vhc, Tozer; hc, Hollinshead and Edward; c, Pitt. BUFF (15): 1, Maidmeut, var., well moulded, capital nerve and pos., good style, well up on leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Blewitt, cap mkd., good head and neck, nice straight back, neat wings and tail, good leg, col. and qual.; 3, Smith, cl., lovely length, good pos., and nerve, fine cond.; 4, Griffiths, cl., close up, neat head and neck, good wings well cut, fine pos.; vhc, Bevan; hc, Parry; c, Hollinshead and Edwards. HEN (13): 1, Smith, cl. yell., very stylish, capital length, well up on leg, fine pos., good leg col. and qual.; 2, Worrall, cl. buff, neat body, good head, neat back, well cut, fine length, nice leg and pos.; 3, Pitt, cl. yell., nice length, good back, wings and tail, fine pos., trifle flat on head; 4, Terrett, cl., good type and qual., well moulded; vhc, Rosser; hc, Latham; c, Blackmore. UNFLIG. (26): 1, Pritchard, cl. yell., grand length, good head, shoulders and back, nicely cut away, fine pos., style and col.; 2, Hiscox, cl. yell., trifle paler in col., lovely qual., nicely moulded throughout, splendid pos., grand leg; 3, Tucker, cl. buff, fine length and style, good shoulders, back and wings, well up on leg; 4, Pitt, cl. buff, well proportioned, very stylish, close up; vhc, Terrett; hc, Latham; c, Chisholm. BORD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Mosser, eye and wing mkd., a real gem, lovely head, well-filled back, good wings, well moulded; 2, Owen, cl., grand col. and qual., true Bord. properties, shade smaller; 3, Hughes, cl., nicely built, fine col. and qual., good head, back, well braced wings; 4, Broome, cl., good col., very typical; vhc, Pratt; hc, Elston; c, Rowlands. BUFF (13): 1, Owen, cl., nice size, well balanced, perfect wings, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Davies, cl., close up, nicely moulded, correct wings and tail, nice pos. and qual.; 3, Pratt, beautifully feathered, best of shape, very jaunty; 4, Watkins and Thomas, nice size, boxy feather, very shapely; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Elston; c, Cooper. HEN (12): 1, Elston, cl. buff, bonny lady, neat head, best of wings, feathered to perfection; 2, Owen, cl. buff, nice size, very shapely, grand feather and cond.; 3, Jenkins, cl. buff, superb qual., shade smaller, but full of true Border properties; 4, Hughes, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand type; vhc, Cooper; hc, Pratt; c, Watkins and Thomas. NOVICE (14): 1, 2, Lapworth, cl. buff and cl. yell., beautiful brace, grand boxy feather, perfect type, put down in fine style; 3, 4, Edginton, cap. mkd. and neck mkd. buff, really good exhibits nicely moulded throughout, feathered like glass; vhc, no name; hc, Knapp; c, Evans. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Davies; 2, Watkins and Thomas; all Crests; little to choose between; abs., Hughes (2). CAN. MULE LIGHT (10): 1, Davies, cl. buff Goldie, medium size, nice qual. and cond.; 2, Jeffreys, wing mkd. Goldie, nice type and qual., good col. and cond.; 3, Evans, var. buff, shade larger, very shapely, nice feather; 4, Hughes, var. yell, good col. and qual., shade slimmer; vhc, c, Shaw; hc, Davies. DK. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Jeffreys, buff Goldie leading, grand size, fine blaze, good shape, col. and qual., latter really good dark Linnet, fine size, very shapely, good col., splendid polish; 3, Brailli, looked like Black-headed Siskin-Can., good size, nice shape, cond., and qual., though hardly as taking as ordinary Siskin-Can.; 4, Sweet, good-sized Goldf.-Can., fine blaze and col., not such high polish as leader; hc, Davies; c, Maggs. HYBRID (2): 1, 2, Jones, Linnet-Bullf. and Siskin-Greenf., leader, with a little more size, would be a topper GOLDF. (6) a rather disappointing number for a Welsh show: 1, Mortimer, expansive rich col. blaze, nice tans, bars and button, good size and shape, well put down; 2, Raven, nice size, lovely qual., fine blaze, though hardly as rich col.; 3, hc, Davies, shade smaller, neat square blaze, good bars, buttons and tanning, well polished; 4, Wesley, nice size and shape, hardly as forward; vhc, Jeffreys. BULLF. (6): 1, Lucas Bros., grand Bullie, nice size, grand shape, splendid cap and bars, beautiful breast col.; 2, Osborne, fine size, good cobby shape, fine cap and bars, hardly as rich breast col. as leader; 3, Davies, good size, nice col. throughout, neat cap and bars; 4, Jenkins, good type and qual.; vhc, Gregory; hc, Jeffries. LINNET (9): 1, Gregory, jun., and Davies, nice sized shapely exhibit, rich col, beautifully pencilled, could be a little bolder in head; 2, Pitt, very shapely, good head, nice col., beautiful qual., hardly as well-laced; 3, Brailli, good size, F.-M., nice col., well laced, quickly claimed; 4, Jeffreys, very shapely; vhc, Davies; hc, c, Cozens. GREENF., ETC. (10): 1, hc, Raven, grand size and shape, beautiful col., well spangled throughout; 2, 3, Chick, 2nd real topper, equal all round to leader, hard to find a fault with, 3rd Chaffinch, fine size, grand col. and markings, lovely qual.; 4, Gregory, jun., and Davies, Greenf., good size, splendid shape; vhc, Pitt; c, Evans. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, no name, charming Lesser Redpoll, fine size, real wagon-horse shape, well-laced flanks, grand col. and qual.; 2, Gregory, beautifully col. Siskin, nice size and shape, good eye markings, fine qual. and cond.; 3, Evans, Twite, medium size, grand col., very shapely, rich col., a wealth of lacing, well put down; 4, Bevan, Lesser 'Poll, falls only in size to leader; vhc, hc, Raven; c, Brailli. A.O.V. (4): 1, Raven, fine size, grand col., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Chick, close up, good size, nice bib, hardly as rich col. as leader; 3, Edwards, Corn Bunting, fair size, nice col. and markings; wrong class, Edwards, Bramblefinch. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Edwards, charming Robin, seemingly quite at home in captivity. SELL £2 (6): 1, G. T. Jones; 2, hc, Russell and Scott; 3, D. W. Jones; 4, Watkins and Thomas; vhc, Cooper. 20s.: 1, Griffiths; 2, Broome; 3, Lewis; 4, Jones; vhc, Pritchard.

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The 11th annual show of the Newcastle C.B.S., which a month ago seemed destined to failure, turned, through the energies of the members, into one of the most successful shows ever held by the society. A little over a month ago the members decided that in spite of the war it was in the interests of the Fancy generally to hold a show. Time was short, but it has been used to its fullest extent, and the officials wish to thank the numerous visitors for so generously supporting their efforts The Town Hall, which the Corporation generously offered at a nominal rental, was the venue, and no doubt the central position increased the number of visitors. The entry reached a total of 750 birds, which, considering the times and the fact that Liverpool's effort was held on the same day, Oct. 21, was considered excellent. The gate reached a total of £19, in addition to a very large number of tickets sold, so that a good balance should be available to hand over to the local branch of the Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

There were many visitors from a distance, but time was too brief to get all their names. Mr. J. W. Gordon Stewart, who is now known to all readers of CAGE BIRDS as the writer who introduced the discussion on the Pros and Cons of Inbreeding, which has created such interest, travelled all the way from Ipswich, and made his debut as an exhibitor. We congratulate him upon his success, and understand that his lovely marked hen, 3rd in the open unflighted class, was one result of the application of his inbreeding theories. Our old friend Jim Patterson, was present from Chirnside, helping to unpack the birds and assisting as steward. Others whom we recognised were Messrs. Bell, Carlisle; Carr, Middlesbro'; Wright, York; Riseborough, Swan, and Farrah, of Sunderland; Parlett, Sheffield; and many other prominent men from all over the country. An unfortunate occurrence was that a fine Scotch Fancy from Mr. Willison, of Barrow-in-Furness, arrived dead at the show. Mr. Heggie's exhibits from Glasgow did not arrive till after judging was finished. The case was broken, and one of his birds had got out of its cage; fortunately it was no worse, but it is a great pity that such fine exhibits should have been so unfortunate, for several would undoubtedly have stood high in their respective classes.

The officials, headed by the energetic Chairman and Show Manager, were one and all at their positions and had all ready by nine o'clock, when judging would have commenced, but they decided to wait for a while for the non-arrivals, all of which turned up by ten except Mr. Heggie's. Messrs. Holden, Maddison, Studholm, Harris, Kirwan and others all did their work as stewards well, whilst the thanks of everyone are due to "Billy" Curry, the society founder, who got the loan of a horse and cart and was in his element getting the birds to and from the show. The Secretary, Mr. Laidlow, filled a gap when the society was in its struggles, and his pleasant way and happy manner have already stamped him as a successful secretary. What he has done in one month others have taken two or three to do. To him undoubtedly the great success of the show was due. A well known Northern pigeon fancier, Mr. D. Armstrong, most ably assisted Mr. Laidlow in his secretarial duties. The judges are all to be congratulated upon their share. Mr. George Dobinson took Norwich, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, Crests; T. Tomlinson, Yorkshires; J. Stanger, Borders and Scotch Fancies, and R. Tindall, Mules, British and Foreign, and their awards were well received. Norwich totalled 206 in 8 classes, Crests 83 in 4 classes, Yorkshires 116 in 7 classes, Scotch Fancies 13 in 2 classes, Border Fancies 174 in 9 classes, Mules, British and Foreign, 158 in 13 classes. Mr. Maddison's clear Goldie Mule won the Arthur Young Cup, given by Mrs. Young in memory of her son, Captain A. C. Young, who was killed in France, and who was an ardent Foreign Bird fancier and a regular attendant at the shows and Club's meetings.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.
Judge: Mr. G. Dobinson.

NOR. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Smart, big bouncing bird, full of type and qual, wins easily; 2, R. W. Smith, chubby, full of Norwich quality, wee bit less; 3, McKay, all there for type and qual.; 4, Ronald, good type and qual.; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Pierson; c, Bell. BUFF (23): 1, Mason, cl., grand big bird, excels in col. and qual.; 2, Lawson, a tight race, very little behind; 3, Baldwinson, grand big bird, short and cobby, good carr.; 4, Stephenson, nice one, hard to separate; vhc, Page; hc, Smith; c, Seely and Stephenson. HEN (23) A grand class: 1, 2, Lawson, charming ladies which have already proved their worth on many occasions, marked hen leading this time; 3, Glendinning, nice Norwich shape, good head and feather; ex. 3, Lawson, grand hen, hard lines to come against such champions; 4, Holden, another good hen, well worth her place; vhc, Mason; hc, Coachman; c, Makepeace. YELL., 1916 (30): 1, Carr, a good win, grand type, qual. and carr.; 2, Wright, charming bird, very little short of winner; 3, Lowery, nice cobby shape, grand qual., a beauty; ex. 3, Leighley, well worth his place; 4, Glendinning, nice shape, good col. and type; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, M. Matthewson; c, A. Holden. BUFF, 1916 (31): 1, Lawson, full of Norwich properties, fine col.; 2, McGinn, grand shape, nice head, best of feather; 3, Edwards, typical youngster; ex. 3, Carr, equal to 3rd in every way, hard to separate; 4, Page, another beauty; vhc, Lawson, a good bird, might have gone up a peg or two; hc, Holden; c, Mason.

HEN, 1916 (32): 1, McGinn, nice wing mkd. yell., good subs., nice feather, full of col., drops her tail at times; 2, Laidlow, variegated buff, grand big hen, big beak, short flights, full of type and qual., will make a name; 3, Gordon Stewart, very typical yell., full of type and qual., combined with a good col., very taking; ex. 3, Crass, full of type and qual.; 4, Carr, nice shape and qual., good col.; vhc, Dobson, hc, Stephenson; c, Wakenshaw. CK., NOV. (26): 1, Bird, mkd. yell., a fine novice exhibit, fit to hold his own in champion competition, good flights, nice head, well carried tail; 2, Taylor, good head, nice shape and qual.; 3, Leighby, brimful of type and qual.; ex. 3, hc, Gordon Stewart, variegated buff, one of the best, nice head, well carried wings, good qual., plenty of col.; 4, Richardson; vhc, Wardle; c, T. Sanderson. HEN, NOVICE (15): 1, Lucas, good shape, nice carr.; 2, Taylor, hard to separate; 3, Makepeace, good size, shape and qual.; 4, Gordon Stewart, good size, nice shape; vhc, Millington; hc, McLean; c, Taylor.

THE CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.
Judge: Mr. T. C. Crawhall.

CREST COCK (12): 1, Dobson, winner of Kate Heggie cup for best members' bird, an easy win, the old champion looking his best, grand expansive crest, well rounded, full centre, nice droop; 2, Taylor, nice crest, not so massive, perfect formation, radiates from a nice close centre and droops well; 3, vhc, Hugill, even bigger crest, but not quite so neat; 4, Mrs. Taylor, hardly up yet, will greatly improve; hc, Marshall; c, Dickinson Bros. CREST-BRED (7): 1, Radley and Sons, big, massive bird, good rise, wealth of dense leafy feather on head; 2, Mrs. Taylor, good turnover, well browed, good entrance; 3, Bewick, good rise, plenty of turnover; 4, Richardson, not quite so broad in skull, good cushioned shape head; vhc, Dobson; hc, Simpson; c, Gillespie. CREST, 1916 (10): 1, Taylor, winner of challenge bowl for best young bird bred by exhibitor, stands out on his own, a real champion, full crest of grand formation, well packed and nicely placed centre; 2, Bewick, nice shape crest, not so dense as leader, but equal shape; 3, Dobson, another nice bird, with a grand headpiece; 4, Richardson, not so shapely crest, but plenty of it; vhc, hc, Radley and Son; c, Simpson. CRESTBRED, 1916 (8): 1, Taylor, grand skulled youngster, very broad entrance, nicely browed, good turnover; 2, Radley and Son, even bigger, good head, grand turnover, only fails a little in entrance; 3, Mrs. Taylor, nicely domed skull, good lengthy feather, wants a little more time; 4, Bewick, nice size, good turnover; vhc, G. Simpson; hc, c, G. Dobson.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
Judge: Mr. T. B. Tomlinson.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (17): 1, vhc, Wigglesworth, long, reachy bird, on good legs, full of qual.; 2, Havis, not quite so long nor so good high col., nice type and pos.; 4, Stewart, the best bird in class, but hardly up in condition yet, will be heard of in a few weeks' time; hc, Taylor; c, Tindall. BUFF (17): 1, Tindale, wins on size, nice type, good qual., good pos.; 2, Carlin, nice quality, good pos., looking a bit soft when we saw him; 3, hc, Havis, not a big one, but all there for type

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and qual.; 4, Crawhall, one of the best in class, good Yorkie shape, fine pos., good feather; vhc, Warren, another nice bird, might have gone up; c, Taylor. HEN, A.V. (21): 1, Leck, clear yell., good shape, nice pos., good qual.; 2, 3, Crawhall, good bull leading, nice qual., good type, bit wild; 3, head tkd. yell., long reachy hen, wants a few more weeks to harden off; 4, Tindale, cheek tkd. yell., real nice hen, hardly up, will be heard of again; vhc, Stewart; hc, Coomber; c, Balwinson. YELL., 1916 (12): 1, Crawhall, good youngster, nice qual., on a nice pair of legs; 2, Carlisle, another nice exhibit; 3, 4, hc, Coomber, 3rd variegs., nice type, qual., and pos.; 4, wing tkd., nice qual., stands well; vhc, Thompson; c, Wearmouth and Hodgson. BUFF, 1916 (15): 1, Leck, not one of the biggest, but brimful of qual. and pos.; 2, Havis, good qual., shows well; 3, 4, Crawhall, 3rd eye tkd., good shape, nice feather, well piped tail, bit wild, 4th good qual., nice type; vhc, Wilson; hc, Leach; c, Tindall. NOV. CK. (25): 1, hc, Studholm and Son, long reachy bird, nice qual. and good pos.; 2, 4, Cleverley, 2nd leads on qual., good pos.; 3, Wright, good head, nice shape, good pos.; vhc, Collins; c, Shield. HEN (10): 1, 3, 4, Cleverley, nice trio, yell. leading, nice shape, good qual., 3rd another good hen, 4th good position; 2, Jerdan, nice shape, stands well on a pair of nice legs; vhc, Frost; hc, Robson; c, Key.

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Queries Answered

(For Rules see Oct. 14 issue.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AGE TO PAIR.

Breeder.—In a general way all Canaries, both cocks and hens, that were bred in the proper season this year, will be old enough to mate and breed next season. Youngsters bred very late, or out of the proper season at the end of the year would still breed successfully towards the end of next summer, and no harm would result from allowing them to have one brood next year, although from an economie standpoint it may be wiser to run them over the year without mating, and mate them at the beginning of the following one. It also adds to the stamina of the larger breeds, such as Lancashires or Crests, to regularly run a few birds of the year over the season without mating, to give them more time to mature and harden before taking up the onerous duties of rearing young. It is not absolutely essential to mate one year hens to two-year-old cocks, though it is certainly a very judicious plan to mate a year old bird with one that is older, say, two or three seasons, but it is immaterial on which side the seniority exists. Thus, you may mate a one year old hen to a two or three year old cock, or if more convenient it may be a one year old cock with a two or three year old hen. Indeed, it is necessary to mate both ways unless all the young cocks of last season are to remain idle all through the first season, which is not at all necessary.

PET NORWICH NOT SINGING.

New Novice Reader.—(1) It is quite the usual thing for a bird to go off song whilst it is moulting, so that, in all probability, fully explains the silence of your bird during the time it has been moulting. A few birds will retain their song more or less fully during the period of moult, but these are always the exceptions that go to prove the rule. In all ordinary cases the song is resumed in a few weeks after the moult is quite finished. If it seems long in commencing, ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece added to the drinking water every second day for a fortnight or so will help it, and also tend to clear and strengthen the voice when it does begin, as the voice is apt to be a little harsh for a time when a bird first opens out after moulting. (2) The refusal to bathe during the latter part of the moult is of no consequence at all. Continue to offer the bath as usual on bright days about three times a week now, and it will in course of time resume its old habits. Or you may offer it a bath daily for a time, leaving it in the cage for an hour each time, which will induce it to resume its bathing habits quicker than otherwise it might. (3) The black strip which has appeared or the beak is probably nothing more than an indication of green blood dormant in the bird's system, and as such is of no moment whatever.

UNFLIGHTED BIRDS WITH NEW TAILS.

A Show Question (Rex).—(1) It is rather a delicate question whether the young bird which you say has grown a new tail in consequence of the hen plucking it in the nest can be correctly shown in an unflighted class. As it has not changed its flights from the same cause, it must naturally be a moot point whether the tail was not removed to give the bird just that little extra advantage in length which it might have lacked, and as this is the way the judge must consider it, you will see that with the best of intentions you run a risk of the bird being at least "passed." Strictly speaking, the bird is not eligible for either class. (2) Theoretically the bird would not be eligible for a flighted class, even though it has a new crop of feathers in the tail, so long as it has a complete set of nestling flights; moreover, it would be at a disadvantage in competing with flighted birds. (3) It is very probable that a complete new tail may escape notice on an unflighted bird, but if suspected, a judge would be able to form a pretty shrewd opinion as to whether the tail was a first or second one. Whether he gave the bird the benefit of any doubt would depend upon the judge. In any case, if you exhibited the bird in its present condition you should be prepared to accept the judge's decision in good spirit if you found the bird passed unnoticed.

NORWICH CANARIES NOT LAYING.

Hopeful.—(1) As you do not give me the slightest clue to the age of the birds in question, beyond saying that they have no scales on the legs, by which of course, you mean that they do not show the large coarse scales which are characteristic of old age, I cannot hazard a guess as to whether they were too old to lay or not. If they were late hatched 1915 they would be well worth trying again next season, mating them with vigorous young cocks in full song, but if the present was their second breeding season, or more, and they have not laid yet, you would be well advised to take no further risk of disappointment with them another season. In the latter case your sentiment of not unloading them on to someone else is a good and worthy one, and does you much credit. This is the true fancier-like spirit. (2) It is quite possible that the vigorous singing of the cocks at the sitting hens was the sole cause of the hens deserting the clutches of fertile eggs. If they were young hens in their first season they will probably do better than this next year, but, nevertheless, it would be much the best plan to take the cocks away from these hens when they begin to sit and leave the hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves, which they will probably do much better without the presence of the cocks than with them.

LOSS OF PLUMAGE.

W. T. H.—It would have been better if you had given full particulars, as to how the bird is fed and where it is kept. It is quite possible that you have been devoting too much attention to the cage and not enough to the birds. If the feeding and general treatment be fairly good, then I have little doubt, considering the age of the bird, that it is a physical degenerate which is not very likely to respond satisfactorily to treatment. Anyway, you may treat as follows for a month and then report result, giving full particulars as suggested above, when I will advise you further if necessary. Of one thing you may rest assured; the mere loss of these feathers is not in itself likely to cause death. See that it is kept in a bright and airy place, but not exposed to direct cold draughts or rapid extremes of temperature; above all, do not hang it in a window, nor near or over a burning light in the evening. Neither should it hang high up near the ceiling, where the air is always the most impure and irritating in the room. Let the situation be as equable as you can manage, and fairly comfortable though it need not be overheated. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every third day a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake lightly dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or a spray of some green salad as long as you can get the latter in a fit condition to use, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and the next day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Offer the bath three times a week on bright mild days, and early in the day, so that the plumage may have time to dry before the bird retires to roost.

GASPING FOR BREATH.

Mowgli.—The bird is evidently badly affected with bronchial trouble, and I am rather inclined to agree with you that it has probably already become chronic, in which case the chances of a permanent recovery are rather slight. Alleviation is generally all that can be expected in such cases, and the following treatment should do all that is possible in this direction. See that it is kept in a comfortable place, rather on the warm side for the present, but do not overdo it in the matter of heat, and see that the warmth, whatever the degree, is fairly equable and not subject to rapid fluctuations, and strictly avoid cold direct draughts and irritating fumes, such as may arise near or over the vicinity of burning lights in the evenings. Give a plain mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, as staple diet, and in addition give separately every third day a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or some green salad, and the next a pinch of mixed seeds. In the drinking water add every second day for a week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this get a chemist to mix you two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre, and add six grains of iodide of potassium, and give 15 drops of this mixture in the water every second day for a fortnight, then stop it for a week, and resume and give it again for another fortnight.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

A WELL-BUILT AVIARY.

Wm. Wooldridge.—I must congratulate you upon putting up such a good aviary single-handed. No doubt it entailed a good deal of work, but I am sure it must have been a pleasurable undertaking, and I wish you every success with your birds. The aspect, due West, is not at all a bad one; in fact, I prefer it myself to one due South, which at times gets unpleasantly hot. The only cause for anxiety will be during very rough weather (which mostly comes from the West) when your open flight will be very much exposed, unless you are fairly close to tall buildings, or something that will break the force of the gale. In describing your bird-room you do not say if you have a ceiling or not; if not, I should advise you to put one in, as it makes the room much warmer in the winter and keeps it cooler in summer.

BEGINNER AT MULE-BREEDING.

Hopeful.—Glad to hear you managed to get a young one in your first season; it is something to spur you on to doing better another time. I would advise you to use the hen Canary again with the cock Goldfinch, as she may throw something lighter next time. Your first nest from her could be pure Canaries, and still have time for Mules. The hand-reared Goldfinch hen had better be paired to a Greenfinch or Linnet, but you will, of course, not put them in the aviary with the cock Goldie and hen Canary, because the Goldie would be sure to pair with the hen of his own species. The cock Bullfinch does not bear a very good reputation as a breeder when in captivity, so you had better try another Finch to pair with the Canaries. Redpoll Mules are not so attractive as Goldfinch or Linnet Mules unless you get one large enough for exhibition.

FEEDING A GOLDFINCH MULE.

J. S.—There is not much wrong with your seed mixture, excepting the amount of linseed you are using. I would advise you to give a quarter of the quantity. Cannot you collect a few wild seeds for your Mule, such as shepherd's purse, groundsel, gold of pleasure, plantain, etc.? Failing these, give him a spray of chickweed daily, but be sure there is no frost on it. If you cannot get chickweed offer a slice of sweet apple or carrot. You cannot expect him to start singing directly he is through the moult. If he still appears slow in pulling himself together during the next fortnight give a few grains of sound hemp three times a week, and twice a week he may have a pinch of maw seed, and you could give a small spoonful of egg-food made damp with a few drops of chemical food. Let him bathe on fine days.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT WITH WEAK LEGS.

Mc.G. Rothsay.—You give me practically no details, and you must supply these before I can give a really helpful reply. Is it a new purchase? How has it been kept, fed, and generally treated? It is also rather late in the day to apply for advice in such a case. In the meantime soak the affected leg or legs in hot water (as hot as you can bear your hand in without discomfort), dry with a soft cloth and rub in Elliman's embrocation, or paint with neat whisky. Also give it a little cod liver oil emulsion daily, spread it thick on plain cake, bread, biscuit, or anything similar that the bird will eat. Give it one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water and repeat the dose after an interval of two days. Upon hearing fuller from you I will try and help you further.

TEMPERATURE OF ROOM FOR FOREIGN BIRD-KEEPING.

S. W. B.—If your room "strikes cold" in the morning it shows that a little warmth during the night would improve matters, and if there is a fireplace the simplest and healthiest way would be to keep a fire going, with, of course, a fine fire screen to keep falling cinders in bounds and to keep a bird away if it escaped from its cage. As your birds are in cages, they would certainly be the better for a little warmth. The matter is quite simple, banking the fire up at night should leave the room quite comfortable early next morning. In a state of nature, even tropical birds have to put up with a much lower night temperature than that of the day, even in the summer time. Of course, during mild winter days you would only just keep the fire in. Re the Weavers, the weaving instinct is greatest in the breeding season, though some weave all the year round. Supply them with a little hay and long grass and take out the wool, and they may do better.

RED-HEADED AMADINE FINCH.

E. P. M.—This is an unnecessarily long name for the Red-headed Finch (Amadina erythrocephala). They hail from Africa, and are first cousin to the Cutthroat (A. fasciata), with which species they have been crossed several times, and pretty hybrids have resulted. I see no reason why they should not breed in cages, though some pairs are shy breeders even in an aviary, and others are just as prolific. A dietary of canary and millet seed, green-food, grit, cuttlebone, and water, will about meet their simple requirements, though if any young are hatched it would be well to supply some live food (live ants' eggs, gentles, smooth caterpillars, etc.), and your chances of rearing the young will be all the more probable. They live out of doors (garden aviary) with me all the year round.

BUDGERIGARS AND THEIR AVIARY.

Esperance.—The aviary I consider to be in the best position where it is, but it will be much improved if you substitute a permanent end of half wood and half glass, and do away with the felt shutter. I have advised querists again and again to procure their male and female birds from different sources, so as to be sure of unrelated stock. I do not consider your aviary needs any alteration, unless you should be able to increase its size at any time, and then covered and open parts must be increased proportionately. To save disturbance from cats you could have wood and glass shutters to cover up the front at night all the year round, and if they were so fixed as to leave at least one inch space between the shutter and aviary front, and this space is left open top and bottom, they would have ample ventilation even in the hottest summer weather.

POST MORTEMS.

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Wm. B Vaughan.—Meningitis was the cause of death of Canary. There were several hemorrhages on the surface of the brain. The bird was otherwise quite sound.

Mr. W. H. West.—Abdominal hemorrhage, resulting from an injury.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

THE VARIOUS NAMES OF THE GREENFINCH.

Viaduct Inn.—There is only one Greenfinch, but it is known locally by various names. "Joey," as you call it, is a name given to it in many localities, and another very general name for the Greenfinch is Green Linnet; there is, of course, no such bird as a Green Linnet; the term always means the Greenfinch. It is also called Big-head, Feather-poke, Greenbird, Chub, or Green Chub. Green Olph, Greenie, Peasweep, and by other names which we cannot recall for the moment. By the way, you did not forward your name and address according to our rules.

WILL HYBRIDS BREED?

E. G. Riddett.—This is a question which crops up almost weekly. Generally speaking, we can only say that Hybrids are sterile. Hybrids between closely allied species, such as tame pigeons and wild pigeons, various kinds of ducks, etc., are undoubtedly capable of producing fertile eggs, and it has sometimes been claimed that hybrids between the Canary and a British Finch have proved fertile. Such cases as the latter, however, are few and far between, and when investigated scarcely ever bear the test of enquiry.

AN "AUSTRALIAN GREY PARROT."

Mrs. Galbraith.—Your bird is a Rose-breasted Cockatoo. It is only a Parrot in the sense that all Parrot-like birds are popularly called Parrots. They may be Macaws, Cockatoos, Lories, or birds of several other kinds. The Grey Parrot of Africa is quite a different bird, and the best talker of all the Parrot tribe. The Australian Rose-breasted Cockatoo will sometimes say a few words after it has become thoroughly acclimatised and tame, but no bird of its kind approaches the Grey Parrot in linguistic capabilities.

PRIZE-MONEY AT SHOWS.

S. E. W.—The letter to which you refer does not seem to us to be directed against any society in particular. The remarks made were quite general, though you appear to take them as referring to your own society. What that society is we have no idea, as your letter bears neither name nor address. Any communication intended for publication must be authenticated by the proper name and address of the writer.

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Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 7. Hall for annual show.—C. F. Tapson.

Accrington C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Annual show report and general business.—J. S.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Bird Inn, 6.30. Paying out prize-money, also annual meeting; ejection of officers, and other business.—J. H. Elliot.

Birmingham (City) C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Final open show arrangements.—A. C. Shirley.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 1, Park Chapel Schoolrooms. Members' show; judge, L. C. Casey, Bowling. Birds staged 7.15. Entries Tuesday, 8 to 9, at showroom.—J. Spencer.

Bowling E.F.A.—Oct. 28, Barley Mow Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Self, Clayton. Birds staged at 3.—J. Nicholl.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 1, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8. Important.—J. Kent.

Chorley C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Show business.—R. Hatch.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Club Hall, 6.30. Show business, etc.—W. H. Christer.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct 28, Flying Dutchman, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. A. W. Hartley.—W. Helliwell.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—Nov. 2, 142, High Street, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—Alan Bell.

East Ham F.S.—Members having specials for annual show please let me know on or before Nov. 2.—W. A. Harwood.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Oct. 28, 7.30. General business alluding to annual show.—W. Clarkson.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 28, headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show; classification as Oct. 14 show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, L. C. Casey. All hen birds. Secretary will be pleased to receive outstanding subs.—J. J. Dunn.

Halifax C.B.S.—Nov. 2, King Cross Band Room. Members' show; birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. T. Pilling, Halifax.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 31, Brig Cafe, 8. Annual show; business important.—A. E. Ismay.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Fixing specials for old show.—R. Charleson.

Lanchester F. & F.S.—Oct. 28, Queen's Head, 6.30. Fixing schedule for show.—J. H. McKeag.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 28, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements re annual show; receiving entries, etc. Members, bring a bird or two down.—H. Best.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Victoria Club, 7. First annual show to Nov. 4. 26 classes guaranteed.—G. Forster.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Further business re open show.—H. Webster.

Leicester Hand-in Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 28, White Swan, 7. Members' entries for All-England show.—Day and Roberts.

London C.B.A.—Nov. 9, 2, York Street, St. James's, S. Show of Canaries (4 classes), judge Mr. J. Robson, and judging competition. Prizes in all classes and lots of specials. Fanciers invited.—A. J. Watcham.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Shoulder of Mutton. Members' show at 3; judge, Mr. Richmond, Rodley.—B. Cook.

Manningham C.B.A.—Oct. 21, headquarters, 2. Members' show; judge, Mr. C. Thornton. Entries Oct. 20.—H. Grange.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. General meeting. Members please send unsold tickets and money of tickets sold.—F. W. Laidlow.

New Kyo Constitutional C.B.S.—Oct. 29, 10.30 a.m. Confirmation of schedule and other business.—J. W. Christon.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Oct. 31, Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, 44, Naplershall Street, 7.30. Extraordinary general meeting. Usual monthly meeting at 8. Annual show business.—P. Houston.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 28, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. Annual show business; compiling schedule.—J. T. Smith.

Pontefract Linnet Club.—Oct. 29, Woodman Inn, General meeting.—P. Wilson.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Baker's Restaurant, 6.30. Important show business and payment of subs.—W. D. Lewis.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Llwyncelyn Hotel. Special meeting; members please bring outstanding collecting books and card money.—J. Challenger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Important show business, etc.—J. W. Jackson.

Reading C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Election of stewards for annual show; members who can help earnestly requested to attend. Schedules for show ready.—O. C. Smith.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Oct. 31, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Classification and election of judge for Nov. show.—W. Stafford.

Sacriston and Dis. P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Mr. Abbot's Tea Rooms, 7. Paying members prize-money and electing judges for members' show, Jan. 13.—Wm. Dodd.

South Shields "Always Ready."—Nov. 1, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7. Final show arrangements and washing exhibition by Messrs. Armstrong and Baker.—J. W. Watson.

Sheffield O.S.—Oct. 31, headquarters, 8.15. Special committee meeting; final arrangements re open show.—E. C. Job.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Wharf Hotel, 8. Arrangements for show Nov. 4.—G. Mitchell.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Brotherhood Rooms, Cleckheaton. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. A. Radley, Skelmanthorpe.—S. B. Grayshon.

Stanley Dist. F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Victoria Hall, 7.—R. Hutchinson.

Wolverhampton N.P.S.—Nov. 2, Duke of York, 8. Show business.—W. Harrison.

Wakefield O.S.—Oct. 28, Crown and Anchor, 7. Members' show and final arrangements for inter-club show.—J. Isherwood.

West Stanley Garden House F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Club Room, 6.30. Confirmation of schedule and show business.—T. Nicholson.

Windhill O.S.—Nov. 4, Blue Bell Hotel. Members' show; judge, J. Broadley. Entries Friday night, 7 to 9.30. Birds staged 2.30.—R. Garnett.

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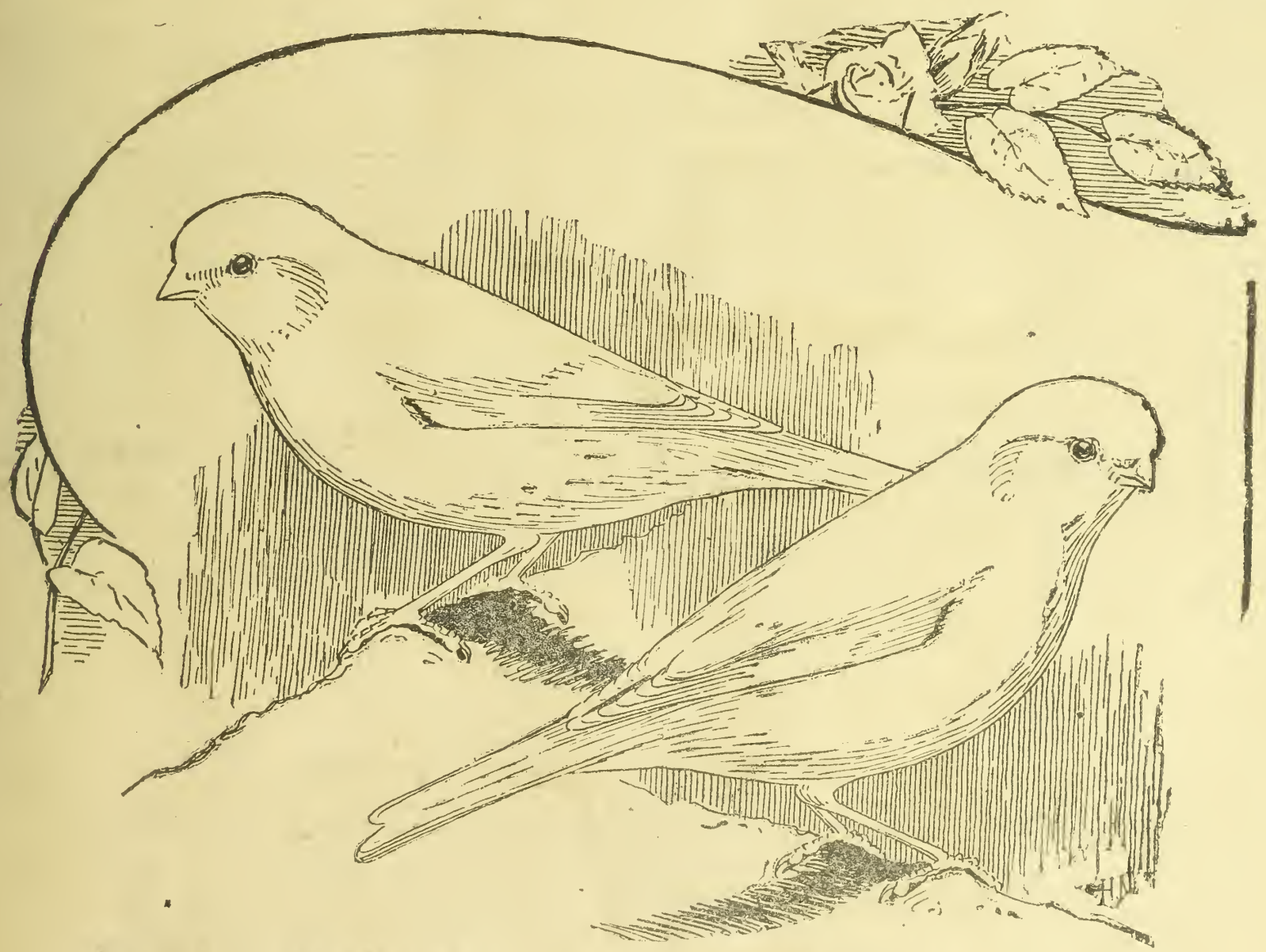
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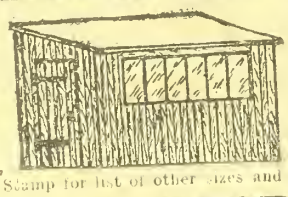
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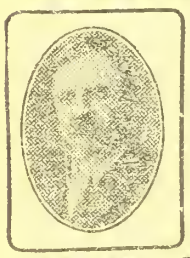
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OPEN SHOW.

November 9th, 1916.

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ILKESTON

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NOTTINGHAM

and District P.O.S. will hold their Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids on Saturday, November 25, 1916. Schedules ready shortly from J. Bunn, Sec., 81, Ena Avenue, Sneinton, Nottingham. (642)

CAMBUSLANG C.B.A.

Annual Club Show, Nov. 4, Free Gardeners' Hall.—A. Crawford, Sec., 248, Hamilton Road, Halfway, Cambuslang, Scotland.

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Twenty-Seventh Annual OPEN SHOW, Nov. 17th and 18th, 1916.

Judges: C. A. House, Esq., H. W. Battye, Esq. Patronage N.P.C. Classification: Open, 8 Yorkshires, 6 Norwich, 5 British; Novice, 9 open Yorkshires; Amateur, 4 Norwich, 2 Selling. Schedules now ready. Apply **J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Halifax. Entries close Nov. 14th, 1916.** Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. **Entry Fee 1/6.**

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SHOW, November 9th,

In aid of the Red Cross; 41 classes. Judge, J. H. Roe. All Border classes guaranteed. One of the best show rooms in South Wales. See Schedules. Reviewed this issue. Send entries and I will classify. **—GEO. BROOME, 82, King St., Blaenavon.**

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ARDWICK

And Manchester Dist. C.B.A. 3rd Annual Open Show,

NOVEMBER 11. Under the patronage of the N.P.C., Y.C.C., N.B.B. and Mule C., and L. and C.F.A. At **St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick Green.** Special Classification. No cancelling or amalgamation. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. All profits to be given to the Blinded Soldiers' Fund. **Judges: C. A. House, Esq., and J. Beswick, Esq.** Schedules from—**A. E. Thorpe, Park Villas, Park Grove, Levenshulme.** (629)

London & Counties A.C.B.

are holding their **Annual AUTUMN Show of Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds on Nov. 4th, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse St., E.C.**

Judge, H. Norman, Esq. Diplomas are given for the best in all sections, and with abundance of specials. Have got a grand entry, and well worth a visit. Admission by printed catalogue, 2d. Show opens 6 p.m. (638)

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18th & 20th November

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10th Open Show at Ivy House, Handsworth, five minutes' tram ride from Snow Hill Station, Birmingham, one of the finest rooms in Midlands.

Judge, J. H. Payne; 34 classes Canaries and British.

ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 11th.

Schedules—**H. T. Collier, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Road, Hall Green, Birmingham.**

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OPEN ANNUAL SHOW, NOVEMBER 15,

to be held at Corn Exchange, Smithford Street, one of the finest rooms in the Kingdom. Prize money guaranteed. Good specials, good classification. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Schedules ready. **Hon. Sec., J. KENT, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.**

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Open Members' Show, Drill Hall, **SAT., NOV. 11th,** Judges, A. Chalmers and A. Storror; 68 classes, aral, as usual, plenty of good specials. Subscription 2/6. **W. GREWAR, Sec., Parkview Pl.**

Huddersfield

O.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries will be held on Saturday, November 18th, 1916, in St. Peter's Street Assembly Rooms, under the patronage of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., and the O.N.P.C. Judge, J. W. Metcalfe, Esq., of Liverpool. **Entries close Tuesday, November 14th.** Schedules from **A. LAWFORD, Sec., 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.** (642)

EDINBURGH

Open O.A. Annual Show of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries will be held in Bucclench Parish Halls on **Saturday, November 18th.** Schedules from **R. Life, 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh.** (643)

MUIRKIRK

Open Show **November 11th. Cage Bird entries close November 7th.** Judge, D. Whitelaw, Esq., Govan. 10 Border Fancy classes; 2 British Birds. Proceeds for War Relief Fund. Schedules from—**J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

Our Local Heroes will benefit by fanciers sending their entries to **CHESTER-LE-STREET,** held on **Nov. 17 and 18, 1916.** 29 open classes: 6 Nor. (1 Nov.), 6 Yorks. (1 Nov.), 5 Bords. (1 Nov.), 1 Crest, 1 Crest-bred, 1 Mule or Hybrid, 8 British, 1 Selling. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry 1/6. For schedules apply to—**J. P. Conn, Sec., Butchers' Arms, Chester-le-Street.**

OLD SHILDON WORKMEN'S CLUB CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Members of the North Yorkshire and South Durham Federation will hold their 6th Annual Open Show, to be held on **NOV. 10 and 11,** with 23 classes for Canaries and 11 classes for British and Mules. **Judges: R. S. Bewick and W. Rutherford.** Schedules have been sent out. Exhibitors, rally round and give us a good entry.—**John Ainsworth, 15, Vaughan St., Shildon, co. Durham.**

READING C.B.S.

Fifteenth Annual Open and Members' Show, will be held WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Open Classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Borders 4, A.O.V. Canary 1, Goldfinch 1, British Hardbill 1, British Softbill 1, Light Hybrid 1, Dark Hybrid 1, Light Mule 1, Dark Mule 1, Foreign 2, Selling £1 and 12/6. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Specials, 2/6 each, 5/- Special most points Hen classes. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Judge, **J. Robson.** The most central show in the South; 3 Railways. Schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors; others please apply to—**Hon. Sec., O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St., Reading.**

Mountain Ash.

NOVEMBER 16. C. A. House, Esq., judging. Schedules from—**Thos. Holman, 7, Rock Street, Mountain Ash, Glam. Entries close Nov. 6** (626)

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

12th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British Birds, in the United Methodist Free Church Schoolroom, **Saturday, Nov. 11, 1916.** 41 Classes under the patronage of the N.Y.C.C., N.N.P.C. Popular judges: T. Dixon, Bedlington; T. Robson, Newcastle; R. Tindale, Newcastle; and W. Espie, Gosforth. Send for schedule.—**Geo. Havver, 1, Therese Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual Open Show, **Nov. 8 and 9,** at the **Church Institute, Paddington St., Baker St., W.** 73 classes. Six cups and nearly 100 Specials for competition. Fanciers, book the dates. **Sec., F. J. Martin, 54, Battersea Park Road, S.W.** (632)

ABERAVON PORT TALBOT

Red Cross Detachment Show; Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. **Judges, C. A. House, H. Rosenburgh, D. J. Morley.** Also **Welsh Leghorn Club Show;** judge, W. T. Sherlock. Poultry Classes, 32; Pigeons, 17; Cage Birds, 28 **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-,** 4th in 15 entries and over. Entrance, 2/-; Homers, 1/-; Cage Birds entrance, 1/6; **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Schedules ready.—**P. Herbert Morris, 20, Arthur St., Aberavon.** Fanciers please help. Detachment in need of further equipment. Federation Challenge Cups; Welsh Leghorn Challenge Cups; and numerous specials. **Pigeons entries close Nov. 9; Poultry and Cage Birds close Nov. 16 certain.** (629)

GLASGOW

and Dist. Open Show, NOV. 10 and 11, 1916. In aid of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors. **Classification:** Norwich 22 classes, Crest 5, Borders 10, Yorkshires 8, Mules, British and Foreign, 26. **Specials galore.** Schedules now ready from—**Wm. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street, Glasgow. Entries close Saturday, November 4, 1916.**

EASTLEIGH

Third Annual Open Show, **November 15 and 16,** at **Council Chambers.** Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Entry, 1/-. Judge, H. Norman, Esq.—**J. Alderslade, 64, Desborough Rd., Eastleigh.** (632)

MY GREY AND OTHER PARROTS

By T. W. TOONEY.

A delightful account of the pleasure to be derived in the proper keeping of Parrots as pets.

MR. Claude St. John's article on the Grey Parrot reminds me that I have often felt I should like to convey to the readers of CAGE BIRDS the extraordinary aptitude I have found the Grey Parrot and other members of the tribe to possess for the making of affectionate and entertaining companions. I am very much alone and live at a farm-house about three miles from any town, and so find the versatile and affectionate nature of these birds a great help during the long winter evenings.

I have two Greys, hen and a cock bird, a male Lesser Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo, and a Yellow-Fronted Amazon. The little hen Grey and the Cockatoo are probably the favourites, though the male Grey runs them close. These three are absolutely tame, and I can handle them anyhow I like.

Feminine Vanity.

The hen Grey is intensely feminine, being most unreasonably jealous of the others, so much so that I generally find it desirable to have her out alone. If she is in a temper that is not as it should be I find her irritation immediately allayed by letting her inspect herself in the glass which seems to give her the liveliest satisfaction. I am sure she realises it is herself because she hates my other Grey like poison, and loses no opportunity of giving him "beans."

On the other hand, her affection for me is almost pathetic, and I feel it sometimes to be more than I deserve. No one else in the world must touch her, or hardly look at her. Her great delight is for me to keep the other birds in their cages, to let her sit by my side on a little stand, and then, after I have properly wooed her with caresses, she will come creeping up my arm and as I lay back in my armchair, cuddle up against my face, lay her head under my chin, nestling in my beard, or kiss me with human-like kisses, putting her beak between my lips.

She does not always feel like this, and here she again displays her feminine instincts, and again she will not treat me to this display of her affection in the presence of anyone else. I may not be believed, but all the above is strictly true. I bought her of a dealer when acclimatised, for £5, and when I had her I don't think she had ever been handled.

Lovable, but a Misogynist.

Cocky is a dear old loving, naughty rascal: occasionally he will permit a man friend to touch him, but he will have nothing to say to women, except to go for them. He is as full of mischief as an ordinary boy, which is saying a good deal. If I would let him he would spend the most of his time on my hand, but as he is never still, and I read a good deal, I cannot stand too much of him. He will snip buttons off in a moment, and occasionally, taking a finger in his powerful beak, will just try how much pressure I can stand.

He has his soft moments when he loves to be caressed, and opens his wings for my hand to gently rub his side, and he will caress my face with his bill, but mischief sometimes prompts him to gently pinch my nose. When I say "goodnight" he will cling to my fingers to try and keep me and hold my finger in his great beak, but I have absolute confidence in him, as he could smash it if he liked, for he can crack the hardest walnut and smash up plum and cherrystones.

The male Grey, named Sir Edward Grey, and called Teddie for short, is the best tempered of all; he does not much care to be touched by strangers, but I have never known him try to hurt anyone. I have only had him three months, and hardly yet know his capabilities, for it takes time to know a Parrot. I don't think he will ever quite reach the extraordinary confidential relations which exist between me and the other two who always seem to prefer my company to anything else.

I believe Parrots are the most exclusive of friends, even more so than the dog: the loved one is everything, and no one else counts at all. Anyway, Teddy and I are great friends, but not exactly lovers.

Cocky and Teddy are very great friends; when out of their cages they play together, feed each other, and are altogether devoted; at the moment of writing I see they have both gone into one cage together. On the other hand "Little Poll," the hen Grey, is about the only thing in the world Cocky is afraid of. What she has done to him I don't know, but that she has established a funk of the highest order there is no doubt.

One side of my den is fitted up for the Parrots, their cages are suspended by iron rods with a hook at each end which catches a curtain rod, secured to the joists by hooks going through the ceiling. Below is the play-ground, a wooden platform four or five feet long by two to three feet wide.

I lift one cage on to the platform, and they climb up and down, and then to the ceiling, and get lots of exercise; they run round and round the platform and perform all kinds of gymnastic feats over the edge. I have also two or three stands they can sit on when they like, and to the ends of the stand perch short lengths of chain are attached which they play with.

Parrots in the Garden.

In warm weather, when I can snatch the time, I take them all out in the garden and let them out. Cocky swaggers about the lawn as if the whole place belonged to him; Little Poll prefers to sit on a garden seat as close to me as possible; Teddy and Cocky play about on another seat; Charlie, the Green Amazon, who is the best talker of the lot, holds long conversations with himself. He is tame, that is to say he will readily come on my hand, and likes his head rubbed, but he will not let me stroke his back which is a real test of a Parrot's tameness, and our relations are not as intimate and I don't think ever will be.

I should say that, as a precaution, I cut one wing, for I once lost a pet Rosy Cockatoo through not doing so. This need not disfigure the bird; spread out the wing, and cut four or five centre flight feathers; don't cut the covert feathers, and leave four or five main outside flight feathers to support the wing. On fine days I often leave them in the garden for hours in their cages hung up to a frame well above the ground, but of course only in warm weather.

A Sensible and Varied Menu.

I feed on a mixture of oats, canary seed, sunflower and safflower seed, a little hemp seed, and monkey nuts. This is the staple, but they have various dainties besides; walnuts they are very fond of, bananas and apples, cherries in season, Osborne biscuits, a little plain cake, and also cooked vegetables, such as vegetable marrow, potatoes, carrots, and sometimes a little piece of sop, a crust or piece of hard toast soaked in tea.

My birds are as fit as possible, in beautiful plumage, and plump as Partridges: no doubt the exercise they get allows for a more varied diet, but I must say I could never get them to eat maize, wheat, or dari. They have a chunk of wood each day to amuse them while I am away. In hot weather I spray them, and occasionally in winter too, but I then set them round the fire to dry. Parrots feel the cold. I know this by their little cold feet, and a fire is kept going for them all day in winter and a little left to keep the room warm at night.

I cannot understand why the barbarous practice prevails of giving barred bottoms to Parrot cages. Also to keep a Parrot entirely in its cage is like tying up a dog in one spot always. Many people keep Parrots, but few, I think, realise what they are capable of becoming if given a reasonable amount of liberty. It takes time to tame, matters must not be hurried, but I know nothing more lovable than a really tame Parrot. Little Poll has just climbed up on my shoulder and given me a kiss, and is trying to take off my eye-glasses.

Besides the Parrots I have two aviaries of small birds, one a large one in the garden full of English Finches, and a Crystal Palace aviary in my room with Canaries and several kinds of small foreign birds.

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Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)
Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.) D.W.
Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding. Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)
Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton).
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

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Wales.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.
Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)
Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) J.H.P., E.J.D.
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Twitterings.

At Abertillery show, writes Mr. J. A. Greenslade, I secured second in Yorkshire unflighted hen class, not Hyde, as stated.

The printer has omitted judge's name in our schedules, writes Mr. J. G. Torbett, sec. Muirkirk O.S. It is Mr. Whitelaw, Govan, Glasgow, who officiates.

Mr. J. Fairgrieve, sec. East Lothian C.B.S., writes that sixpence will be deducted for model card instead of threepence as printed in schedule for show 11th Nov.

Mr. Geo. Sawer, sec. Alfreton C.B.S., writes that there will be 5s. cash for most points at Alfreton open show Nov. 11 by non-members; also 2s. 6d. best British. These specials were omitted from schedule.

Mr. W. C. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon, writes: "Will the gentleman who sent a telegraphic money order from Stockton-on-Tees for Hawfinch kindly send his name and address, so that bird can be sent as desired."

The judges for the annual members' show of the Mansfield C.B.S., Nov. 18, writes Mr. B. Gabbitass. sec., are Messrs. Beardall, Huthwaite, and Potts, Worksop. Mr. J. Robson, London, will judge the open show, Dec. 16.

Mr. W. Taylor, hon. sec., writes that the judges for the Birmingham Roller Club Open Roller Canary contest Dec. 13 and 14 are Messrs. J. Tomlinson, J. H. Willows, and J. Lyons.

Entries for the Midland Roller Canary club show, Nov. 9, 10, are very poor, writes Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec., 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton. Will accept entries Monday, Nov. 16, first post.

Mr. E. Ashman, of the Pontypool C.B.S., is stationed at Colchester, and we would like fanciers in that district to make his acquaintance, writes Mr. W. D. Lewis, hon. sec. His address is—Pte. E. Ashman, No. 6981, B Co., 3/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, Godycrat Barracks, Colchester.

Referring to the record of wins of the Buff Yorkshire Canary shown on the front page of our issue of Oct. 14, Mr. Phillips, who owned the bird when it won at the Holborn show, writes that that was its first time out, and that the other wins were made subsequently, and after the bird had passed out of his possession.

Prize Money Paid.

We learn that prize money in respect of the following shows has been paid. If any exhibitor has been overlooked he should apply to the secretary concerned. Landore and Plasmarl, Liverpool.

Bird Show at Gosport.

We have received an unsigned report of a show held by the Gosport F.A., Oct. 25. In our list of Societies there is no mention of such a society, and we shall be glad if the sender of the report will furnish us with his name and address.

Shows Going Strong.

Mr. E. C. Job, hon. sec. Sheffield P.S., wires that there are 1,100 entries for Sheffield show, and Mr. D. McFarlane wires: "Barrow Red Cross Show entries good; 700 at time of wiring. No classes cancelled. All Scotch and Carlisle birds leave Barrow Sunday at 4.55."

Correction in Ardwick and Manchester Schedule.

The Lizard Classes appearing under open amateur classes in schedule are open champion classes, writes Mr. A. E. Thorpe, hon. sec. Mr. C. H. Strafford has promised a special to the member selling the most tickets on behalf of the Blinded Soldiers' Fund.

Thanks from Abertillery.

Allow us to express our thanks for the way in which exhibitors patronised our show, write Messrs. Newell and Moule, secs. We wish also to thank all those who sent congratulations, which were too numerous to answer individually. Our show was a great success, and we hope to put a better schedule of classes next year.

Corrections in the City and Suburban Schedule.

City and Suburban A.C.B. schedule corrections for the show Nov. 8, 9, writes Mr. F. J. Martin, are as follows:—Crests compete for the MacGruther shield. Specials 70 to 73 inclusive refer to limit classes, and half-crowns (where mentioned) can be had instead of cages if the winner chooses.

Red Cross Show at Blaenavon.

Fanciers of South Wales and the West of England should support Blaenavon Show, Nov. 9, for all profits are for the Red Cross, and members are working hard selling tickets to make it a success. I hope, writes Mr. G. Broome, sec., that those that can will attend the show, and help to further a good cause. All birds will be sent back the night of the show, and prize money will be paid within a few days.

No Charge for Admission: How to Avoid the Entertainments Tax.

The entertainment tax is a bothersome nuisance in connection with our shows. At Northampton, the committee avoided it by running the show for the benefit of the wounded soldiers in the local hospitals, and by taking a collection of all visitors instead of making a charge. The idea is a good one. It saves a lot of trouble and worry, and many outsiders may be tempted to visit shows adopting such a course. Thus the results would be increased, and possibly new fanciers made.

Keeping the Home Fires Burning.

Many of our comrades in the Fancy have answered, or will in due time answer the call to the Forces, and, although difficult, we are doing our best to keep the local society together, writes Mr. G. Lawley, Bridlington and Driffield C.B.S. Our secretary, Mr. J. Chadwick, has been at the front for some time, and his successor, Mr. G. Lemon, leaves us at an early date, but, still, I hope the boys at home will be able to keep the Fancy alive in Bridlington and Driffield. Mr. Ernest Brown and Mr. Dixon have promised to look after and take care of any stock of those who join up, but even that will be a difficult task

Why Letters Are Delayed.

Once more I am sending my annual advert. to your excellent paper, with every assurance of a response equal to previous years. I have already sold a goodly number of birds, but have still a few to part with, and as the winter session of my work is very exacting a quick sale, so as to reduce my stock to the usual 14 or 15 birds, is imperative.

Quite a number of letters reach me with no more address than "Rev. Jolliffe, Cardiff." They usually find me a day or so late, and I fear sometimes correspondents think I am unbusinesslike. I am therefore again obliged to seek the good offices of your paper, in order to get all sales over as quickly as

For competition at shows held under the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone, hon. sec., I have secured a silver cup each, value £2, for champion Norwich and Champion Yorkshires, and a gold medal, presented by Mr. G. T. Jones, Mayor of Brecon, for novices. All are to be won outright this season, and are to be for most points during the season by the three highest birds at shows under the club's patronage. Additions in the way of specials for other varieties or for runners up for the cups will be welcomed. Mr. Tedstone's address is 5, Struet, Brecon.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Cardiff C.B.S., I have to inform you of the great loss of one of our members, Mr. Emerson, of Emerson, and Winston, has sustained in the loss of his dear wife. I am sure all the members of the Cardiff Society will join in extending their deepest sympathy to Mr. Emerson in his great bereavement.

It is my painful duty, writes Mr. Wright, sec., Denton C.B.S., to inform you of the death, on Oct. 23, of Mr. J. Blease, Denton, after a very painful illness of seven weeks. The deceased was well-known to the fanciers of Manchester and district. One of the oldest members of Denton C.B.S., he and his son were also members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, and always exhibited under the name of J. Blease and Son. His genial disposition and strict integrity of character endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact, and I feel sure that fanciers generally will join with join with Denton C.B.S. in tendering their heartfelt sympathy with his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

MR. J. TIPPING (Coventry).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Kent, Coventry O.S., that I send you the report of the death of one of the oldest and best known fanciers in the district, Mr. J. Tipping. I feel sure that all who knew him will be grieved at the news of his death.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

LIEUT. O. STONE, R.F.A.

I have just received the news of the death of our President, Lieut. O. Stone, who died of wounds on Sept. 22, in France, writes Mr. Mr. W. D. Fryett, sec. Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S. Kindly place the record on CAGE BIRDS Roll of Honour.

May I be allowed to state through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Tom Glasby, Bridlington, how deeply the Bridlington and Driffield fanciers feel the loss of our late assistant secretary, Private J. Sturdy, who answered his country's call, and has been killed in action. He took a great interest in the Fancy, being also secretary of the F. and F.S., a position he held until joining the forces. He was liked by all, and was one who could always take a beating like the man he was. His fancy was for Yorkshires and British, but he could at the same time pick out the best in a Norwich. The fanciers in this district desire to convey to the widow their deepest sympathy in her loss. She is left with four children, the eldest of which, I believe, is only 7 years of age.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

South Elmsall F.A. (Yorks.).—Scouts' Hall, Barnsley Rd., Nov. 25. Judge, Mr. Entwisle. 2 cl.: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. cl. Nov. 21 to J. W. Marriott, 42, High St., S. Elmsall.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S. Methodist School Room, Nov. 11. Judges, T. Dixon, T. Robson, R. Tindale, W. Espie. 42 open classes: Nor. 9 (2 nov.), Crests 4, Yorks. 7 (2 nov.), Bord. 9 (2 Nov.), Sell. 4, Mules 2, Brit 7. Prizes 10s., 5s. 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. cl. Nov. 4 to G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.
ADD Review of Schedules. — —

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Council Chamber, Leigh Road; Nov. 15-16; judge, H. Norman. 49 cl.: Nor. 16 (8 nov.), Yorks 16 (8 nov.), Crests 1, Bor. or Rollers 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, For. 2, Brit. 7, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Fee 1s. Ent. cl. Nov. 9 to J. Alderslade, 64, Desborough Road, Eastleigh.

Blaenavon C.B.S. (Mon.)—White Horse Assembly Rooms, King St., Nov. 9. Judge, J. H. Roe. 41 cl.: Nor. 11 (3 nov.), Yorks 12 (4 nov.), Bord., guaranteed, 6 (2 nov.), A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. if 9 entries; sliding scale if less. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. cl. Nov. 4 to G. Broome, 82, King St., Blaenavon.

BIG DEMAND FOR SURPLUS STOCK.

"Allow me, through the medium of your paper to thank all enquiring friends for the birds advertised. They were all sold as advertised, to one person on Saturday. I have answered all letters containing stamps."—J. SMEDLEY, (Rainworth).

"In reply to my advert. under Mules October 21st, I had enquiries from all over England and Scotland, and might have sold them over and over again. I desire through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS to thank all I did not reply to."—G. C. KING (Norwich)

I am taking over the care and management of the Stud of Norwich of Mr. Joseph Hampton, of Wolverhampton, who is shortly joining up to "do his bit," writes Mr. W. Hepwood, Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, and should be obliged if all correspondence be addressed to me. I shall now be very much overstocked, hence my advertisement, and shall in future exhibit as Hepwood and Hampton.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Wright, hon. sec., have decided to hold a members' show instead of an open show this season. A good schedule has been made up, and as the cup and all specials are to be competed for, we are expecting a record entry for a members' show. The 160 entries at the last show I am hoping to see doubled. Visitors will be given a hearty welcome. The show is fixed for Nov. 25, from 2 till 10.

Red Cross Show for Wishaw.

The Wishaw Clydesdale C.B.S. is again holding an open show on Dec. 30, writes Mr. J. Watson, sec. and treas., 16, Young St., Wishaw. We have decided to give all the proceeds to the Red Cross Society, and to make our schedule as atractive as possible, are having special prizes this season. The number of specials will depend greatly on the liberality of cage bird fanciers, and I will be pleased to accept prizes in money or kind. I hope all our old supporters, and many others will help us to make our first Red Cross show a huge success.

The Lesser Redpoll.

By PHILORNIS.

THE pretty little Lesser Redpoll is a regular winter visitor to most parts of England, retiring northward as spring approaches. In Scotland, however, it is common enough all the year round. It is very easily reconciled to cage life when taken in autumn, and is a lively and attractive species in confinement, but has nothing in the way of song beyond a low twitter.

The cock Redpoll in breeding plumage has the beak brown, tinged with yellow at the base (in autumn and winter it is yellow tipped with black). The feathers at the base of the beak, the lores (space between beak and eye), and the throat are black; the crown deep, glossy crimson; the rest of the head, the nape of the neck, and the upper wing-coverts dark brown. There are a few light feathers about the nostril, and the middle and greater wing-coverts are tipped with light reddish brown, forming two conspicuous light bars of unequal length on the wing.

The back, rump, and upper tail-coverts are dark brown, with a reddish tinge at the sides; breast, pink, tinged with buff; lower underparts greyish white; flanks streaked with dusky brown tail, brown; legs, dark brown. The total length is 4¼ inches.

The female is a little smaller and lacks the pink on the breast and the reddish tinge on the rump. The other parts are duller.

The Nest of the Redpoll.

In Scotland and some parts of England where it breeds, the Lesser Redpoll seems to prefer alder and willow trees fringing some stream or pool for a nesting-place, but its nest is also sometimes found in coppies and shrubberies, and in larch plantations.

Where one nest is to be seen there are usually several others not very far away, for the birds are very sociable during the breeding season as at other times. The nest is often placed pretty high up; it is a tiny structure, the cup being only about 1½ inches in diameter, and the walls scarcely an inch thick.

It is composed of fine twigs, grass stems, moss, and wool, and lined with feathers. The eggs are 4 to 6 in number, and pale greenish blue freckled with different shades of reddish brown.

Towards the end of summer the Redpoll is to be seen in small flocks, fluttering about the heads of thistles and feeding on the seeds, and on those of groundsel, dandelion, and other plants of the composite order.

During autumn and winter these bands are increased in numbers and betake themselves to woods and plantations, where they rove about, often in company with Siskins. Tits, and other small birds and many move southwards in partial migration.

The same locality is not generally frequented by any one flock for more than a day or two. Both the buds and seeds of the trees seem to be eaten. Very early in spring the cock utters a little twittering song, usually while on the wing.

In a cage, the Redpoll thrives well on two parts canary seed and one part German rape, with an occasional treat of crushed hemp seed.

REPEATING ADVERTISEMENTS.

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page and Column are stated by the advertiser.

The Famine in Canaries.

IS THE HOME TRADE "DEAD PRO TEM"?

The statement made in a letter in our issue of Oct. 28 that the home trade in Canaries is dead has provoked a hail of letters. We have communications from breeders, dealers, private buyers, and all kinds of people to the effect that the home trade is a long way from being dead. There are not enough Canaries to meet the demand; that is all, and the lesson is obvious. Breed more Canaries. They will sell themselves.

A question has been raised whether breeding from one pair of Canaries can be made to pay. Of course it can. We know of a lady who bought a pair of cheap Canaries last year, and the produce realised five times the cost of the original pair. And she still has the old ones and one pair of their young to pair up to the parents for next year's breeding.

It is within the power of thousands upon thousands of people to put up a few pairs of Canaries for breeding. The methods are simple and easily learned. If a hobby is to be taken up successfully some thought must be given to the best way of proceeding, and the hobby of breeding Canaries is not any exception to this rule. But there are no difficulties so great as to deter anyone of ordinary intelligence.

Some of our most successful breeders of to-day began not so many years ago in a small way, and now their names are as household words. People who began Canary breeding entirely as a pleasurable hobby found it a profitable one, and it is open to anyone to follow their example.

The statements of a few of our readers that they can only get ridiculous prices for their Canaries only show that in Canary selling, as in everything else, there are more ways than one of managing. We know that fair prices are obtainable. Over 4,000 Canaries left London this week in one lot, bound for New York. It is true that many of these were Rollers of Continental origin, merely passing through the hands of the dealer as part of the consignment, but the bulk were English Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, and Lizards, and if 10,000 birds had been obtainable they would have found as ready a market as the 4,000.

But why should these birds go out of our country at all? They should be kept here for the benefit of Englishmen, not sent to America for the profit of American dealers, hyphenated or otherwise. Next year the demand will be greater. Shall we have the birds? Anyway, if we have the birds we shall be able to sell them, and if we do not produce them the loss will be our own.

Several letters received this week contain long details alleging unfair treatment to breeders on the part of dealers. These are in the nature of complaints, which would have been investigated at the time if they had been sent us in accordance with our rule, and it would not advance the argument to publish statements which may or may not have proper foundation. Our deposit system exists to safeguard both parties in a deal, and those who do not take advantage of that system, but prefer to send goods or money on the bare statement of a stranger, have only themselves to blame if the transaction does not end to their satisfaction. There are plenty of dealers advertising in our columns whose methods of business are entirely above suspicion, and it should be quite an easy matter for those who have stock for sale to discover dealers who will treat them honestly.

One correspondent, after saying that the most he ever got from dealers for his surplus stock was seven shillings and sixpence a pair, goes on to tell a story of some one who broke a window in his house and stole ten valuable Canaries. He says he has his suspicions, but what the incident has to do with the market price of Canaries we quite fail to see. The thief got ten Canaries for nothing.

BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION.

Dealers Bad and Dealers Good.

Sir,—I read with much interest the letters from Mr. Eli Orrilard and Mr. H. O. Corbett re sales of Canaries to dealers, and I can confirm what they say about offers made by some dealers. I hold a letter from a provincial dealer offering 3s. 6d. to 4s. for cocks, and 1s. 3d. to 1s. 9d. for hens. I myself have not paid less than 3s. for hens, and 7s. to 8s. for cocks, and sometimes much more (according to the class of bird.)

I see you are asked to advise readers of the dealers who will pay fair prices; let them watch your advertisements. There are still some fair dealers, and it is most unfair to class all as bad.

A London Dealer.

Low Offers for Roller Canaries.

Sir,—Allow me to endorse the letter of Mr. H. O. Corbett; his experience is exactly my own. I offered my stock of young Rollers to a dealer in a neighbouring town, who makes a point of advertising very highest prices and spot cash. He offered 2s. 6d. for cocks, 1s. 6d., for hens, one third the price I paid for the parents. Where does the breeder come in? The dealers know better than to breed the birds themselves.

You say prices many times greater than these are continually offered in advertisements in Cage Birds. I find Norwich and Yorkshire birds are, but not Rollers. If it were not for the pleasure I find in attending to them I should have given them up long ago in disgust.

Walsall.

Use the Advertising Columns..

Sir,—I was greatly interested in your article re Famine in Canaries, and I am writing to give H. O. Corbett a little advice as to the way to dispose of his birds. Has he ever thought how dealers dispose of their birds? How do dealers become known to every bird fancier in the world? Does he know that dealers only see or know a very small percentage of their customers? It is done by advertising.

This problem occurred to me when I started Canary breeding, which was last season, so you can see I am only a novice. I inserted one advert., and I had twice as many applicants as I had birds for sale.

I should like to draw H. O. Corbett's attention to our Editor's notice, "Guaranteed circulation amongst 50,000 readers weekly." There are hundreds of these readers watching the columns of Cage Birds to buy birds. The dealers know this, so they advertise, and, as they state, the demand is greater than the supply. Trusting this hint will be of some service to H. O. Corbett, and wishing him success,

R. Mitchellmore.

Do Dealers Offer Unfair Prices?

Sir,—We do not know what dealers your two correspondents of last week have been offering their birds to, but we will make this challenge through the columns of your most valuable paper—if any persons have in their possession any letters proving we have offered them such ridiculous prices as stated we are prepared to give £50 to the Red Cross funds. It was only last week we gave a breeder £32 for 40 pairs of his surplus stock. It is not as an advertisement that we are writing these lines, but it is only fair, as dealers' reputations have been sullied, that we should contradict the statements of these two correspondents. There are dealers and dealers. If Mr. Lorillard can guarantee to get the birds we will guarantee his income will unexpectedly have a big rise, and if Mr. Corbett likes to come and inspect our books and see the seed bills, rent, and other expenses, and profits, then he would alter his opinion about large profits.

Once and for all, let us give good advice—offer your birds to an established dealer, and he will offer you a fair price. It is true that there may be some so-called dealers who should be black-listed; they do the bird trade much harm.

J. Howard and Sons.

London and Norwich.

"Fears that there is No Market."

Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me a few words to Mr. Eli Orrilard. He tells us that himself and scores of fanciers are very much dissatisfied with not being able to get a really good market and decent prices for their birds. I feel sure that if Mr. Orrilard and the other fanciers use their pen and a little more writing paper, with, say, a nice cheap printed heading attached, they would not be long in securing really good markets and satisfactory prices, even with many of the London dealers, not to mention the many private breeders, who would be glad of the Canaries, and at their own price.

I should like Mr. Orrilard to alter his methods, and he will not regret my advice. I wish I had the means and opportunity to start a Canary farm. I would surprise the City of Bradford. I will give our friend a little example. In the year 1910 I made a sort of surprise record, which I made known in Cage Birds. I bred 56 young Norwich out of 8 hens, and but for a slight accident I should have had 59. When these young birds were nicely on hard seed, every bird I had was sold in about ten weeks from being hatched, also all the parents at a very satisfactory price.

What I might do if I were possessed of a Canary farm would be to make my pile, as we Yorkshiremen put it. I wish I had a chance, but I regret to say my means at present stop me, otherwise I would be among the first on the field with a Canary farm without the slightest doubt or the least fear.

My advice is to go in right and left, and look with disgust on those who offer 1s. 6d. for hens, and 2s. 6d. for cocks.

J. H. Jowett.

Home Trade Still Booming,

Sir,—Mr. Hamlyn states "without fear of contradiction" that there is no home trade in Canaries. What does Mr. Hamlyn know of the home trade of Canaries? How long has he been in the Canary trade? Anyway, he is contradicting his own statements, for a few months ago he was booming in your valuable columns how many thousands of Canaries he had sold in this country in a stated time. Now that the authorities have stopped the importation of birds, he states that the trade is dead pro tem. This we can contradict on good grounds. There is plenty of home trade, just as much as, and, in fact, more than, in previous years; people right and left are launching out into the bird fancy that could not afford to before. Letters are arriving in galore by every post, asking for birds, requisites, cages, etc. We are buying a thousand birds a week; we don't eat them. Secretaries of shows are having good sales, almost as good as ever. It is true the Americans buy a few birds from this country; in normal times that trade was over the last week in December for the season, but just at present there is a little more demand on account of shortage of other birds. Once again let us tell friend Hamlyn, and in a friendly spirit, there still remains the old home trade, with a little new export trade.

J. Howard and Sons.

Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road, Wolverhampton.

Enamel Over Whitewash.

How Can it be Removed?

Sir,—I have enamelled a large box cage on the top of lime-wash, and it looks very bad, so I wish to get it off and do it afresh. I should be glad if anyone could tell me how I am to clean the cage, and get all the enamel off.

G. Taylor.

"Yellow or Grey Wagtails."

Yellow Wagtails in December.

Sir,—I am interested in the note in "Twitterings" of October 28 regarding the Yellow Wagtail. Two years ago these beautiful birds could be seen frequently down in the Chess Valley, in and near Chesham, right in the middle of the winter, December and January. A Grey Wagtail used to be a frequent visitor in my garden, and confusion was not possible under the circumstances.

F. Abbott.

Chorley Wood.

Clashing of Show Dates.

Sir,—May I appeal to the fanciers of South Wales and Monmouthshire to accept Mr. Bank's offer for a meeting at Cardiff Show to discuss the needless clashing of dates. It would be to the advantage of all societies. Why cannot Welsh shows have eight or nine hundred entries? It is quite possible if we work in harmony with each other.

I would suggest that fanciers meet at 11.30 a.m. on Nov. 30; in the meantime clubs to notify Mr. Banks of their intended representatives.

W. D. Lewis,
Sec. Pontypool C.B.S.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

How Greenfood May Do Harm.

Sir,—Although breeding a few Canaries yearly for nearly 40 years, it is only lately I became a reader of Cage Birds; in fact, up to four months ago I had never seen it. Being always eager to add to my limited experience, I bought Nos. 2, 6, and 12 of the Nutshell Series, also "House's Canary Manual," "Seeds, foods, and wild plants for Cage Birds," and "The secrets of Hybrid breeding revealed and explained."

I may say that for the last 20 years I had never given my Canaries a particle of green food, and they have always kept in perfect health, but after reading the books mentioned I concluded my feeding was all wrong.

Having two Linnets, one 1915, and the other a this year's bird, both hand reared, I thought I would commence with them, and leaving still the ordinary seed in troughs, I gave between the wires a bit of the following alternately: Chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, and plantain, gradually increasing the supply.

On the fifth day, on going to feed them, they were all huddled up, and two days after were both dead.

On telling a man who does nothing else but catch them, he remarked, "All bunkum, friend, get them on to hard seed as soon as possible, and keep them on it."

Now I wonder which is really best, perhaps some of your readers would give their experience. Meanwhile I will stick to my ordinary Canary mixture, which I have proved will keep them in perfect health.

D.B.

Hybrid Winner in a British Class.

A Case for the N.B.B. and Mule Club.

Sir,—Is it any use for individual persons to try and convince the judge, Mr. Cook, that he was wrong in placing the Hybrid first in a British bird class, or for him to try and convince the public he was right?

Surely this is a case where the National British Bird and Mule Club should come in and say who is right, and thus stop such a thing happening in future, or allowing it to continue if they think it right. Such things as these kill the British bird section of shows, and another thing that helps to do so are the show cages. Why don't the N.B.B. and M.C. put their foot down and say we will have a cage of standard size, shape, and colour for each individual bird? We should then very soon see a great improvement in the British section, as everyone then would stand an equal chance, or at least would think they did. I have several times heard the remark, "I don't show because there are so many different colours, etc., of cages for the same species, and the judge knows who such and such a bird belongs to." I don't say this influences a judge, but novices think it does, so let us have a standard, and we shall then very soon have a great improvement at our shows.

A. W. Meek.

The Influence of Green Blood.

Does it Decrease Depth of Yellow Colour?

Sir,—In a very interesting and thoughtful letter written by your correspondent, "Live and Learn," under the heading "The pros. and cons. of inbreeding" in Cage Birds of Oct. 21, he says: "If I have a little yellow paint on my palette and add a little more yellow paint to it I have more yellow paint on my palette, but if I add to it an equal quantity of green, a compound of blue and yellow, I find I have no yellow, but a paler green instead."

Now as "Live and Learn" seems to know something about the mixing of colours, perhaps he can help me to solve a problem that has been put before me by a pair of my birds that I had up for breeding last breeding season; they were a clear buff cock, clear bred for two generations, to a very heavily green marked buff hen, which was bred from a yellow cinnamon variegated hen, and the above-mentioned cock.

This pair produced seven young. Three have turned out buff variegated cocks, and one is a buff grizzle marked on back of head. Now the remarkable thing about them is that they all vary in the tone of colour in their clear plumage. The most heavily marked one is very pale in buff colour, with a tinge of green, or what "Live and Learn" calls a very pale green. Next in marking comes a better tone of buff, the next is better than the second, and the grizzle marked one is better in colour than the third.

To put it in a nutshell, the less green that is on the birds the better the colour, as far as the clear parts are concerned; in fact, the grizzle marked is a very high coloured bird, and might almost be taken for a yellow. I have been asking myself the question, can it be the case that the least green blood you have in your birds the better the colour of the clears? Perhaps "Live and Learn" can help me.

T. R. Wallace.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 653.)

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg Food.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, "Saxon," in Cage Birds for Oct. 28, I beg to give you my experience in breeding Roller Canaries, which I have done for many years. Up to this year I have always reared the young on Osborne biscuit crushed, and hard boiled egg, with a little crushed hemp seed, but owing to the very high price of these articles, I cast about for less expensive and just as effective food. Last year I tried a little of "Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Cake Food," and the birds seemed partial to it, so this year I determined to use it entirely, and I have never had a finer or healthier lot of young birds. Nearly all the fertile eggs hatched, and I have only lost two or three after perching. I now have between 60 and 70 young ones. In addition to the above I always give plenty of dandelion leaves and chickweed, and the flowers of African marigold and nasturtium.

The first question is answered in above, and to the second and third I say "Yes."

F. Hughes.

A Recipe for Soft Food.

Sir,—As a reader of Cage Birds I notice in this week's issue the question of rearing young birds without egg food, and an experience I had of this in 1913 may interest readers. I reared from two ordinary Norwich hens and a Goldie fourteen mules. The food consisted of one pound of self-raising flour, one egg, and a piece of home-made fresh butter, the whole sweetened with sugar like ordinary tea cake. This was baked in a hot oven, then put into a closed tin, and was moist and fresh for the whole breeding season. Hens were very fond of it, and young birds left the nest vigorous and strong. Both hens fed their young without assistance, and the young received no other food till put on dry seed. Not one of them died, and the majority of the young were large birds. I hope that other readers will follow "Saxon's" suggestion.

Alex Wilson.

New Society for Durham City.

Secretary Appointed and Show Arranged.

Sir,—At a well attended meeting held at the house of Mr. T. Lancaster Claypath, Durham, it was decided to start a Society for the city and district. It was decided that the society be open to all to join, and that the subscription be 5s. per annum. We decided to hold a members' show on Jan. 27. Twenty-one members were present at the meeting, and we had a good many names of those who will join, but could not attend. Mr. A Robson, of Brandon, was elected chairman, and Henry Briggs, 6, Fry Street, Bearpark, Durham, secretary. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Briggs, who will be glad to give any information required, and will also be glad of suggestions for the improvement of the society. The next meeting will be held November 25, when we will draw up schedule and elect judge for show, so let's see many old faces and a lot of new ones at this important meeting. The Pelton Fell Society rules were read out, and were unanimously adopted, the secretary being empowered to get them printed.

Henry Briggs.

Some Show Season Hints.

Practical Advice from an Old Hand.

Sir,—As the show season is now upon us a few hints and don'ts may be useful. Our birds are finishing the moult, and our attention should be turned to our stock and show cages. The stock cages should be scrubbed out, and the perches should be kept scrupulously clean, with nice white pine sawdust on cage bottom. Show cages should be painted and perches either sandpapered or scrubbed. When we have got all this done, we should next pick up our Cage Birds to see which is the nearest show, so as to keep down railway expenses.

If you are not a well-known exhibitor a halfpenny stamp will bring a schedule to you, and the first thing you should do (champion and novice alike) is to read the rules of the show at which you enter your birds and have to abide by. This is a point many champions forget, and that is why you see so many birds at shows with the ticket "wrong class." Next you should read the class headings, and great care should be taken as to the words "ticked," "marked," etc., for there is always a lot of controversy on these points. Don't fail to make your entries early; those fanciers who have never been a secretary have no idea what trouble there is with late entries.

When you have made your entries your next care should be your birds, which, although they look clean, should be washed. I am confident that in keen competition you have to wash to win. Some might say it is a lot of trouble to wash twice for one show, but I never think of trouble with my birds. I always wash my yellows a week before the show, and buffs three days, as it takes quite a week for a fine feathered yellow to come itself again. In buffs you can do with some of the feather washed down, but in case I get a short, tight feathered buff I wash him with the yellows.

After you have them washed great care should be taken not to get any dust on them again, and the best thing I have found is to cover their stock cage fronts with thin baize. To wash my birds I use Lux and a shaving brush, and two rinsing waters with separate brushes.

When I take a bird from the stock cage for washing, I always throw away its drinking water, so that I shall not forget to give it Parrish's chemical food in the water after the wash. There is no doubt every bird swallows more or less of the soapy water, and if he should suffer with stomach trouble the chemical food soon puts him right.

Don't fail to send your birds to arrive at the show the afternoon before the show, so that they will have a chance to get a feed and settle down. As soon as they return you should get them at once a little bread and milk, with a sprinkle of maw seed on it, and next day give a little egg and bread with colour food, as sometimes after birds have returned from a show they drop into a soft moult, and in many cases come out patchy, which renders them non-combatable for the remainder of the season.

J. Gibbons.

The Pied Flycatcher at Clapham Show.

Should Rarity Alone Win?

Sir,—I should like to reply to a few of the remarks made by the hon. secretary of Clapham show (Mr. Hose) re my complaint concerning the treatment of my Pied Flycatcher.

After admitting that the food vessel was never cleaned out, but "fresh food was put on top of the old each day," he winds up by remarking that "everything possible was done for the bird, and it was through no inattention of any person in connection with the Clapham C.B.A. that it died."

I would like to ask Mr. Hose how long he would expect to keep any "soft-bill," let alone a fragile little thing like a Pied Flycatcher, alive under such conditions? A little fresh food thrown on top of the old, and this intelligent practice carried out for three days!

Is this really the best Mr. Hose can do for valuable exhibits entrusted to his care? Surely he must know that the old mildewed food would contaminate and poison the new in less than an hour?

Personally I feed my birds with freshly-made up food three times a day, and the food vessels are thoroughly cleaned out each time before being re-filled. One does not expect this at a show, but one certainly does expect that fresh food and water will be supplied at least once a day, and the food vessels properly cleaned out. Even assuming that the food vessels were stuck, it would surely have been a simple enough matter to open the cage door and take them out. Mr. Hose's assertion, therefore, that the bird received every care and attention is, on his own admission, by no means borne out by facts.

With regard to the reason given for not naming the bird in the catalogue, it would carry more weight had it not been for the fact that the birds in the foreign section were named. The exhibits in the "soft-bill" section numbered nine or thereabouts, so that even if they had all been named the cost of the extra printing would have been infinitesimal, but as all the other entries were common birds, known almost to anyone, it would have been strictly necessary to name merely my exhibit, and how much would it cost to print two words?

From Mr. Hose's remarks commencing "the old complaint," etc., it would appear that he wishes to question the veracity of my statement about the Parrot Finch I lost upon the only other occasion on which I exhibited at the Clapham Show. I should have thought that Mr. Hose could easily have confirmed my statement by referring the matter to his committee, some of the members of which would have surely recalled the incident, unless, of course, such happenings occur with such frequency at the Clapham Show that they arouse no special attention.

In conclusion I should like to say a few words in reply to the Editor's comments upon my query, "Should judges give their reasons?" In describing the bird he says "it was an immature bird in imperfect plumage." Well, the bird was certainly immature, though in full first year plumage. I don't know what exactly is meant by "imperfect" plumage, for although immature the bird was in perfect feather when it left my hands on Tuesday night. It is true that on the following evening, when visiting the show, I noticed that one or two tail feathers had become bent and looked wet, as though the bird had somehow fallen into the water vessel. Any way, save for this trivial defect the bird was still perfect in feather.

In short, though the bird was admittedly, when I last saw it, not in such perfect feather as the Nightingale, etc., yet I should have thought its rarity, especially as a hand-reared British specimen, would have given it precedence over such common and easily kept species as a Nightingale, Blackcap, and even a Redstart, in however perfect plumage the latter may have been. On this showing plumage counts for everything, rarity and enterprise for nothing at all. With apologies for again trespassing so largely on your valuable space,

Gerald E. Rattigan.

In Defence of the Management.

Sir,—Perhaps I may be permitted to say a few words re Mr. Rattigan's complaint against those responsible for the welfare of the birds at Clapham Show. I was a visitor to this show, and happened to be there the first day, when the soft-bill birds were being fed, and I can assure him that it was not any fault of the management there that was responsible for the death of his Flycatcher; the food those birds were being fed on was fit for the most delicate and valuable birds.

I think he must look elsewhere for the trouble. The vessels his food and water should have been placed in were certainly not at all easy to get at, and if the food which was in the food vessel was mildewy when he received his cage back, it was his own fault for using food which does mildew after so short a time. The food which was being used at Clapham Show would not have done so in twice the time, so he cannot blame them for his loss.

I may say I have no connection with the above show in any way, neither do I know anyone connected with it, but what I saw there convinced me that every care was being taken of the exhibits under their care. There was only one fault that I could see, that was the light; it was very bad for some of the classes, especially those where it was greatly needed so as to show up the colours, etc., namely, Hybrids and British birds, but no doubt this will be put right before another season.

Hunstanton. A. W. Meek.

Warming a Bird-room.

How to Avoid Trouble with the Heating Apparatus.

Sir,—I regret my absence from home made me miss Mr. Wooldridge's letter referring to his trouble with the heating apparatus described in my letter in Cage Birds of Sept. 23. His trouble is obviously caused by the very unnecessarily long pipe he is using. If he cuts it down by rather more than half the apparatus will work satisfactorily. My theory is that the great length of small gauge piping is too much to get a good draught through. I notice his iron funnel or cylinder is six inches in diameter while mine is only 2¾ inches. Never leave the oil reservoir and lamp under the piping when not in use, or the water of condensation is sure to drop on to the wicks and cause smoke, also it will work better and give more heat in a short time if a duplex burner is fitted to the lamp. Finally, be very sure the wicks are properly set, as they sometimes become smoky after burning a short time, and keep your eye on it during windy nights.

J. W. Gordon Stewart.

Different Kinds of Oil and their Properties.

Sir,—In Cage Birds of Oct. 21, I see that Mr. Wooldridge desires some assistance in getting a stove to burn in conjunction with a heating apparatus for a bird room, and if I can help him I shall be pleased.

It appears from what Mr. Wooldridge stated in his letter that the fumes from the stove failed to pass away through the chimney when the length became more than 7 feet. He omitted from his letter the kind of oil he was using. Some oils are more volatile than others, that is, they give off fumes from the oil vessel as well as from the burner directly the lamp is lit, and this is the case with such oils as paraffin, consequently if the flue is small it cannot pass away in time to allow ordinary combustion to ensue.

I have written this answer, assuming that Mr. Wooldridge is using a highly volatile oil or spirit, and to bring matters into good working order he must use different oil, or increase the area of his chimney pipes, say to 1½ or 2 inches diameter.

May I suggest that without going to any further great expense, he tries to burn pure colza oil in the stove, and proceed as follows:—Blow out the pipes to see they are clear. Light the stove with all pipes in their proper position, using only a small flame at first, and quietly increasing it until the chimney feels warm. Then put the flame on full, and not before, and I hope he will find all in working order. If not, then if the stove was made to fit one inch pipes, he should get an increasing tube, some call it a reducing tube; it should resemble a small horn, and be one inch diameter at one end, and one-and-a-half or two inches diameter at the other, and in this he must fit the larger pipes. In conclusion, if my letter proves of any service to him I shall be more than satisfied.

W. Tucker.

Proposed New Society for Ferndale.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Tom Jones's letter, I should like to ask him what has become of the Society that was at Ferndale some years ago. I think I know Mr. Jones, and that he will remember me, as I guess we were members together of the late society. I know that we did not dissolve the club, and that there is still some money in hand, so I hope that they will again wake up and keep the old flag flying, as they were a keen lot. I hope fanciers of Ferndale will again rally together and get a good Society. I think they will not want much coaxing.

W. J. Cirylis.

Quick Growing Plants for an Aviary.

Nasturtium Petals as Colour Food.

Sir,—I am building an outdoor aviary, and was wondering if any readers knew of a good fast growing plant which would resist the attacks of the birds, it being my object to keep British Finches and Canaries. Also could any reader inform me whether Skylarks would do in the same aviary. I have noticed that birds like nasturtium leaves and petals, and I was wondering if there was any colouring matter in them.

What a fine thing your correspondence page is! It seems to me to be a grand idea for fanciers to help one another in their little difficulties. I feel sure it has been the means of bringing fanciers and bird lovers closer, and many have made friends by it. I forgot to mention that my aviary flight is 8ft. by 4ft. by 7ft. high.

C. Oglesby.

A Nightingale that Missed the Moult.

Sir,—Mr. A. Gregory's experience, as given in Cage Birds of Oct. 28, is certainly unique, and I hope will end satisfactorily for him. Might I ask Mr. Gregory when the bird commenced his song, and for how long he has been giving him 15 to 20 mealworms a day?

I have kept Nightingales for nearly 40 years, and must say I have never come across two birds exactly alike in their habits, although kept under exactly the same conditions. Some, after moulting in July, would commence to sing in November, some about Christmas, and this year I had one which did not start singing till the end of March and kept on till the end of June, but I have never had a bird to miss the moult and sing in October.

What greatly surprises me is that Mr. Gregory's bird does not bathe himself. My birds can hardly wait the time to take their plunge when the bath is hung on to their cage every other day, and if I had a bird not fond of his bath I should certainly surmise that he was not in good health. But there, Nightingales will do nothing invariably.

O. Puck.

Liverpool Show.

Thanks to All and a Gentle Hint to Some.

Sir,—We beg to offer our sincere thanks to all exhibitors who so generously supported our venture this year. By their splendid entry we look like making a profit instead of a huge loss which was anticipated.

To the local fanciers we owe a great deal for their untiring efforts in unpacking and packing up of exhibits. As in the past, we had the services of Mrs. T. R. Jones and Miss Bratherton; it would not be a Liverpool show without these ladies.

There is one item on which we should like to appeal to exhibitors. After entering birds, an exhibitor, if he does not send them, should at once notify the show secretaries that his birds will be absent. This year we had three lots not sent, and if the parties who did not send had had our worry on their own shoulders, it would have taught them a lesson. When we found we were short we kept 'phoning the Railway Companies, and then, to make sure we had not missed them, we set to and unpacked every case in the hall, a matter of only 280. Afterwards, those three fanciers received the blessings of

Green and Metcalfe, Hon. Secs.

Club Reports.

ABERTILLERY (Six Bells) F. & F.S

Meeting, Newall's Restaurant, Oak St., Abertillery, Oct. 28. Officers elected: Chair, H. H. Mortimer; Vice, S. Butler; Treas., B. Silverthorne; Assist. Sec., J. Jones; Sec., W. J. Baker. Next meeting, Nov. 8, at 6.30.—W. J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

STANLEY (Empire) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 22, R. Peart presiding, and a good attendance. Final arrangements were made for show, Nov. 18 and 19. Schedules are ready and can be obtained from steward or sec. Cage bird entries close Nov. 12. Members are requested to get as many spls. as possible, as we would like one for each class.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting, Oct. 28; decided to hold annual show in Lesser Oddfellow's Hall, Dec. 9. Mr. Geo. Arnott, Sinclairtown, judge. In the meantime, till we see how the membership stands, intending members kindly forward contributions at your earliest convenience to allow us to get on with the arrangements.—W. Clarkson, 130, Victoria Place, Falkirk.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, League, Drill Hall, Lochgelly, Oct. 28; Mr. Smith, president, in the chair. Agreed that £1 be taken from the League funds for specials, along with 10/- got from three members of the League, to go for most points over League shows; 5/- each for most points, 2nd most points, 3rd most, and so on till the 30/- are used up; other business of the League left over. Next meeting, Minto Hotel, Lochgelly, Dec. 23. Vote of thanks to chairman ended the meeting.—Joe Sneddon, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C

Meeting, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Oct. 28; Mr. Warcing presiding over a well-attended meeting. Patronage was granted to Bacup and Birmingham Roller Clubs on the latter club altering date to avoid clashing with Wigan Roller contest. Several valuable specials were promised, and a splendid schedule is being fixed up, including three cups as specials in champion and novice yonng bird and amateur any age. Several birds were present, and the tours were explained.—J. T. Smith, Sec.

PENYGRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting, Butchers' Arms, Oct. 24. Mr. Morris presided over a nice little party. Mr. Hollinshead and sec. gave a washing exhibition. Mr. Williams could not come as promised, because of an accident, but the wash was a success, and so were a few sound words of advice from that old fancier, Mr. L. Hughes. Decided to hold a members' show, Nov. 18; friends wishing to join come and have a say in the matter. Meetings will be every Tuesday now until further notice; friends invited, especially new members; subs. due.—G. Padfield.

WEST STANLEY F.F. AND C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 28, Mr. J. Armitage presiding over a good attendance. Members' show date fixed for Dec. 30. Election of officers: Chair, J. Armitage, vice-chair, R. Peart; treas., W. Platten; assist. sec., J. Nicholson; sec., R. Hutchinson, 58, Joicey-terr., West Stanley. We have made the radius seven miles and only want the support of fanciers in the district to make it a successful society. Fifteen new members were enrolled, and many more for our next meeting, Nov. 11, at Victoria Hall. A good number of spls. promised are for novices.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting, Melson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Oct. 21, Mr. John Noble, Kilmarnock, chair. Applications for patronage from Glasgow and Dist., and City of Glasgow open shows were considered and granted. Agreed to run annual club show in conjunction with City of Glasgow on Jan. 3 and 4, when full classification, with gold and silver medals, etc., will be offered. Members elected: Messrs. James Tweedie (Glasgow), J. A. Grant (Lossiemouth), Wm. Harris (Carluke), and W. R. Boyd (Cambuslang). Vote of thanks to chair closed meeting.—John Young, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBORO' AND TEES-SIDE.

Meeting, Oct. 28, Crown Hotel, Mr. J. Carr, chair, and a grand attendance, with plenty of young blood coming forward. Arrangements were made for first members' show, Princess Alice, Nov. 18; birds staged 2.30. Messrs. Cook and Hood, judges. Specials of 2s. 6d. each in all varieties, also a splendid cup to be won outright for novices, jointly given by Messrs. J. Carr and T. C. Deans. Three new members were accepted, bringing the total membership up to well over fifty. This being question night a very interesting discussion took place, and questions were ably answered by the chairman and others. The chief question was: Colour, and how to produce it—a matter that was well gone into and experiences given by capable and reliable fanciers. Next meeting will be at the Princess Alice, when a washing exhibition is to be given by special request of Mr. Wanaker.—F. Stothard.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, Wallace Tower Hall, High St., Oct. 19, Mr. P. McQuiston presiding. Members present Messrs. McQuiston, Wason, McLachlan, Jos. Wilson, Lovie, T. Erskine, W. Erskine, Telfer, Tait, Gribben, Cameron, Girvan, Redmond, Tait, and Ferguson. Office-bearers elected: Hon. Pres., John Forbes; Pres., P. McQuiston; V.-P., D. Wason; Stewards, Wason and McQuiston, for Norwich; Tait and Girvan, for Borders and Yorks; McLachlan, T. Erskine and W. Erskine for Scotch Fancy, British and For.; Committee, the Club; Sec. and Treas., H. M. Ferguson.

Secretary intimated the following: Y.M.C.A. Hall engaged for Red Cross Show; permission from Red Cross Committee; judges fixed—R. Martin, Norwich; J. Hamilton, Borders and Yorks; and J. F. Dewar, Scotch Fancy, British and Foreign; patronage of S.P.C.; patronage of B.F.C.C.; gold medal from President, for British section, and silver medal from "A Friend," for Border section. A handsome donation in the form of 5 very rare Foreign birds was also intimated from Mrs. F. Villiers, The Shieling, Ayr, for the Gift Class at the Red Cross Show, the birds to be sold by auction. Sec. was instructed to engage the services of "The Observer" for printing schedules, catalogues and tickets; Messrs Spratt for entry forms, wrappers, etc., and Messrs. Garbisch for model cards. Specials were intimated from Bailie Robertson (Troon), Mr Jamieson (Glasgow), and other local supporters, in addition to 16 special prizes presented by members. Owing to the untiring efforts of loyal members, the Club was pleased to learn that there was every likelihood of its being able to hand over to the Red Cross a sum of about double last year's donation. The annual show is to be advertised in CAGE BIRDS on three dates prior to show.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairns Memorial Hall, Oct. 17, Mr. W. B. Adam, chair. Decided to accept the offer of the Western O.S. for use of their staging, etc., for annual show, and to ask the Leith Printing Co. and Warwick and Son for quotation for catalogues. Price of admission to annual show was left in secretary's hands pending word from Custom and Excise Office. Next meeting Nov. 14 ten days before the show. Vote of thanks to Mr. A. Thomson, who judged table show, was accorded. Nor. Yell.: 1, 4, Charlton; 2, Muir; 3, Staines; 5, McMorrain. Buff: 1, 3, Staines; 2, Thomson; 3, Muir; 5, McMorrain. Gr. or Var. Yell.: 1, Thomson; 2, Wilkie. Buff: 1, 2, Staines; 3, Thomson; 4, Muir. Cinnamon Canary: 1, 2, Charlton.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

NEWCASTLE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 25, Mr. G. Armstrong's, 149, Shields Road, with a fair attendance. Three young Border Fancy classes were added to compete for Bowl at our show. Stewards were selected for show. Mr. Robt. Henderson was elected on the committee. Five shillings per class to be given in addition to entry fee, divided as follows, 2s. 6d., 1s. 3d., 9d., 6d. We will be glad to see any member at the show hall on Friday, Nov. 24, an on the show morning, to erect staging and put the birds in position, etc. Specials which have been collected will be drawn for at first meeting after the show. If any member has collected any specials, either in money or in kind, please be good enough to let Sec. know as soon as possible.—Ed. Coltman Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglington Toll, Oct. 25, Mr. R. B. Cairns chair, and a large attendance. Before business, Mr. W. Connelly treated the members to a very masterly exhibition of hand washing, which was much appreciated. After having washed two birds, Mr. Connelly asked for a volunteer from amongst the novice members to try his hand. Mr. Knox complied and succeeded in making a very creditable effort, which went to show that the lecturer had succeeded in his efforts to impart knowledge to the younger members. A vote of thanks was awarded the lecturer. Admitted 5 new members, Messrs. Graham, Grant, Mathewson, Bishop and Procter. Sec. read a letter from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, promising a special for the best colour fed bird on Ramsden's pure pepper at our annual club show; also a letter from the Scottish Painbird Club promising patronage and a silver medal. The following promised specials: Mr. W. G. Hamilton (2), Messrs. A. McLellan, W. Robertson, W. Steel, and W. S. Ross. These, added to the list already collected, give a very creditable number. Stewards and doorkeepers were elected, and the chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on Nov. 22, a week earlier than the usual monthly meeting, owing to the following Wednesday falling in our show week.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

BOWLING B.F.A.

First Old Bird show, Oct. 28, Barley Mow Hotel; 66 birds were judged by F. Self, Clayton, to the satisfaction of all. Champ. Class 1 (4): 1, Padgett; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Hudson. Class 2 (4): 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Hudson; 4, Pownall Bros. Class 3 (2): 1, 2, Helliwell. Class 4 (8): 1, Helliwell; 2, Casey; 3, 4, Padgett. Class 5 (4): 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Pownall Bros.; 4, Helliwell. Class 6 (3): 1, 2, Casey; 3, Padgett. Class 7 (2): 1, Casey; 2, Pownall Bros. Class 8 (6): 1, 2, Pownall Bros.; 3, 4, Hudson. Nov., Class 9 (7): 1, 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Wood and Mirfield. Class 10 (6): 1, Nicholl, 2, 3, Wood and Mirfield; 4, Hodgson. Class 11 (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Wood and Mirfield. Class 12 (6): 1, 4, Nicholl; 2, Robinson; 3, Wood and Mirfield. Class 13 (7) 1, 2, Robinson; 3, 4, Nicholl. Class 14 (3): 1, 2, Nicholl; 3, Hodgson. Class 15 (1): 1, Robinson. Class 16 (1): 1, Robinson.—J. Nicholl, Sec.

BROMLEY F.A.

Rev. Soames' cage bird show, held in connection with the Bromley F.A., at Lyncroft, Bromley, Oct. 25. There was a splendid entry and competition was keen, several well-known winners being staged. Mr. A. Payne won Rev. Soames' silver spoon for best British with a beautiful Goldfinch and Mrs. Soames' specials with a Linnet and Chaffinch respectively. Messrs. H. Wraight and W. Pocock judged, and their awards were well received. The chairman, Mr. E. J. Lovell, presented the prizes and congratulated the members on such a fine show.

Yorks.: 1, 2, Last; 3, c, Gooding; vhc, he, Hutton. Nor.: 1, Dell; 2, 3, vhc, Gooding. Bord.: 1, 3, Last; 2, vhc, he, Ford; c, Rev. Soames. Crest or C.B.: 1, 2, Ford; 3, Gooding; vhc, Young. Goldf.: 1, spl, Payne; 2, Dell; 3, Pocock. Linnet, Etc.: 1, spl, he, Payne; 2, Pocock; 3, Hutton; vhc, Rev. Soames; c, Gooding. A.O. Brit.: 1, Rev. Soames; 2, vhc, Mrs. Soames; 3, Pocock; he, Payne; c, Hutton. Softbills: 1, 2, Dell.—W. Foxen, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Third of a series of members' shows, Oct. 14, at Headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel; 99 birds faced the judge, Mr. E. Clegg, his awards being well received. Mr. J. Ellis secured special best bird; Burdekin Bros. and R. E. Helliwell tied for first and second most pts. with 14 in open section. Mr. L. Whitham in novice section, with 17 pts., won first, and Mr. E. Benn second with 14. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 3, vhc, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Helliwell; he, Ellis; c, W. Horsman. Buff: 1, Ellis; 2, vhc, Helliwell; 3, Burdekin Bros.; he, W. Horsman; c, Sladdin and Baldwin. Even. etc.: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Sladdin and Baldwin; 3, Dunn; vhc, W. Horsman. Green or Cinn. Self or Fonl: 1, Sladin and Baldwin; 2, J. Ellis; 3, Helliwell. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks Nov.: 1, vhc, Thornton; 2, Senior; 3, Hanson; he, Ambler; c, Barron. Buff: 1, Whitham; 2, Ambler; 3, Senior; vhc, J. W. Speak; he, Thornton; c, Speak. Even. etc.: 1, 2, Whitham; 3, Briggs; vhc, he, Ambler; c, Senior. Green or Cinn: 1, Mitchell; 2, Briggs; 3, F. Horsman; vhc, Thornton, he, Shaw; c, Ambler. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, W. Horsman. Buff: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, vhc, W. Horsman. Nov. Nor.: 1, E. Benn. Cl., Tkd., etc., Buff: 1, 2, E. Smith; 3, Benn. Goldf., etc.: 1, 2, vhc, he, c, Benn; 3, Helliwell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Benn; 3, Dunn. SELL.: 1, 3, Speak; 2, Helliwell; vhc, Holroyd; he, Whitham; c, Ellis.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Members' table show, Oct. 28, Curriers' Arms; close on a hundred birds faced the judge, Mr. T. Wright, of York, who gave every satisfaction. Mr. Stainsby won special best Yorks, Warrington for Norwich, and Hearfield for Borders. Principal winners were: Jeffries, Hartford, Robinson, Carter, Stephenson, Mudd, Ludley, Reynolds and Raisbeck.—Wm. Hearfield, Hon. Sec.

WOMBWELL B.F.A.

Annual members' show, Oct. 21, Ship Iron; 94 birds staged. Mr. L. Dyson, Skelmanthorpe, judged.

Class 1: 1, spl, 3, Waldron; 2, Manley; vhc, Charlesworth; he, Sargeantson; c, Toulson. Class 2: 1, spl, Sargeantson; 2, Evans; 3, Toulson; vhc, Waldron; he, c, Humphreys. Class 3: 1, Toulson; 2, Sargeantson; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Pantry; he, Moore; c, Evans. Class 4: 1, he, Manley; 2, c, Humphreys; 3, Sargeantson; vhc, Charlesworth. Class 5: 1, Pantry; 2, Sargeantson; 3, Evans; vhc, he, Manley. Class 6: 1, spl, Sargeantson; 2, 3, Waldron; vhc, he, c, Humphreys. Class 7: 1, spl, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Moore; he, Moss; c, Hinchliffe. Class 8: 1, vhc, Moore; 2, Waters; 3, Lister; he, Hinchliffe. Class 9: 1, 2, he, Moore; 3, vhc, Waters; c, Powell. Class 10: 1, spl, Lister, 2, Watson; 3, he, Moore; vhc, Moss; c, Hinchliffe. Class 11: 1, spl, Moore; 2, Lister; 3, vhc, c, Waters; he, Hinchliffe. Class 12: 1, Moss; 2, Lister; 3, vhc, he, Waters; c, Powell. Class 13: 1, Humphreys; 2, Waters; 3, Moore; vhc, Moss; he, Powell. Class 14: 1, 3, Humphreys; 2, vhc, Pantry.—F. Moore, Sec.

RYHILL C.B.S.

First show, Oct. 21, 79 birds staged; judge, Mr. E. Norton, who gave entire satisfaction. Specials were won by Dr. Cummings, G. Clark, J. Govier. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, Brook; 2, Smith; 3, Govier. Buff: 1, Govier; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Dr. Cummings; vhc, Kelsey; he, Milner. Hen: 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, Govier; vhc, Brook; he, Kelsey; c, Thompson. Unfl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Dr. Cummings; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Kelsey; he, Brooke; c, Thompson. Buff: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Govier; 4, Dr. Cummings. Hen: 1, 3, Thompson. Nor. Ck.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Dr. Cummings; 4, vhc, Sawyer. Hen: 1, vhc, Clark; 2, Vaux; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Kemp. Unfl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Kemp; 3, 4, Clark. Buff: 1, Kemp; 2, Clark; 3, Vaux; 4, Smith; vhc, Thompson. Hen: 1, Thompson; 2, Clark; 3, c, Dr. Cummings; 4, he, Kemp; vhc, Vaux. Sell.: 1, Smith. Linnet, Etc.: 1, Vaux, 2, Kemp; 3, 4, vhc, Dr. Cummings. Hardbill: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, Dr. Cummings. Mule: 1, Vaux.—J. Govier, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Fourth of a series of members' shows, Oct. 28; 92 birds, all hens, were staged for Mr. L. C. Casey, of Bradford, to judge. T. Pulling won special best bird with a foul green hen; W. Horsman special in champion section with 13 pts., R. E. Helliwell and J. Ellis sharing second with 12 pts. each. Novice section. W. Mitchell, 15 pts., E. Benn, 13. Awards:—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, Ellis; 2, Horsman; 3, Pilling; vhc, Helliwell; he, c, Burdekin Bros. Buff: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Horsman; 3, vhc, Helliwell. Even, etc.: 1, 2, Horsman; 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, Ellis. Green or Cinn.: 1, Pilling; 2, Ellis; 3, vhc, he, Riley; c, Helliwell. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Barron; 2, Mitchell; 3, Whitham; vhc, Senior; he, Child; c, Thornton. Buff: 1, Whitham; 2, Mitchell; 3, Ambler; vhc, Senior; he, Horsman; c, Speak. Mkd.: 1, Sykes; 2, Senior; 3, Child; vhc, Thornton; he, Horsman; c, Ambler. Green or Cinn. Self or Foul: 1, Horsman; 2, Mitchell; 3, Thornton; vhc, he, c, Scruton and Harris. Nov. Nor.: 1, Smith; 2, Benn. Class 14: 1, Benn. Goldf., etc.: 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Benn. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Benn; 2, Dunn; vhc, Helliwell.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Show, Craven Arms, Binley, Oct. 21. Great interest was aroused both in Binley and surrounding districts, and visitors kept the room packed from the opening until the close. Twelve hon. members were enrolled. 160 birds faced Mr. Blackshaw, Coventry, the judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. A. Wright won spl. best bird, also Ramsden's special best fed bird; Rycroft, best unflig. yell.; and Fincher, spl. best unflig. Nor., and spl. best unflig. hen.

YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Wright; 2, G. Cox; 3, vhc, Goyder; he, c, Fincher. BUFF: 1, spl, Wright; 2, vhc, c, Cox; 3, Petch; c, Slaymaker. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Cox; vhc, he, Goyder; c, Fincher. BUFF: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Fincher; vhc, Shirley; he, Cox. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Shirley; 2, c, Cox; vhc, Wright; he, Fincher. BUFF: 1, Goyder; 2, Slaymaker; 3, Cox; vhc, he, Shirley; c, Fincher. YELL. Hen: 1, he, c, Royeroft; 2, Petch; 3, vhc, Wright. BUFF: 1, spl, Fincher; 2, Shirley; 3 Petch; vhc Cox, he, Royeroft. GREEN: 1, Cox; 2, Shirley; 3, Loxley; vhc, Adkins; he, Wright. UNFLIG.: 1, Cox. CINN.: 1, Goyder; 2, 3, Wright. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Wright. YELL. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Shirley; 3, Cox; vhc, Adkins. HEN: 1, Shirley; 2, Adkins; 3, Fincher; UNFLIG.: 1, Fincher. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, vhc, Adkins. BUFF.: 1, Shirley. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Shirley; vhc, Fincher; he, Cox. MULES OR HYB.: 1, vhc, Radburn; 2, Goyder; 3, Adkins. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Wright; 2, vhc Radburn. GOLDF. AND BULLF.: 1, Loxley; 2, Fincher; 3, Goyder; vhc, Radburn.—A. Wright, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Annual exhibition, Good Templar Hall, Perth, Oct. 21. Owing to the fact that many members are on military service there was a considerable decrease in the number of entries, although competition and quality were nevertheless good. This was particularly noticeable in the Norwich, Borders, Scotch Fancy, Yorkshire, and British bird section, where many fine birds were shown. The arrangements made by Mr. J. L. Smith, the secretary, were all that could be desired. Young Crest Ck.: 1, cup, Brough; 2, Bruce. C.-B.: 1, Brough. Old Crest: 1, 2, Allan; 3, 4, 5, Dott. C.-B.: 1, spl, Dott; 2, Bruce. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, cup, Crawford; 2, Mrs. Banks; 3, Borrie. Buff: 1, spl, Borrie; 2, Cuthbert. Yell. Hen: 1, spl, rose bowl, 2, spl, Crawford; 3, Mrs. Banks; 4, Cuthbert; 5, 6, Borrie. Buff: 1, 4, 5, spl, Mrs. Banks; 2, Borrie; 3, Crawford. Unled Yell. Ck.: 1, Mrs. Banks. Buff: 1, Borrie. Yell. Hen: 1, Borrie; 2, Mrs. Banks. Buff: 1, 2, Borrie; 3, Mrs. Banks. Old Ck.: 1, spl, 5, spl, Cuthbert; 2, Mrs. Banks; 3, spl, 4, Crawford; 6, Stratton. Hen: 1, 4, Crawford; 2, Boric; 3, Mrs. Banks; 5, 6, Cuthbert; 7, Robertson. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, Brough; 2, Bruce; 3, Smith. Buff: 1, cup, Dewar cup, gold medal, 2, Smith; 3, Bruce; 4, Allen. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Bance; 2, Smith. Buff: 1, Smith. Old Ck.: 1, sp, Smith. S. Fancy Young Ck.: 1, 2, Mitchell. Hen: 1, cup, 2, 3, spl, Mitchell; 4, 5, spl, Smith. Old Cock: 1, spl, Smith; 2, Mitchell; 3, Smith. Hen: 1, 2, 3, spl, Smith. Yorks Yell. Ck.: 1, cup, silver medal, spl, Johnston; 2, Gunning. Buff: 1, 2, Johnston. Buff Hen: 1, 2, Johnston. Old Ck.: 1, spl, 2, 3, spl, 4, Gunning. Hen: 1, Gunning. Goldf.: 1, 2, spl, Reid; 3, Mrs. Banks; 4, Brown; 5, McPherson; 6, Robertson. Bullf. Ck.: 1, Cranna. Hen: 1, Cranna; 2, Robertson; 3, Smith. Greenf.: 1, cup, McPherson; 2, Reid; 3, 4, Robertson. Linnet, H.M.: 1, McPherson; 2, Cranna; 3, Mrs. Banks; 4, spl, 5, Reid; 6, Brown. F.-M.: 1, Robertson; 2, Cuthbert; Siskin: 1, 3, spl, Cranna; 2, Murray; 4, McPherson; 5, Robertson. Young Mules: 1, 2, spl, Mitchell. Young Hyb.: 1, cup, Cranna. Old Mules or Hyb.: 1, spl, Cranna; 2, Stratton. For.: 1, Mrs. Banks. Spl. best young bird: Crawford Best old bird: Smith. Most points: Smith; 2, spl, Mrs. Banks. Most points British: Cranna. Most points against member: Robertson.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Members' show, Oct 28, The Fountain Inn; 61 birds staged, and some very good ones were benched. Mr. J. A. Taylor, Frizinghall, judged, and his awards were well received. Yorks, Class 1: 1, Fretwell, 2, 3, Sparks; vhc, Dale; he, J. Wilcock. Class 2: 1, 2, Stebbings; 3, Sparks; 4, Dale. Class 3: 1, Fretwell; 2, Stebbings; 3, J. Wilcock; 4, vhc, Pearson. Class 4: 1, vhc, J. Wilcock; 2, 3, Stebbings; 4, Sparks; vhc, Fretwell. Class 5: 1, 4, Sparks; 2, Fretwell; 3, he, J. Wilcock; vhc, Stebbings; c, Dale. Nov. Yorks., Class 6: 1, 2, 3, Boocock; 4, Bousfield. Class 7: 1, 2, Bousfield. Class 8: 1, Wright; 2, Boocock. Class 9: 1, 3, Boocock; 2, Wright; 4, Bousfield. Class 10: 1, 2, Bousfield; 3, Boocock; 4, Wright. Nor., Class 11: 1, 4, S. Wilcock; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, vhc, Markwell. Class 12: 1, J. Wilcock; 2, Markwell; 3, Pearson. Class 13: 1, 3, J. Wilcock; 2, 4, Markwell. Class 14: 1, 2, S. Wilcock; 3, vhc, J. Wilcock; 4, he, Markwell; c, Pearson.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Oct. 20; 20 birds sang: 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, shared Marshall and Binns; 4, Blanchard. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward. Club open for new members till March 21.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Oct. 20; 23 birds sang: 1, Stockhill; 2, Richardson; 3, Robinson; 4, Marshall. Judges, S. Butt, W. Lacy. Grand Roller Canary contest, Oct. 20; 8 birds sang: 1, Thompson; 2, Smith; 3, Smith. Judges, W. Lacy, H. Robinson. Open Canary contest, Nov. 5.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Oct. 28; 12 birds sang: 1, Thompson; 2, Stead; 3, Ridgyard. Judges, Naylor and J. Chadwick. Linnet contest, Oct. 29, 22 birds sang: 1, Sellers; 2, Sissons; 3, T. Ward; 4, Sissons; 5, Jim Chippindale. Judges, Hardeastle, Naylor, and Grant. Roller contest, 14 birds sang: 1, 2, Stead; 3, S. Johnson. Judges, Hardeastle and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Does the British Bullfinch Migrate?

A TILT AT "CABINET NATURALISTS."

JUDGING by the specimens one sometimes sees on our show benches, Continental Bullfinches are believed by some to visit us as migrants, for when a question is raised as to their nationality they are invariably said to be "British caught."

It has been left to a correspondent of the "Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury," however, to suggest that our own sturdy little Britisher exchanges visits with these reputed wanderers from the other side of the North Sea, and in the issue of that paper of Oct. 17 he writes as follows:—

"Dodging through the elders, halting for a second on the bramble patch, where the ripe berries caught its sharp eye; then passing on to the rose-clump, adorned with scarlet hips, went a smart Bullfinch (says 'F.Z.S.') Its oft-repeated calls ('Whib, whib') drew my attention to it, and then I watched the white patch, so conspicuous on the retreating bird, as it passed down the wood. A little later I heard another, and still a third, and later in the day the keeper remarked to me that there had been an unusually large number in the wood. I should have thought little about it, but a friend who lives some five miles away from this wood told me that Bullfinches had been regularly in his garden for some days. Few of us think of the Bullfinch as a migrant, but there is no doubt that it is to some extent a spring and autumn traveller, and a passing wave of the birds has touched the district. Further on in the same wood, half a mile in extent, the sharp calls of Tits pierced the foliage, and I found a party of a score or more of Blue Tits with a few Coals travelling through the undergrowth. Naturally one would say more migrants, but all depends upon what we mean by the word. The Tits were nomadic wanderers, travelling from place to place in England, perhaps no further than to and fro in some few square miles of country; whereas the Bullfinches, though not in a flock, were probably on a much longer and more direct journey, and might possibly reach southern counties. It is not supposed that our British Bullfinch ever leaves England, but the "splitters" of species into sub-species are not always correct in their suppositions."

CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Continued from page 625.)

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

THE "London Breeder" has been pronounced "complicated" by some, and "old-fashioned" by others, while many find it almost impossible to keep them free from insect pests, so that other breeding-cages more simple in construction have been brought into use.

A very nice make of cage, one that can be used in the summer as a breeding-cage, and in the winter as a store cage or a double-compartment cage, is made box-shape, that is, all solid deal or pine-wood except the front. It is 30 inches long, 14 inches high, and 11 inches from front to back. It is divided in the centre by a sliding partition from top to bottom, also made of wood, but this should have a wired grating in it coverable by a slide of wood. It must also have two doors and two sliding sand-trays.

Do not have any up and down sliding-doors, they are either always sliding down when they are wanted up, or else they jamb when they are required to slide down. Have your cage-doors made to hinge on a wire. The fronts of either these modern breeders or of the "London breeders" may be made detachable.

The Insides of Cages.

Some fanciers do not colour the insides of their cages, but Canaries look very insipid and unattractive with a wood-coloured background. Others lay on two or three coatings of lime-wash, but we do not recommend it, feeling convinced that small portions of lime may eventually become detached and give rise to inflammation of the eyes, and this may lead to serious trouble.

Another plan is to make a distemper-wash of whiting, size, and a little alum, to which may be added some ultramarine blue to any desired shade; this may be laid on when warm or it may be allowed to get cold, and then, if too thick, be softened with the addition of a little warm water.

Where only one or two cages are in use the insides can be coloured very nicely with enamel, although we think its polish detracts from that of the plumage of the occupants, and causes them to look dull, and it also appears, and probably is, cold-striking. For the majority of fanciers, who may have ten or twenty cages to work with but neither time nor money to expend on enamelling, it will be found that non-poisonous paint that is made to dry "flat" or without polish is the best for general purposes.

With the modern breeders, either the square wooden nest-boxes, the circular earthenware nest-pans, or the tins may be used, and are suspended from hooks, screws, or flat-headed nails driven into the cage walls. Sometimes a stout wire runs round the rim of the nest-tin and finishes in two legs that slip into two staples or screw-eyes so that the nest stands away from the cage wall about half an inch, the idea being to get away from marauding insects. For the earthenware nest-pans these stout wire frames are, of course, made separately, and the pans drop into them.

Modern versus "London" Breeding Cages

These modern breeders are simple in construction, light and roomy inside, easily taken to pieces, cleaned, and put together again, and usable all the year round. Their greatest drawback is caused by the unprotected state of the nest, permitting as this does the risk of a young one or an egg being thrown overboard by the hen, as she bursts off after something she would seem to have forgotten, and then suddenly to have remembered.

If the cock bird is in the cage he quickly finds the youngster, but does not as quickly restore it to its nest. One can only charitably suppose his misguided pecking at it is evidence of the desire to restore it, but the tender limbs cannot stand such rough usage, and the chick is soon dead.

Now in the "London breeders" the hen sitting on the eggs or young ones in a box or pan that is situated in the centre of one of the nesting compartments cannot rush off in such a mad way, but has to rise gently and pop quietly out of the little room, and even if an egg or a chick momentarily adhered to her plumage it would probably drop from her before she got into the cage space, and could be restored if found.

It is very risky work leaving the cock in the cage with the hen after she has commenced to incubate, and some fanciers never chance his being all right, but either take him away or shut him off with the partition until the youngsters are a week old.

It also sometimes happens that he is wanted for pairing with a second hen, but we do not think that there is anything gained by this method, because it often happens that the first hen will pine or otherwise neglect her eggs, or starve her progeny. There can be no doubt the most natural way is the best, the only difficulty being to get it observed and fully carried out under artificial conditions.

If, when the hen commences to brood her eggs, the cock will stand at a convenient distance, so that he can be seen or spoken to by her ladyship whenever she might feel so disposed, and if he will assist to feed the chicks almost as soon as they are hatched, nothing could be nicer; but for some reason, or for no reason, he will not always act thus, his instincts seem blunted, he looks in the nest, seems very much surprised, forgets that there is anything to do, then gets something to eat for himself alone.

The hen may have seen him standing on the side of the nest with his head drooped down, and may have taken it for granted that he had fed the baby, being just as well qualified for the task as herself, so she hastens back, and to keep it warm, pops on it while it has already started on the road to starvation in the land of plenty.

About Perches.

A great deal of discomfort is often given to the bird through the perches in the breeding cages being set in unsuitable positions, as, for instance, just over the egg drawer, thus permitting the droppings to be caught, and to contaminate the egg-food, or sometimes they are placed one over the other with the same disagreeable results. Each perch should have an inch or two of wire run into the centre of one of its ends, leaving about a quarter of an inch outside, this should fit into a bradhole in the back cage wall, and the other end should run for about an inch outside the cage-front, so that the perch may be withdrawn and cleaned without one's hand being thrust into the cage to disturb the inmates.

When the birds are first put up for breeding, one should be placed in each compartment, and the smaller slide withdrawn so that they can see each other but cannot fight or quarrel, as they are apt to do at the commencement of the season, and occasionally afterwards. If a misunderstanding should occur after they have been put together, and it is not soon ended, the birds should again be separated for a time.

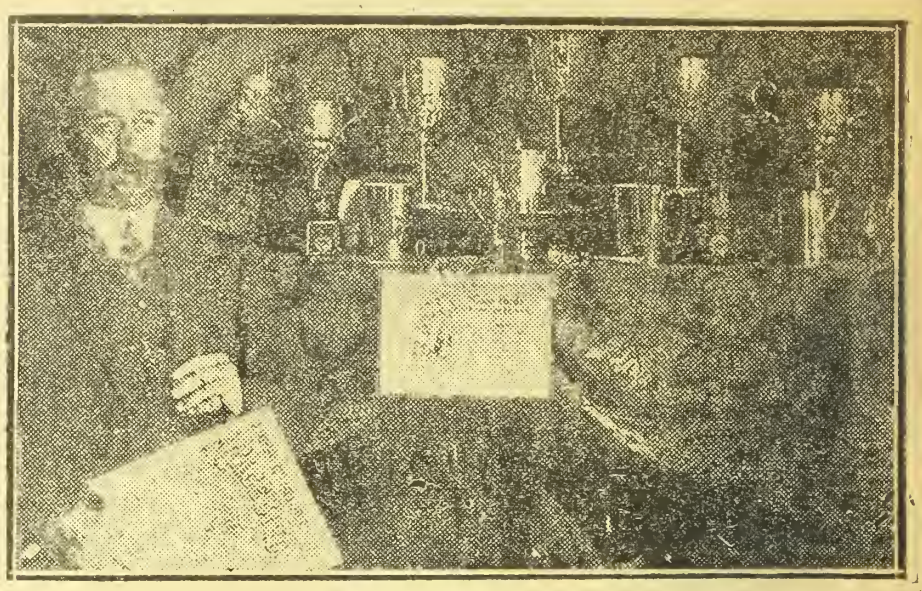
As soon as they are run into the breeding cages, they should have a little egg-food supplied almost every day, also green meat in the form of watercress, or any of the other salads previously mentioned, or some genuine rape seed may be sown in some sand in small pots or tins and placed in the cage so that the birds can peck the seedling-plants when they are about an inch high.

The lowly sand-trays, also, are not to be lightly passed over without attention. Some cages are made without any, and some have only a "turn-rail" at base of front-stay, and through which, when opened, the refuse has to be scraped forward with a hook—and, would it be credited, there are some breeding-cages that have no arrangements made for cleaning out, but that sometimes—nearly every Bank Holiday, we will suppose—have all the accumulation scraped up by hand and fished out through the doorway.

The very fine red or yellow sand used by builders is too small in grain for cage-birds, they require something more gritty, so that the stones may be picked out by them and passed into the gizzard, where they are used for milling or triturating the corn they get from their Canary-seed into digestible matter. Washed river-sand or coarse sand from the sea-shore is splendid for the purpose; the former must be well washed and dried, but the latter may be used as found.

The chemical composition of the various seeds usually given to Canaries has been often investigated and published, and the feeding value established by tables showing percentages of this and that elementary substance, such as sulphur, which is abundant in the seeds of most of the Brassica family, or cabbage tribe, of phosphorus and its phosphates, Nitrogen and Nitrates, besides such organised compounds as fat or oil, starch, vegetable-albumen, woody-fibre, and ash.

(To be continued.)



MR. J. TRISTEM, of Bristol,

a well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Canaries, and some of the trophies won by his birds.

The Training of the Roller Canary.

By G. SMITH, Wigan, President of the Wigan Roller Club.

A successful owner of long experience tells how to feed, how to teach, and how to prepare the Roller Canary for contest singing.

AS a successful breeder and exhibitor of Roller Canaries it might not be out of season at the present moment to give to my brother fanciers a little advice, and explain the methods I adopt in order to prepare my birds for the singing contests which are held about the end of each year. I have noticed that articles on this subject do not often appear in CAGE BIRDS, so I trust this short instruction on the most interesting and difficult part of the Roller fancier's hobby may be found interesting.

First of all, in order to train the young birds so that they may have some chance of success at a singing contest it is absolutely essential to procure a good tutor, or, as it is sometimes called, "schoolmaster." He must be of the same strain as the young birds that are to be his pupils; in other words, his tone and range of tours must be similar to theirs. This is of the greatest importance. Bear in mind that to use a tutor of a different strain is equal in effect to a crossing of blood.

In my opinion a tutor is far better than any bird-organ. These organs may serve a useful purpose at times, as, for example, to encourage the youngsters to persevere in their efforts when the tutor, being in moult, has lapsed into silence. But on the whole I am not at all in favour of organs.

By a "good" tutor I mean a bird with a good hollow roll, good bass roll, hollow bell, nice flute notes, water Glucke, Shockel, deep Glucke, water roll, bell tour, and bell roll. These rolls form, to my mind, the best part of the Roller's song.

The Most Desirable Tour.

As an old fancier of many years' experience it is my opinion that the hollow roll and flute notes are gradually dying out of the Roller's song. One seldom hears at the different contests nowadays a real good hollow roll, yet when given in what I might term "a rise and fall" key it is the most beautiful of all the rolls. The "straight" hollow roll is common enough, and, as its name implies, is sung in a level key. I might mention that at the last British Roller C.C. contest in London a bird of mine had the somewhat rare honour of getting full points (8) for hollow roll.

The great point to keep in mind in choosing a tutor is this: don't select a bird that has any harsh notes, or which sings with open beak. Choose the quiet, even songster, the bird which very seldom rises to the sharp bell roll or Aufzug. Remember the best rolls are always produced with the beak closed.

The tutor or tutors selected (I use one tutor to every dozen young cocks), the next move is to cage off all the youngsters in cabinets or shutter cages. Either kind of cages will do quite well.

After a fortnight, during which time they will have become accustomed to their new surroundings, begin to darken them off. Do this very gradually, until the cages are all closed. Now their training begins in earnest. The complete darkness of their cages causes them to keep still and to listen very intently to the song of their tutor, for they have nothing to distract their attention.

The tutor's cage door is now opened, and he is given time to go through his tours several times, for a quarter of an hour or so. Then, closing him up again, open the cabinets of the young cocks, so that they may endeavour to imitate the rolls that they have heard. Do this for about an hour twice a day.

Should any of the young cocks get too loud, keep him closed a little more, but any bird that begins to bring out harsh notes should be removed at once. Listen intently to them when they are at practice, and be sure to remove the faulty ones, or otherwise all the others will be spoilt. You will always get some faulty ones, and if darkening and lowering the position of their cages does not improve them, remove them out of hearing of the others.

A word here might be put in as regards the proper kind of feeding for the birds. I feed all my Rollers on three parts rape to one part canary seed. If it were possible to get the pure summer rape seed I would even increase the proportion of rape. But three to one will be found best for the time being, when there is so much adulterated rape on the market.

Preparing for the Contest.

When the young cocks are in full song, I like to get them very tame. This is very important for those birds which you intend to enter for contests. I have known many a good bird that has not sung whilst it was before the judge because of shyness. There is much in getting your birds tame and willing to sing as soon as the doors of their cages are open.

To train them in this way you must get them accustomed to singing whenever they are placed on the table and the cage opened. Try them every evening. If in half an hour they refuse to sing close them up and give the others a chance. Should you be visiting a friend, take a couple of your birds with you and try them in a strange house.

You cannot get your birds tame if you do not move them about. Keep them constantly on the move in your own house. One day put the cage in one place, the next in another, and so on. And when the contest is close at hand keep them well shut up, and try each bird every night for ten minutes. In this way you will prepare the birds, so that at the contest they will start to sing as soon as the doors of their cages are opened, and this, I know, pleases the judges.

To sum up, I would advise my readers to pay attention, first to the selection of their tutor, then to the proper feeding of their birds and the method of training which I have outlined; finally, and to this I attach great importance, to getting the birds very tame. The breeding and training of Rollers has been my hobby for many years, and I have, by the methods here given, had the satisfaction and pleasure of carrying off numerous prizes at singing contests throughout the country.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

ROUND THE BIRD SHOWS.

MANCHESTER.

A SPLENDID ENTRY OF OVER 1,000 BIRDS.

34th annual show of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., at the Caxton Hall, Chapel Street, Salford, Oct. 27 and 28, with a splendid entry of 1,014. Norwich Canaries alone numbered over 400. The entry in this section was a record one, and quality, independent of numbers, was of the highest order. Yorkshires did not turn up to expectations in numbers, yet these comprised some of the best. A somewhat general question was: Where were the Sheffield men? So there would seem to have been some disappointment in this station.

Borders were exceptionally good for quality and made a very good show. Winners were to be seen belonging to owners from far and near. Mules and Hybrids were few, but the winners were of good merit.

Britishers were very nice and are coming on by degrees. Another week or two will see many more of the finished article on view.

Crests and cinnamons were below the average, but the quality of the latter was quite satisfactory. Lancashires were only small classes, yet some representative specimens were on view. We noted that Messrs. Fuller (Teddy), Stansfield, Blincoe, and Collinge were still upholding the variety. Lizards were the best seen for some time and averaged 14 per class, which was very pleasing. Many really grand specimens were here shown by Messrs. Rukin, Hamer, Hampshire, Hardy, Ford, and Barnes. The award in the first competition for the Kingsweir challenge cup, presented by Mrs. Burgess, of Bristol, for the best 1916 Lizard, was secured by Mr. Rukin with an elegant Gold Lizard hen.

The President (Mr. Kiarns) was unavoidably absent, but the Chairman (Mr. John Raynes), together with Messrs. S. Cook, W. Moorbey, J. Turner, G. Bruce, E. Dooley, J. Colbeck, F. Hayward, A. G. Smith, F. Wilson, W. Hubbard, Bowden, Broughton, Fairhurst, were an admirable working committee, attending most assiduously to their duties. The show management, under the direction of Mr. J. Green, a secretary of pleasant and agreeable disposition, was all that could be desired.

On Saturday, among the visitors from a distance, we noticed Messrs. Bastock (Birmingham), Howe (Wellingboro'), Dr. Craig (Sheffield), Bradley (New Mills), Johnson (Southport), Teddy Fuller (Glossop), with a new clay pipe, and many others. The show was well patronised all day. Sales totalled about £30. There was evidence of it being a most successful show. The judges were: Lancs. and Lizards, B. Clegg; Norwich, H. W. Battye; Yorks, J. Greaves, and the remainder, C. Houlton.

Mr. Barker Clegg's Classes.

LANCS. COPPY (6): 1, 2, Fuller, clear, beautiful frontal, well up on legs, well shown, grand cond., 2nd tkd. buff, typical Lancs., stands well up, good pos.; 3, 4, Collinge, 3rd cl., more subs. of body, long-sided, not so good on legs; vhc, hc, Stansfield. PLAINHEAD (6): 1, Blincoe, buff, really fine matured bird, good Lancs. properties, easy win; 2, vhc, Fuller, buff, good pos., long-sided, good cond.; 3, Stansfield, yell., good feather and size, loses in pos.; 4, Clark; vhc, Fuller; hc, Collinge. COPPY OR PLAINHEAD, 1916 (5): 1, Stansfield, Plainhead, fine subs., grand pos., very promising; 2, 3, Clark, 2nd yell. Coppy, grand pos., nice Coppy, loses in subs., 3rd Plainhead, nice qual., good stand, close up; 4, Collinge. HEN (4): 1, 3, Fuller, cl. buff Coppy, nice frontal, well-filled back, pos. grand, well shown; 3, 4, Collinge, 3rd grand subs., long-sided, fails in pos. LIZARD, GOLD, CLEAR CAP (7): 1, Barnes, full cap, nice bold work, rich ground col., sound wings and tail; 2, Hardy, bold Spangle, rich col., fails in butts; 3, Rukin, grand bird, rich col., lost feather in wing or would have been higher; 4, Hamer; vhc, hc, Hampshire; c, Howard. SILVER (9): 1, Hardy, fine bold Spangle, good head and cap, splendid cond.; 2, 4, Hamer, neat cap, beautiful work, close up; 3, Barnes, grand bird, bald Spangle, nice cap, fails on butts; vhc, hc, Rukin; c, Hampshire. BROKEN CAP GOLD (16): 1, hc, Rukin, bold in spangle, rich ground col., fine bird all round; 2, Ridgard, not so bold in work, nice qual., close up; 3, Hamer, bold work, rich col.; 4, Bosworth; vhc, Barnes; c, Moorbey. SILVER (14): 1, Ford, fine bold work, nice ground col., bouncer for a Silver, nice lacing; 2, Hamer, another good one, little to choose; 3, c, Hampshire, fails in evenness of spangle, though plenty of work; 4, hc, Rukin, nice underwork, on good ground col., not so even in work on one side; vhc, Barnes. GOLD HENS (17): best class in the section for quality: 1, cup, vhc, Rukin, clear cap, one of the first water, a gem all round; 2, c, Barnes, another good one, fine bold work, runs close; 3, Ford, not so rich in ground col.; 4, Hardy, broken cap, bold spangle, good col.; hc, Ollerenshaw. SILVER (19): 1, Hamer, smart lady, fine spangle, sound col.: 2, 4, Hampshire, 2nd close up, not quite so bold in work: 3, Rukin, fine hen, big bird, close on; vhc, Barnes; hc, Hardy: c, Ollerenshaw.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. J. Greaves.

CL. TKD. YELL. CK (3): 1, c, Brooks, cl., grand pos., nice length, good col., feathered like a Java; 2, Bulmer, cl., nice pos., fine length, nicely braced; 3, Hartley, not quite so shapely, a bit stout; 4, Knowles, rich col., nice pos., fine style; vhc, Potts; hc, Hirst. BUFF (16): 1, Dooley, cl., grand pos., rare length, well braced wings and pipe tail; 2, Hartley, a little more subs., grand pos., beautiful feather; 3, Thomas, very smart, loses in length; 4, Spencer, a good bird, excellent pos., nice feather and cond.; vhc, Brown, we liked very much, will do better; hc, Hirst; c, Wilcock. VAR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Young, mkd. wings, extra fine style and pos., nice length, rich col.; 2, Burke, not quite so smart, more subs., fine length, nice feather; 3, Evans. BUFF (2): 1, Hartley, fine upstanding bird, plenty of subs.; 2, Potts, nice head, grand length, close up. YELL. HEN (9), a grand class: 1, Radley, smart in pos., grand length and col.; 2, Brown, another good one, some thought might have won; 3, Thomas, typical, fine feather and pos.; 4, Brooks, close up, nice style and length; vhc, Johnson; hc, Hartley; c, Broughton. BUFF (6): 1, Hartley, grand style, feather and pos.; 2, Knowles, more length, smart in style; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Dooley; vhc, Broughton; hc, Spencer. YELL. 1916 (13): 1, 2, Baldwin, leader clear, very typical, good col., nicely braced wings and tail, 2nd clever bird, well placed; 3, Young, rather more subs., not the length; 4, Dooley, right good style; vhc, hc, Hirst; c, Brooks. BUFF (14): 1, Hartley, topping youngster, easy win; 2, Potts, not so clever, yet a good one; 3, Balmer, fails in carriage and cond.; 4, Knowles, we thought might have moved up; vhc, Spencer; hc, Radley; c, Brooks. GREENS, SELF OR FOUL YELL. CK. (9): 1, Handley, foul tail, right col., a good one; 2, Rowlands, almost a self, good col. and feather; 3, Postlethwaite, fine feather, nice style and sound col.; 4, Young; vhc, Jones; hc, Roberts; c, Evans. BUFF (8): 1, Rowlands, self, sound col., nice style and pos.; 2, Roberts, more subs., not so clever; 3, Hickson, nice col. and style, well up; 4, Jones; vhc, Postlethwaite; hc, c, Evans. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, vhc, Rowlands, leader beauty for tone of col., a good one, stylish; 2, Jones, fine col., pos. and style, well up; 4, Roberts; hc, Postlethwaite. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Rowlands, pretty hen, grand style and pos.; 2, hc, T. Evans, sound col., nice style and pos.; 3, Handley, well up to 2nd; vhc, E. Evans; c, Hickson.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Turner, grand size and col., large head, a little browed; 2, Hathaway, we preferred, lovely feather, nice wing and tail, really smart; 3, Wharton, warm in col., beautiful feather, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, vhc, Peters; hc, Gough and Loach; c, Hargraves. BUFF (26): 1, 2, vhc, Cook, all that can be desired for a Norwich, though perhaps a little too much on head, 2nd similar, not quite so round and full; 3, Baldwin, nice entrance, beautiful feather, beaten in col.; 4, Chilton, nice feather and carr.; hc, Hartup; c, Beswick. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 4, Crawshaw, splendid shape of body, beautiful feather, hot col., fine cond.; 2, Turner, grand col. and cond., runs very close, well known winner; 3, Thomas, warmer col., lovely feather, smart bird, well up; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Stubbs Bros.; c, Wilson. BUFF (21): 1, 2, c, Crawshaw, nice entrance, lovely feather, well-filled back, easy win; 2nd well up in size, nice soft silky feather, well placed; 3, Cook, another good one, well up; 4, Turner, grand cond., fails on head; vhc, Grainger; hc, Stubbs Bros. HEN, YELL. (22): 1, Hirst, nice feather and col.; 2, Brown, good col., shape, nice wings and tail; 3, Thomas, more subs., bit slack 4, Stafford, beaten in wing carr.; vhc, Sharples, a grand hen, might have gone up considerably; hc, Turner; c, Hathaway. BUFF (24): 1, Clayton, grand shape, well carried wings and tail, beautiful feather, claimed at catalogue price of £10; 2, Peters, another good one, close up; 3, Heap; 4, Kayberry; vhc, hc, Cook; c, Leese. 1916 YELL. CK. (32): 1, Godley, grand col., lovely feather, level properties, well-braced wings and tail; 2, Peters, nice col. and feather, right type, splendid carr.; 3, Priestley, not so good in wing carr.; 4, Sharples, very typical and promising; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Brown; c, Beswick; many good birds necessarily cardless. BUFF (34): 1, Hirst, nice pos., good head and neck, well-filled back; 2, Crawshaw, warmer in col., a good one, though a bit loose; 3, Hayward, not so good in carr., nice feather and pos.; 4, Fielding, just a bit too long in wings; vhc, Steele; hc, Beswick, a lovely bird, might have been higher; c, Peters. 1916 HEN (36): 1, Wharton, yell., typical, good all-round; 2, 4, Crawshaw, 2nd buff, better type, lovely feather, tip-top cond.; 3, Grainger, typical, good qual., close up; 4, Peters; vhc, hc, Lingard; c, Hirst. GREENS, YELL. CK. (16): 1, vhc, McAndrew, foul tail, nice head, sound col., well-filled back, wins well; 2, Murray, self, nice col., typical; 3, hc, Handley, a bit long in wing good col.; 4, Jenkins.' BUFF (7): 1, Bruce, fine type, good size, crosses wings a bit; 2, McAndrew, just beaten in qual.; 3, Handley, right type and col.; 4, Robey; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Cook; c, Stafford. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Bruce, self, nice type and cond.; 2, McAndrew, typical, nice qual.; 3, Hayward, another of the right sort; 4, Roby; vhc, Murray; hc, Handley; c, Chipendale. BUFF (2): 1, Raynes, fine large bird, a good one; 2, McAndrew, nice col. and shape, well placed. CRESTED (3): 1, Owens, grand dark crest, nice radiation; 2, 3, Green and Son, 2nd nice flowing crest, from a nice centre NOR. CINN. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Mrs. Tweedale, good sound col., very level, well up in size; 2, Godley, close on, grand col., nice feather; 3, Hartup, bit patchy in col., nice feather; 4, Godley. BUFF (6): 1, Mrs. Tweedale, fine size and sound col., nice qual.; 2, Hartup, close up, similar; 3, Kitson; 4, Derry; vhc, hc, Godley. 1916 (5): 1, Godley, buff, lovely youngster, sound col., good cond.; 2, 3, vhc, Godley, larger, beaten in cond.; 4, Hartup HEN (10): 1, Mrs. Tweedale, lovely yell., sound col., splendid cond.; 2, hc, c, Godley, buff, level col., nice size and qual.; 3, 4, Smalley, fine big yell., not so well moulded; vhc, Hartup. SELL. 30s.: 1, Bulmer; 2, Lingard; 3, Mattinson; 4, vhc, Thorpe; hc, Parlett; c, Jones. 20s.: 1, Spencer; 2, T. H. Collinge; 3, Mattinson; 4, Jones; vhc, Blincoe; hc, Lingard; c, Stafford. 12s. 6d.: 1, T. H. Collinge; 2, Catlow; 3, Appleton; 4, Carphey; vhc, Radley; hc, Garbutt; c, Jones.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

YELL. GREEN BORD. CK (9): 1, 4, Johnston, grand typical bird, deep level tone of col., fine carr., neat wings and tail, A1 cond.; 2, Montgomery, shade heavier body, good level col., fine carr. and cond.; 3, Render, very smart and close up in all respects; vhc, hc, Middleton; c, Nicholson. BUFF: 1, Espie, lovely type, soft even deep tone and level col., rare carr. and cond.; 2, Johnston, another wee gem right through; 3, Render, quite a good one, very fine carr. etc.; 4, Middleton, pretty col., gay and jaunty carr., fine form; vhc, hc, Montgomery. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Render, grand type and col., neat size, deep dark points, fine carr. and cond.; 2, 4, Montgomery, good ones all over, right type and col.; 3, Middleton, very neat and compact, nice col. and cond.; vhc, hc, Johnston; c, Espie. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Middleton, winner a real gem in A1 order; 2, 4, Montgomery, right up in col. and type, very level throughout, good carr. and cond. CINN. (10): 1, Johnston, grand cinnamon col., nice type, fine carr. and style; 2, Colbeck, pretty col., good type, jaunty style and carr., fine cond.; 3, c, Middleton, not quite at its best yet, neat type and col.; 4, Claro, rich, a gem for type; vhc, Newton; hc, Nicholson. CL. OR TKD, YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hesketh, very tight and smart, grand carr., lovely feather and cond.; 2, Nicholson, very pretty and neat all through, grand type and carr.; 3, Espie, lovely qual., A1 in style, type and carr.; 4, Dixon, well up in all points; vhc, Shackley; hc, Johnston; c, McLaughlin. BUFF (8): 1, Nicholson, a real fine typical gem all over; 2, Hesketh, very neat, gay and jaunty carr., fine qual. feather; 3, Espie, pretty type, smart carr. and cond.; 4, Moore and Son, tkd. on head, very fine type, carr. and cond.; vhc, Dixon; hc, Johnston; c, Croft and Houlgrave. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Espie, grand clear, typical, good nat. col., fine cond.; 2, Dixon, real Cumberland gem, fine carr., A1 qual.; 3, Johnston, real Border, fine type and cond.; 4, Newton, bit loose in breast at the moment; vhc, Croft and Houlgrave; hc, Nicholson. BUFF (7): 1, McLaughlin, very gay and jaunty carr., neat type, A1 cond.; 2, Clare, grand finish, fine car., feather and cond.; 3, Espie, of the real type, in best of show form; 4, Dixon, grand wee chappie, fine cond.; vhc, Shackley; hc, Croft and Houlgrave. VAR. CK. OR HEN (11): 1, 2, Nicholson, mkd. beauties, green mark and cinn. mark, both in highest cond.; 3, Moore and Son, very fine qual., style, carr. and tight cond.; 4, hc, Dixon, smaller, but a gem for qual., carr. and cond.; vhc, Colbeck; c, Newton.

THE HYBRIDS, BRITISH & FOREIGN.

CL., &c., HYB. (13): 1, McQuiston, very smart mkd. yell. Goldf.-Can., splendid col., qual. and cond., a gem; 2, 3, Hubbard, good pair of buff mkd. Goldf.-Can., splendid col., bloom and cond.; 4, vhc, Ridley, good pair, not quite so tight in feather and cond.; hc, Wilson; c, Shaw. DARK (5): 1, McQuiston, good dark yell. Goldf.-Can., in full flow of col and cond; 2, Wilson, nice Linnet-Can., in good cond. 3, Newton, paler, yell. Goldf.-Can.; 4, Hubbard; vhc, McAndrew. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, Can.-Bullf., Redpoll-Bullf., and Chaff-Bramble, all in good order; 4, Newton, Goldf.-Greenf., in nice feather. GOLDF. (12): 1, Leadbeater, very nice face, clean cut, good tan, moons and bars, nice feather and cond.; 2, Raven, fine bird, rare good one when up in full col. later; 3, Eckersley, nice size and shape, good face, rich col., good tan, fine moons; 4, c, Hartley, just beaten in breast; vhc, Williams; hc, Shaw. BULLF. (6): 1, Gomersal, rare cap and dark points, good back and breast col., fine feather and cond.; 2, McQuiston, tight cond., nice bloom all through; 3, Osborne, paler, cobby, a good one when bloom is up; 4, Raven; vhc, Jaycott; hc, Wilson. GREENF. (6): 1, Raven, the best in cond. to-day; 2, Fairhurst, shade looser; 3, Wilson, smaller, nice cond.; 4, Osborne; vhc, Curphey; hc, Hubbard. YELL. BUNTING: 1, Johnson, very fine size, markings, col. and cond.; 2, 3, 4, Chick, leader best mkd., all in good cond. LINNET (14): 1, hc, McQuiston, grand feather, fine markings; 2, Parlett, rare size, good markings, runs very tight for first place; 3, Alexander, big bonny stout bird, rather paler, fine markings, etc.; 4, Fairhurst, very deep col., fine slim shape; vhc, c, Leadbeater. TWITE, &c. (17): fine class: 1, Fairhurst, real good Twite; 2, Strafford, pretty Siskin, in fine cond.; 3, 4, vhc, Raven, very pretty Redpoll leading, and a good Twite, quite close on heels of winner; hc, Jaycott, smart Redpoll; c, Gribbon. A.O.S. HARD. (9): 1, 2, Chick, fine Hawfinch and a great Corn Bunting, both in the pink; 3, vhc, Raven, good Bramble; 4, Hubbard, nice Chaffinch; hc, Strafford; c, Alexander. HENS (8): 1, 2, Chick, fine Hawfinch and Corn Bunting, both good col. and cond., 3, McQuiston, very pretty Chaffinch hen; 4, vhc, Raven, good Bramble hen leading; hc, Newton; c, Macpherson. SOFTBILLS (7): 1, 3, Chick, grand Wheatear and Redstart, both in the pink; 2, Wilkins, really fine Song Thrush, grandly spotted; 4, c, Summers, fine Pipit, A1 order; vhc, hc, Colton. AVADAVATS, &c.: 1, Colton, grand pair Orange-cheek Waxbills; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hubbard, pretty Combasson, in fine order, pretty pair White Javas, a nice pair of Diamond Sparrows, all in good order. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Hubbard, long-tailed Whydah, perfect. TANAGERS, &c.: 1, Hubbard, Peach-faced Love Birds, A1 order.

AMAT. YELL. CK.: 1 Etchells; 2, Gawne; 3, Fletcher; 4, Charnock; vhc, Radford. BUFF: 1, Nixon; 2, Smith; 3, Dodd; 4, Ashton; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Charnock; c, Jones. YEL. HEN: 1, Gawne; 2, Ashton; 3, Radford; 4, Smith; vhc, Cheetham; hc, Eastwood; c, Vernon. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Jones; 3, Dodd; 4, Ashton; vhc, Radford; hc, Eastwood. YELL. 1916: 1, Appleton; 2, Miss Cobley; 3, Etchells; 4, Wright; vhc, Jones; hc, Charnock; c, Dodd. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Fletcher; 3, Wright; 4, Green; vhc, Miss Cobley; hc, c, Cheetham.

AMAT. YELL.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Dickenson; 3, Rushton; 4, Nichols; vhc, J. Rushton; hc, Ridgway; c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Hampton; 2, Hughes; 3, Lane; 4, Oliver; vhc, Dickenson; hc, Taylor; c, Irvin. YELL. 1916: 1, Cook and Son; 2, Calverley; 3, Rushton; 4, Thornton; vhc, Dawson; hc, Colher. BUFF: 1, Gaul; 2, Crabtree; 3, Francis; 4, Hampton; vhc, Sykes; hc, Rushton. YELL. HEN: 1, Rushton; 2, Dickenson; 3, Higson; 4, Bowyer; vhc, Gaul; hc, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Warburton; 2, Catlow; 3, Thornton; 4, Hampton; vhc, Ridgway; hc, Nichols. HEN 1916: 1, Crabtree; 2, Thornton; 3, Hampton; 4, Hughes; vhc, Robinson; hc, Garbutt; c, Sykes. AMAT. BORD. YELL.: 1, Warburton; 2, Eckersley; 3, Evans; 4, Newton; vhc, Pape. BUFF: 1, Owen; 2, Pape; 3, c, Evans; 4, Warburton; vhc, hc, Eckersley.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.

AMAT. YORKS YELL.: 1, Riley; 2, Radford; 3, Musgrave; 4, Moorbey. BUFF: 1, Musgrave; 2, vhc, hc, Wilson; 3, Lane; 4, Riley. YELL. 1916: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Lane; 4, Riley; vhc, Moorbey. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Wilson; 2, Musgrave; 4, Moorbey; vhc, Riley. YELL. HEN: 1, Riley; 2, 3, vhc, Wilson; 4, hc, Musgrave; c, Lane. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Wilson; 2, vhc, Riley. NOR. YELL.: 1, Ridgway; 2, Lane. BUFF: 1, Ridgway; 2, 3, Lane. 1916 YELL.: 1, Lane; 2, Ridgway. BUFF: 1, 3, Lane; 2, Ridgway. YELL. HEN: 1, Ridgway. BUFF: 1, 2, Lane; 3, Ridgway.

LANDORE AND PLASMARL.

400 BIRDS AT A FIRST OPEN SHOW.

The first annual open show of the Landore and Plasmarl C.B.S. was held at George and Dragon Hotel, Landore, Oct. 28. Entries totalled over 400, a very gratifying result for the first venture, and the committee were highly delighted at the success. The birds were staged in the club room in tiers, and looked very comfortable, their wants being well attended to by a good band of stewards. The show managers, Messrs. Alf. Hitchings and R. Isaac had everything well prepared, and judging started promptly. They were ably assisted by a hard-working committee, Messrs. W. Hart, W. Llewellyn, H. Marshal, J. Slee, A. J. Bowen, A. Coleman, G. Edgington, J. Watkins, D. C. Jones, and J. Dutton. The sec., Mr. Hy. Fry, carried out his duties in a very able manner, and was well assisted by Mr. D. Rees, a very capable official. Everything went off without a hitch, and at the close the birds were promptly packed and put on rail with the least possible delay. The long-journey birds were kept over until the Monday.

Norwich were a nice collection, some really good exhibits heading the respective classes, Messrs. Hitchings, Thomas, Greaves, and Heath putting down some good teams. Yorks were rather disappointing in numbers; nevertheless a few good birds were staged. Borders were a fine collection, the greens and cinns. classes alone containing 32 exhibits, Messrs. Jenkins, Owens, Edgington, Messer, Hitchings, and Nicholas putting down some really charming exhibits. British made a fine collection, the Goldies, Bullies, Linnets, and Brambles, etc., being well up to the Welsh standard, Messrs. Chick, Davies, Lucas Bros., Bancroft, Gregory, Raven, and Mrs. L. E. T. Dalton staging some real champions. Mr. Jas. Hocking judged Canaries, and Mr. J. E. Jeffreys Mules and British.

Mr. Hocking's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK., CL., &c. (6): 1, Jenkins, cl., grand size, good head, deep chest, well cut away, superb qual.; 2, Hitchings, tip-top col., good round head, well braced wings and tail, hardly qual. of leader; 3, G. Davies, neck tkd., good size and col., well cut away, trifle longer; 4, D. H. Davies; vhc, Richards; hc, Jones. BUFF (13): 1, Greaves, cl., grand size, neat head, good cobby shape, plenty of daylight behind, grand col., qual., and mealing; 2, Davies, another cl., shade smaller, grand type, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Richards, good size, nice col. and qual., very shapely, trifle flat in head; 4, Matthews, good size, lovely col. and qual., trifle longer; vhc, Hitchings; hc, Jenkins; c, Bridgwater. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Heath, grand size, lovely col. and qual., neat head, well filled neck, grand wings and tail; 2, Hitchings, tip-top col. and qual., neat head and neck, a trifle on the long side; 3, Jones, paler col., very cobby, trifle on small side; 4, Rees, pale col., hardly subs. of leaders; vhc, Williams.

BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hitchings, eye and wing tkd., grand size, neat head, plenty of subs., well braced wings and tail, 2nd grizzle cap, wing mkd., good deep chest, well cut away, nice col., qual. and cond.; 3, Mabbett, var., fine size, good type and qual., fails trifle head points; 4, Hart, shade smaller; vhc, hc, Evans. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Addison, eye and wing mkd., good head and neck, nice deep chest, well-braced wings, good col. and qual; 2, 3, Slee, cl., lovely col. and qual., well moulded throughout, hardly the subs. of leader, 3rd cl., paler col., grand size, very shapely; 4, Hitchings; vhc, Thomas, a good var.; abs., Williams. BUFF (11): 1, Hitchings, cl., nice size, neat head and neck, well moulded body, good wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Matthews, grizzle cap, mkd., beautiful type and qual., nice size, well put down; 3, Davies, head mkd., lovely col. and qual., very typical, hardly subs. of leaders; 4, Mabbett, cl., lovely qual. and col., good type, loses trifle in entrance to head; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Slocombe; c, Davies. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Hitchings, cl., neat head, nicely rounded chest, well cut away, fair size, good qual.; some preferred 2, Thomas, eye and wing mkd., grand size, lovely col. and qual., good head and neck, deep chest, well cut away, perfect wings and tail; 3, Jones, cl., lovely col., nice size, neat head, good wings, hardly depth of chest of 2nd; 4, Hitchings; vhc, Thomas; hc, Davies. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, cl., nice col. and qual., good head and neck, plenty of subs., well cut behind, neat wings and tail; 2, Jones, cl., good size, neatly rounded head, good chest, nice short flights and tail, tip-top col. and qual.; 3, Hitchings, cl., good head and neck, nicely moulded, fails col. to leaders; 4, Heath, neck mkd., grand head, well-filled neck, good deep chest, well-braced wings and tail, wild when handled, which no doubt kept him back; vhc, hc, c, Jones. HEN (10): 1, Hitchings, non-fed yell., grand size, good head and neck, grand type and qual.; 2, Jones, cl. buff, nice type and qual., hardly subs. of leader; 3, Addison, buff, nice size, neat head and neck, good deep chest, good wings and tail; 4, Davies, buff, shade smaller, lovely qual. and col., nicely put down; vhc, Jones; hc, Hitchings; c, Slocombe. NON-FED YELL. (4): 1, Dutton, cl., good size, neat head, good deep chest, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Jones, cl., neat head and neck, good wings, hardly subs. of leader; 3, Walker, cl., nice col. and qual., shade on slim side; 4, Barnicourt. BUFF (3): 1, Walker, grizzle, mkd., buff, fair size, good col. and qual.; 2, Coleman, cl., nice col. and qual.; 3, Williams, eye and wing mkd., shade slim. NOV. (15): 1, Lewis, cl. buff, good cap and col., neat head, nice cobby shape, put down well; 2, Hopkins, cl. yell., shade longer, nice col. and qual., good wings and tail; 3, Bevan, cl. buff, nice qual, had been washing when we took notes; 4, vhc, Slee, var. buff, good size and qual., neat head, good wings and tail; hc, D. E. Jones; c, T. Jones. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Preedy, cl., good size, neat head, good straight back, well up on leg, nice col. and pos.; 2, Owen, cl., close up, very typical, fine length, good leg, splendid col. and qual.; 3, Brown, grizzle cap mkd., fair col., good length, well up on leg, very much frilled when we took notes; 4, Fry; vhc, Haywood. BUFF (6): 1, Brown, cl., neat head and neck, well-filled back, closely packed flights, nice nerve and pos.; 2, 3, Haywood, very typical, nice length, good col. and qual.; 4, Jones; vhc, Owen; hc, Griffiths. VAR. YELL. (5): 1, Brown, splendid col. and qual., nice length, well moulded, good nerve and pos.; 2, Wooton, close up, fine col. and qual., neat head, good type, well-packed wings, good leg; 3, Hart, shade smaller, good col. and qual., nice leg; 4, Jones; vhc, no name. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Fry, neat pair, good leg, nice qual. and col. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Brown, cl., good head and neck, nice front, well-braced wings, good nerve and pos.; 2, Owens, cl., shade paler, grand qual., neat head, best of wings and tail, stands well; 3, Haywood, cl., lovely col. and qual. BUFF (1): 1, Owens, var. cinn., superb qual., grand col., neat head, good back, fine pos., well up on leg. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Moule, cl., splendid col. and qual., neat head, good straight back, well moulded, stands well; 2, Owens, neck tkd., close up, very typical, fine length, grand leg, good col. and qual.; 3, Jones, cl., nice length, col. and qual., good leg, hardly as neatly rounded head; 4, Wooton, cl., shade paler col., lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, hc, Fry. BUFF (4): 1, Moule, cl., good head, neck and shoulders, neat wings and tail, grand leg and pos., good col. and qual.; 2, 3, Fry, cl., nice length, good nerve and pos., trifle flat on head, 3rd cl., plenty of length, good col. and qual., trifle narrow in entrance; 4, Owen. HEN (4): 1, Wooton, cl.,

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yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, neck, shoulders, good back and wings, nice length, pos. and leg; 2, 4, Fry, cl. buffs, leader good length, nice pos. and col.; 3, Preedy, cl. buff, badly frilled. NON-FED YELL. (6): 1, Haywood, cl., splendid length, nice pos., col. and qual.; 2, Isaacs, var., good col. and qual., hardly as nervy; 3, Brown, cl., good length, nice leg col. and qual., inclined to show frill on breast; 4, Williams; vhc, Grey; hc, Davies. BUFF (8): 1, Davies, cl., good col. and qual., neat head, neck, wings and tail, nice leg, good nerve; 2, Isaacs, cl., little to choose between; 3, Thomas, var., good col. and qual., hardly subs. of leaders; 4, hc, Haywood; vhc, Hart; hc, c, Davies. NOV. (7): 1, 2, Bevan, cl. yell. and cl. buff, neat exhibits, grand col., qual and cond., neat heads and necks, good length, fine leg, grand nerve; 3, Jones, cl. yell., good col., nice length and pos., loses polish; 4, Haywood; vhc, Jones; hc, c, Davies. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Jenkins, cl., a real gem, beautifully moulded, very jaunty, pnt down to perfection; 2, Owens, cl., superb qual., well modelled, hardly as good pos. as leader; 3, Thompson, cl., shade paler col., grand qual., correct type, feathered like wax; 4, Denyard; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Hopkins. BUFF (13), a grand class: 1, Jenkins, cl., well moulded, grand carriage, correct type, feathered like wax; 2, Owens, cl., a little gem, correct type, lovely col., grand qual. and cond.; 3, Edgington, cap mkd., nice size, grand shape, splendid feather, well put down; 4, Morgans, cl., true Border type, splendid qual. feather, hardly cond. of leaders; vhc, Madagan; hc, Watkins and Thomas; c, Davies. UNEVEN YELL. (4): 1, Mosser, eye and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual., grand shape, A1 cond.; 2, Madagan, cinn. var., lovely qual. feather, well moulded, fine carr.; 3, Denyard, var., nice size, very shapely; 4, Hill. BUFF (5): 1, Padfield, var., nice size and shape, good col., qual. and cond.; 2, D. Jenkins, head and wing mkd., grand type, lovely qual., cond. and col.; 3, James, wing mkd., very shapely, nice col. and qual., shade smaller; 4, Rowlands; vhc, Hopkins. YELL. HEN (6): 1, D. Jenkins, cl., lovely tone of col., grand size and shape, good oxy feather, a gem; 2, Owens, cl., correct type, grand feather, hardly the lustre; 3, Watkins and Thomas, cl., very shapely, nice col.; 4, H. Jenkins; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Messer. BUFF (16): 1, Owens, cl., a little gem, correct size and type, lovely qual., very jaunty; 2, Edgington, cap and wing mkd., nice size and shape, lovely col. and qual., hardly as jaunty as leader; 3, Thompson, lightly var., nice type and qual., well put down; 4, Jenkins, cinn. mkd., grand col. and qual.; vhc, Denyard; c, Richards. GREEN (17), a good class: 1, Hitchings, yell., neat head, lovely shape, grand col. and qual.; 2, Nicholas, buff, fine size and shape, good col. and qual.; 3, Bobbett, yell., true Border type, lovely col., qual. and cond.; 4, Edgington, buff, nice size and shape; vhc, Bowen; hc, Thompson; c, Williams. CINN. (15), grand class: 1, Nicholas yell. hen, a real gem, beautiful col., well moulted throughout, feathered to perfection; 2, H. Jenkins, buff, nice col., well pencilled, inclined to be rather cobby, many thought lucky to beat it; Nicholas, buff, nice size, grand shape, good round head, feathered like wax; 4, Bobbett, yell., nice size, good shape and cond.; vhc, hc, c, Hopkins. NOV. (18): 1, Williams, yell. green, very shapely, nice size, good grass-green col., well put down; 2, Davies, eye and wing mkd. buff, lovely silky feather, nice size, very jaunty; 3, Pattison, cl. buff, good type, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, we could not find; vhc, Evans; hc, Morgans; c, Myles. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hitchings; 4, Watkins and Thomas; vhc, Jenkins and Cole; hc, c, Rees.

Mr. Jeffrey's Clases.

CL., ETC., MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Jones, Linnet-Bullie, medium size, good head, nice shape, good breast col., tip-top cond. and qual.; 2, 4, Shaw, var. Goldf.-Can., fair size, good col. and qual.; 3, Rees, var. Goldf.-Can., smaller and rather too heavily marked, the three latter should have competed in the O.V. class, according to wording of schedule. DK. GOLDF. (7): 1, Bevan, good Jonque, nice size, good shape, fine blaze, col., qual. and cond.; 2, Thomas, buff, plenty of subs., nice face, grand qual.; 3, Slocombe, buff, shade smaller, good qual. and col.; 4, Jenkins and Cole; vhc, Watkins; hc, c, Matthews. DK. LINNET (3): 1, Addison, Jonque, nice size, col. and qual., looked sick when we took notes; 2, Slocombe, buff, fine size, nice qual., feather, good cond.; 3, Mrs. Dalton, Jonque, beautiful col. and qual., shade smaller. A.O.V. (4): 1, Bevan, Jonque, var. Goldie-Can., nice size, good type, col. and cond.; 2, Reynolds, var. Goldf-Can., smaller, nice type and qual.; 3, Jones, Siskin-Can., nice size and shape, good col. and qual.; 4, Evans. GOLDF. (13): 1, Mortimer, the Abertillery winner, grand Finch, good expansive blaze, nice size and shape, good bars, buttons and tanning; 2, Raven, fine blaze, nice shape, good tans, bars and buttons, shade smaller; 3, Slocombe, good size, fine blaze, nice bars and buttons, hardly in col. yet; 4, Cogen, good size, nice shape and cond., hardly as expansive blaze as leaders; vhc, Davies; hc, Jones; c, Watkins. BULLF. (7): 1, Lucas Bros., Abertillery winner, grand bird, lovely cap and bars, fine size, nice short flights and tail, good breast col.; 2, vhc, Holborrow, very shapely, nice size, hardly col. or polish of leader; 3, Davies, good size and shape, nice cap and bars, paler; 4, Gregory, grand hen; hc, Emanuel; c, Jones. LINNET (16): 1, Davies, medium size, grand col., good shape, beautifully laced; 2, vhc, Nicholas, larger, good shape, hardly as distinctly laced; 3, Jenkins and Cole, good shape, nice qual., hardly as rich col.; 4, Bancroft good col. and qual., loses size and mkgs.; hc, Dalton; c, Thomas. GREENF. (11): 1, 4, Mrs. Dalton, grand Jonque, lovely col. and qual., splendid size and shape, well put down, wins; 2, Edwards, buff, good size, very cobby, grand col. and qual.; 3 Gregory, Jonque, very shapely, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Dutton; c, Davies. SISKIN, &c. (21): 1, Gregory, charming Siskin, god shape, nice bright col., good eye mkgs., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, 3, Mrs. Dalton, one of the best Lesser 'Polls seen for some time, grand size, real wagon horse shape, lovely col., qual., and cond., latter neat Siskin, fails subs. to leader; 4, Lucas Bros., Loser 'Poll, nice size, very cobby, fails lacing; vhc, c, Raven; hc, Edwards. CHAFF., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Chick, Bramble, good size, nice col., well spangled, lovely qual. and cond., 2nd Chaffinch, many thought rather long and dull on breast col., not the cobby and bright col. specimens we have been used to; 3, Raven, good Bramble, hard to separate, if anything better spangled than leader, but hardly as good in head points; 4, Rees and Sons, good cobby Chaffie; vhc, Davies; hc, Lucas Bros.; c, Thomas. A.O.V. (4): 1, Bancroft, charming Tree Creeper, well put down; 2, Holborrow, good sized Yellow Bunting, nice V, lovely cond. and qual.; 3, Raven, non-fed Yellow Bunting, shade smaller, very shapely; 4, Jones, small Hawfinch. HEN (9): 1, Davies, Chaffie, grand little lady, fine col., steady as a rock, well put down; 2, Holborrow, lovely Bullie, grand size, good cap and bars, fine col. and qual.; 3, Chick, neat well-spangled Bramble; 4, Rees and Son; vhc, Edwards; hc, Davies; c, Raven.

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Owing to the fact that many of our accredited reporters have been called to the Colours, and others are fully occupied on war work, we regret that we are unable to give more than a prize list in classes other than those fully reported last week.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (7): 1, 3, Chapman; 2, Craig; vhc, Willison; hc, c, Little. HEN (6): 1, 3, Little; 2, 4, Willison; vhc, hc, Chapman. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Nicholson; 2, 3, Espie; 4, Hay; vhc, Patterson; hc, Wilson; c, Graham. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Espie; 2, Watson; 3, Patterson; 4, Graham; hc, Wilson; c, Foster. HEN (22): 1, 2, Watson; 3, Johnston; 4, Espie; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Patterson; c, Graham. VARIEG. HEN (2): 1, 4, Nicholson; 2, 3, Heslop; vhc, hc, Espie; c, Chapman. GR. OR CINN. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Chapman; 2, Montgomery; 3, Bowen; 4, vhc, Johnston; hc, Nicholson; c, Espie. BUFF (15): 1, Whitelaw; 2, Affleck; 3, Chapman; 4, Lambie; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Patterson; c, Greenwell. BEN (21): 1, Smith; 2, Johnston; 3, hc, Montgomery; 4, Greenwell; vhc, White; c, Affleck. NOV. CK. (28): 1, Furness; 2, vhc, Foster; 3, Heslop; 4, Millington; hc, Lennox; c, Bolam. HEN (23): 1, Cook and Adams; 2, Furness; 3, Render; 4, vhc, Lennox; hc, Foster; c, Holland. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, Couchman; 3, Sanderson; 4, Kindness; vhc, Lucas; hc, Roy; c, Leach. HYB. CAN.-BULLF., &c. (7): 1, cup, Maddison; 2, 4, Dr. Wilson 3, hc, Graham; vhc, Page. LIGHT (9): 1, 3, vhc, Maddison; 2, McQuiston; hc, Mason and Sanderson; c, Dr. Wilson. DARK (12): 1 Dr. Wilson; 2, McQuiston; 3, Parlett; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Hooper; c, Sanderson. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (21): 1, vhc, Maddison; 2, Nicholson; 3, hc, Almond; 4, Leek; c, Millington. LINNET, F.-M. (12): 1, c, Parlett; 2, 3, Curry; 4, Smailes; vhc, Almond; hc, Wright. H.-M. (26): 1, Parlett; 2, 4, McQuiston; 3, c, Wright; vhc, Robson; hc, Stewart. GREENF. (14): 1, Johnston; 2, c, Wright; 3, Drabble; 4, Lamb, vhc, Brown and Ingoe; hc, Gentleman. SISKIN, ETC. (24): 1, Hetherington; 2, Lambie; 3, Waters; 4, Parlett; vhc, Smurthwaite; hc, Foster; c, Stewart. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (19): 1, McQuiston; 2, Nicholson; 3, Simpson; 4, Waters; vhc, Smurthwaite; hc, Boyd; c, Hooper. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, Nicholson; 2, vhc, Hooper; 4, hc, Wright. SOFTBILL (6): 1, vhc, hc, Wright; 2, Montague; 3, Coulter; 4, Hooper. FOREIGN, LARGE (1): Crister. SMALL (5): 1, 4, Crister; 2, 3, vhc, Pattenson

NORTHAMPTON.

The show held at the famous town of St. Crispin, Oct. 25 and 26, if it did not come up to some of those mighty gatherings of the eighties and early nineties, was yet a good show, and rewarded the members for their efforts to keep the flag flying. The difficulties of carrying on during the war have been tremendous, and a week ago it was just a toss up whether the show would be held or not. The military are in possession of the property to which the skating rink is attached, and lighting restrictions and one thing and another only last week made it look as though the whole thing would have to be cancelled. We were told that had it not been for the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Woodman, the secretary, the whole idea of a show would have collapsed. It did not, and great praise is due to the faithful few who have seen to it that despite enormous difficulties the Northampton Good Intent O.S. has been one of the societies that have kept their end up. Mr. Woodman made a most excellent secretary, and he was ably assisted by the chairman, Mr. L. J. Beltham, and Mr. A. Dickens, the treasurer, whilst the committee did what they could to keep things going. The entry was better than last year, and the quality was quite up to the average. Mr. C. A. House judged, and his awards were generally well received. To save expense and so augment the fund for the local war hospitals, no catalogues were printed, but cards with the winners' names were affixed to the cages.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, 2, Buckingham and Sears, lovely qual. yell., grand shape and style, good head and chest, very fit; 2, neat, cobby, well moulted buff, capital feather and style; 3, Gough and Loach, full chested, good shaped yell., lovely col., just a bit fluffy on back; res, Lewis; vhc, Packer; hc, Mrs. Tipping; c, Notley. UNEVEN, ETC. (8): 1, hc, c, Irons, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand shape and feather; 2, Thorneycroft, eye, neck and wing mkd. yell, lovely rich col., silky feather, very fit, not so stout; 3, res, Buckingham and Sears, heavily mkd. yell., good shape; vhc, Frost and Rogers. HEN (13): 1, Gough and Loach, lovely little yell., grand head, neck, and chest, short and compact, neat feather, very stylish; 2, Tansley, neat cobby bodied buff, nicely mealed, even col., good flights and tail; 3, Lewin, eye, neck and tail mkd. yell., lovely col., qual. and style, not quite so fit; res, Buckingham and Sears; vhc, Notley; hc, Thorneycroft; c, Ling. UNFLIG. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Lewin, head and neck mkd., rare shape and style, beautiful col. and qual., very fit; 2, Mrs. Tipping, eye and wing mkd., warmer in col., grand body, bit longer in flights and tail; 3, Gough and Loach, neat body, lovely col. and qual.; res, Priestley; vhc, Buckingham and Sears; hc, Rogers; c, Tansley. BUFF (7): 1, Gough and Loach, little gem, rare shape, col., and qual., neat flights and tail, very fit; 2, Packer, trifle stouter, but not so good in carriage of tail, nice feather and col.; 3, vhc, Lewin, shapely, good col., wings and tail; res, Buckingham and Sears; hc, Notley; c, Ling. NON-FED (4): 1, 2, Cox, nice shape, close feather and stylish; 3, Lewis; res, Harvey. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (8): 1, 3, hc, Andrews, Greeme-Redpoll and Goldie-Redpoll, bonnie birds, leader best in feather and size; 2, res, Mills, saddle mkd. Crest, neat centre, good droop and radiation; vhc, Mason; c, Smith. SELL.: 1, Mills; 2, Gayton; 3, Thorneycroft; res, Packer. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, res, Andrews, beautifully mkd., rich col. Hawfinch, in perfect feather, 3, charming little Siskin, rare col. and feather; 2, Smith, big, deep-blazed Goldie, good col., not quite ready; vhc, Baker; hc, c, Thornton. MEMBERS.—NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Noble; 2, vhc, Mason; 3, Gayton; res, Bounds. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Mason; 2, Noble; 3, Gayton; res, Bounds. UNEVEN MKD. (4): 1, 3, Mason; 2, Bounds; res, Gayton. HEN (5): 1, Noble; 2, res, Mason; 3, Bounds; vhc, Gayton. NON-FED (8): 1, 3, Cox; 2, c, Mason; res, Gayton; vhc, hc, Harvey. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, 2, Mason; 3, Gayton; res, Harvey. BRIT. (5): 1, vhc, Cox; 2, Mason; 3, Harvey; res, Lumdon.

EDINBURGH & EDINBURGH WESTERN.

Joint show, 60th and 31st annual shows respectively, in Buccleuch Halls, Oct. 28. The hall is of nice size, fairly well lighted, and the birds were nicely staged round the sides and one end. Entries were slightly down in both shows this year owing to a large number of members having joined the colours. Scotch Fancies in both sections were of very high standard, and contained the cream of the Fancy, and the same applies to Borders, but in Norwich there was nothing very outstanding or extra special. Both societies had a grand staff of workers; from the presidents downwards one and all worked with a will and were very obliging. The secs., Messrs. Lile and Weston, had all the business in apple pie order, and as a pair would be hard to equal.

It was very gratifying to see such a turn-out of fanciers in the afternoon; many Perth faces were present. The judges for the Edinburgh were Messrs. Steward and C. Sykes and for the Western Messrs. Patterson, Duncan, and Dewar, who all appeared to give general satisfaction. The cup winners were Messrs. Allan and Dalgleish.

EDINBURGH O.S. SECTION.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, and 2 spls, W. Allan, 1st grand cl., rare size and subs, 2nd not so thick, but fine drive; 3, Dalgleish, nice length of side, rare top end; 4, no name; 5, Howden. PIED (7): 1, Menzies, very taking foul, grand col. and shoulders; 2, 5, Munro, not so thick through, but rare qual.; 3, Dalgleish, foul, nice size, well set up shoulders; 4, Black, FOUL (7): 1, West, grand size, rare set up shoulders, nice thickness through; 2, Thornton, not so thick through, but easy and stylish action; 3, Patterson, nice length of body, rather slim through; 4, Howden. GREEN COCK (3): 1, Munro, grand size, rare depth of shoulder, could be heavier built; 2, W. Allan, nice length, slimmer and slower in action. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Thornton, 1st grand size, rare thickness, good top end; 2, no name, nice length, rare action, rather open in tail; 3, Patterson, nice size and thickness, could have gone up one; 5, Petrie; 6, J. Brown. BUFF PIED CK. (13): 1, 4 spls., Allan, rare size and subs., stylish action; 2, 3, 5, Dalgleish, 2nd grand top end, rare qual. throughout, 3rd good foul green, nice size and subs.; 4, Menzies; 6, Thornton; 7, 8, Veitch. FOUL (7): 1, Robertson, nice size, rare qual., foul on head; 2, Dalgleish, nice size, rare qual., rather puffy; 3, 6, Petrie, nice length of side, rare action; 4, 5, Veitch. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dalgleish, rare size, nice set shoulders and head; 2, Thornton, nice length, not so deep in front, but rare top end; 3, Howden, rare size, style and action; 4, Allan. PIED (10): 1, spl, Petrie, nice size, full of action and style, rare drive; 2, spl, 7, Veitch, rare size, grand subs., takes pos. well; 3, Dalgleish, not so thick in shoulders, but grand reach; 4, Patterson; 5, Allan; 6, Menzies; 8, Pattersen. FOUL (4): 1, 3, Black, 1st nice size, rare subs., easy action, 3rd fails only in subs. to winner; 2, 4, Patterson, thicker set, grand top end, full of nerves. YELL. GREEN (3): 1, Thornton, rare size, grand qual. throughout. BUFF (12): 1, Munro, could not find when taking notes; 2, 4, spl, 6, Dalgleish, 2nd rare size and qual., easy and stylish action; 3, Veitch, grand size, well set up head and shoulders; 5, Thornton; 7, Brown and Drysdale. PIED (13): 1, spl, Allan, grand size, rare front, easy action, nice worker; 2, 4, Veitch, much the same stamp, little to choose between; 3, Allan, nice size, full of action, good head; 5, Menzies; 6, 7, Veitch. FOUL (6): 1, Allan, nice size, rare nerves, takes pos. well; 2, Howden, rare length of side, well set up shoulders; 3, Thornton, nice size, well set up head and neck, very stylish action; 4, Petrie; 5, Black. GREEN (5): 1, 2, Menzies, both much the same stamp and qual. 2nd rather deep in moult yet, will improve; 3, Patterson, nice size and easy style, deep in moult; 4, Allan. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2 spls, Hilson, grand size, rich col., rather crossed wings at times; 2, Drysdale, not so chubby, but rare qual. and col.; 3, Laird and Matthews. BUFF (5): 1, Drysdale, nice size, rare thick neck and front; 2, Carson, nice length of body, not so thick set, rare head and tail; 3, J. Allan, thicker set, foul in tail, wants toning down a bit. GREEN OR VAR. (5): 1, no name, grand size, rich and silky in feather, rather flat on head; 2, 4, Laird and Matthews, 2nd rich col. font green, rare size and subs.; 3, Hilson nice sized var., good head and neck, rather loose in feather. YELL. BEN (5): 1, 2, Hilson, nice size, well set wings and tail, 2nd not so thick set good col.; 3 Carson, on the small side, rich col.; 4, Drysdale. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 5, Carson, 1st nice size, rare subs., rather loose in feather, will improve, 2nd nice size, in moult yet, 3rd fair size, rich and close in feather, good head and neck; 4, J. Allan; 5, Laird and Matthews. GREEN OR VAR. (3): 1, 3, Laird and Matthews, 1st var., rich in col., wants steadying, 3rd nice length, rather thin; 2, J. Allan, yell. var., rich col., good head and neck. BORD. CK. (13): 1, 2, spl, 5, G. Brown, 1st var., grand size and type throughout, 2nd same stamp and qual., little thin in neck yet; 3, spl, 7, Menzies, nice length of body, rather thin and loose in front; 4, 6, Drysdale and Cant. HEN (11): 1, 2, 6, 7, 1st grand size, very typical, nice piped tail, 2nd very sweet green, rich and close in feather; 3, 4, Cant, 3rd very sweet yell. var., close fitting wings and tail, nice sized body; 5, Menzies. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, W. Allan, both Lizards, nice size and well mkd. LIGHT MULE (1): 1, West, Goldie Mule, slightly foul, good col. and size. DARK (8): 1, 4, Hilson, 1st Linnet Mule, nice rich col., fails in size; 2, spl, West, buff Goldie, grand size, wants toning down a bit, will improve; 3, 6, Drysdale, 3rd very sweet and rich Greenie Mule, nice size, in rare order; 7, Allan. BRIT. FINCH (16): 1, 3, 7, Allan, 1st Bramble, on the small side, grand spanglings, steady and well shown; 3, Chaffie, nice size, rich in col., rather unsteady; 2, Menzies, Yellow Bunting, nice size and col., nice and steady; 4, Hilson; 5, Howden; 6, 8, Laird and Matthews.

EDINBURGH WESTERN SECTION.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (2): 1, Proudfoot, nice size, rare thickness, easy action; 2, Muir, on the small side, but rare style and top end. PIED (1): 1, Rodger, nice length of side, takes position well, wants thickness. TKD. OR GREEN (1): 1, McNiven, grand size, rare set up shoulders, stylish action. BUFF (2): 1, 2, McNiven, 1st grand size, rare subs., well set up body, 2nd not so thick set, deep in moult and not full in tail. PIED (4): 1, 2, spl, McNiven, grand size, rare width across shoulder, grand top end, 2nd not so thick across but rare style and action; 3, spl, Rodger, grand size, rare qual. throughout; 4, spl, Burgess. BUFF (1): 1, McNiven, nice size, qual. and subs., rare nerves. YELL. PIED HEN (1): 1, Rodger, nice length of side, rare thickness through, good top end. BUFF (2): 1, Rodger, nice size, well set up shoulders, rare stylish action; 2, 3, Bowman, 2nd not so thick through, takes pos. well, 3rd thicker set, slower in action. PIED (1): 1, McNiven, grand size, well set up head and shoulders. TKD. GREEN (6): 1, 3 spls., 6, Rodger, 1st grand sized buff, with grizzled eye, very typical throughout; 2, 7, Burgess, 2nd very sweet green, nice size and subs., takes pos. well; 3, 5, Muir, green, nice size, rich col., good head and neck; 4, no name. BORD. YELL. COCK (10): 1, 7, W. Aitchison, 1st grand size, well filled in body, nice tail; 2, spl, J. Aitchison, rare type and qual., close fitting wings and tail; 3, Napier, nice size and length of body, not set in bloom; 4, 5, 6, Hughes. VAR. (7): 1, 2, J. Aitchison, very typical pair, rare length of side, close fitting wings, well piped tail; 3, Hughes, eyes and one wing mkd., nice size and type, bold head and front; 4, Cockburn; 5, Michie; 6, Holmes. BUFF (18): 1, 6, J. Aitchison, grand size, rich silky feather, well fitting wings; 2, 3, Holmes, 2nd nice size and col., well fitted in front and neck; 3, spl, nice size size, well rounded body, rather frilled in front; 4, Michie; 5, 7, Rodger. BUFF VAR. (4): 1, 2, J. Aitchison, 1st eyes mkd., nice size, waxy in feather, rare head and front, 2nd head mkd., nice size, rare back and front; 3, Hughes, wings and eyes mkd., nice size, close and silky in feather, fails in head; 4, Holmes. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, J. Aitchen, nice sized pair, close fitting in feather, well filled in back and front; 3, 4, Rodger, 3rd nice size, well rounded back, a little frilled in chest; 5, Napier; 6, Holmes; 7, Hughes. VAR. (8): 1, spl, and B.F. medal, 2, 3, 4, 7, J. Aitchison, 1st eyes and wings mkd., very typical, rare qual., 2nd nice size, close fitting wings and tail, not so hold in head, 3rd nice size, rare qual. of feather, rather stiff in style; 5, 6, Michie. BUFF (13): 1, Holmes, nice size, rare qual. of feather, nice subs.; 2, 3, 4, J. Aitchison, 2nd nice size, rather frilled in breast, some thought lucky, 3rd on the small side, but rich in col. and well rounded body; 5, 6, Hughes; 7, Napier. VAR. (5): 1, 3, Aitchison, 1st nice size, rare type, well piped tail, 3rd nice size, well filled in neck and front; 2, Holmes, nice rich tone feather, fitting well, rare tail and wings; 4, Cockburn; 5, Samuel. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, 3, McPhail, 1st cinn., nice size, rich in col. and well mkd., 3rd cinn., rather slim, deep in col.; 2, 5, 6, Cockburn; 2nd fails in size and rather loose in feather; 4, Samuel. NOR. (7): 1, 3, Grant, 1st nice size, rich col., rather loose in feather, fails a little in head, 3rd nice size, rather coarse in feather, slightly browey; 2, 5, Ballantine, 2nd nice thick-set body, good head; 4, 6, Stronach; 7, Bowman. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3 spls., Stronach, 1st grand size, well rounded back and neck, slightly damaged in tail, 2nd nice thick-set body, wants toning down, rather crossed in wings; 3, 4, Grant, 3rd grand size, nice type and subs., we thought could have gone up; 5, Wishart; 6, Ballantine. GREEN OR VAR. (4): 1, Stronach, nice size, close in feather, well carried wings; 2, no name, longer in body, not so thick-set, rich and silky in feather; 3, Wishart, nice size, rich col., a little loose in feather. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 4, Grant, 1st grand type and qual., full of subs.; 2, N. Grant, slightly longer in feather, wants tightening up a bit, will improve; 3, Stronach, nice size, good head and neck. GREEN OR VAR. (2): 1, N. Grant, nice size, rare cloudsy body, good qual. throughout; 2, Wishart, on the small side, good qual. of feather. BUFF (6): 1, N. Grant, nice size, well rounded body and front, in grand order; 2, 4, c, Grant, nice length body, fails in subs.; 3, Wishart, thicker set, rich in col., could have gone up one. GREEN OR VAR. (4): 1, 4, spl, Grant, grand size, nice short tail and wings; 2, Wishart, fair size, nice qual. of feather, in fine order; 3, Stronach. NON-FED (6): 1, 4, Bowman, 1st nice sized yell. var., good qual. of feather, still in moult, wants filling up yet; 2, 3, Proudfoot, nice length, slightly grizzled head, 3rd very sweet cl., on the small side. CREST (1): 1, spl, Samuel, green body, good crest, well rounded and nicely centred. C.B. (1): 1, Samuel, of the Yorkie type and could be better browed. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, 2, McPhail, both White Canaries of the Yorkshire stamp, in grand order and close in feather. MULE (1): 1, McPhail, nice size, fairly well mkd., inclined to be unsteady. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, 4, McPhail, 1st nice Greenie, fair size, steady and well put down; 2, spl, 3, Michie, 2nd Bullie, nice size, not yet in bloom, steady and well shown, 3rd Goldie, nice size, well tanned and nice blaze; 5, 6, 7, Taylor.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE EARLY MORNING FEELING.

Bonnie Doon.—I think there may not be much wrong with the bird, except, perhaps, being a little run down by the moult. At the same time you would do well to make sure that the bird is not exposed to an excessive drop in temperature during the night. Keep it in a bright and fairly equable place, and do not allow it to hang in or very near a window, high up near the ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. Let the staple diet consist of a mixture of three parts, by measure, of good sound, sweet canary seed to one part maw, summer rape. In addition, give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of the following seed mixture, which will be a good improvement on the mixture you are now using:—Two parts each, by measure, of hemp, white millet, and broken groats; one part each niger, teazle, and black rape; and just a slight sprinkling of linseed and yellow mustard in the bulk. After the first month give this mixture twice a week only. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give four drops each of tincture digentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. By this time he should be resuming his song, but in case he is not write again and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further.

THE COLONY SYSTEM.

Roller.—(1) There should be little or no difficulty in arranging the room to make it suitable for breeding Canaries on the colony system. You do not mention the aspect, but I take it that it must be so somewhere by north, or otherwise blocked in by other buildings to account for the darkness at the end where the door is, which, though not an insuperable difficulty, is certainly not an ideal condition. To minimise the defect it is most advisable to limewash or distemper the walls and ceiling all over white to make the best of what light it does get. Before doing this you should strip off the newspaper covering and then put on two or three coats of whitewash to get a good level hue, and also leave as few harbours for insects as possible. Then fix securely to the walls at intervals small bushy branches of Scotch fir, this variety being the best for retaining its needles, and here and there short perches, a foot or so long, attached to small brackets for fixing on the wall. Long straight perches should be avoided, not only because they are unsightly, but they are apt to be monopolised by quarrelsome specimens and give rise to squabbling. For nesting sites fix up a number of the small wicker cages in which Roller Canaries used to be imported, removing the short bars from one end, and the seed-box and water-pot. These make ideal nesting sites, and if a sufficient number are not available they can be very quickly made by anyone, or something similar to them. Put up a dozen nesting sites for every eight breeding hens you intend to employ. Cover the floor with cheap felt, or thick brown paper at a pinch, and on top of this spread a layer of clean sharp sand an inch or so in depth. Builders' sand, or clean river or sea sand will do very well, and need be renewed only about twice a year. It will be a good plan to make a kind of table of a board fixed on a single upright support, and nail a strip of tin closely around the upright six inches wide, and about a foot from the floor to circumvent any mice getting at the food and water supply, which you will place on the top. Two strong vigorous young cocks and six or eight hens will quite suffice to stock the room. (2) It is not really essential to partition the room in any way, but you might anticipate the possibility of a crowd of obstreperous youngsters being something of a nuisance to the nesting hens by placing nesting sites only in the better lighted half of the room, so that you could put up a wire partition across the middle if necessary, to separate from the parents the young which were able to care for themselves, and fix up their end of the room the same as the other except for the nesting sites, which would not be necessary. The young would be all the better for living loose until the moult was over, when you might cage up the cocks to start them on song earlier than they would otherwise begin. (3) Feeding pots, nests and floor, etc., are all answered in No. 1, but if there is anything you do not understand do not hesitate to write again and ask. Self-supplying fountains and seed-boxes would be best for you to use, and, of course, should be kept on the improvised table suggested. In such a colony the hens may be turned in as soon as the room is completed, and allowed to fly loose through the winter, but the cocks should not be introduced before next March or the beginning of April, according to the weather prospects at that time.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA.

C. B. (Waterloo).—The excessive thirst is merely an effect of the looseness and will disappear as the diarrhœa is overcome. In addition to a staple diet of three parts of canary to one part good mild summer rape give every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that it is quite sound and sweet in the kernel), teazle, maw and either crushed arrowroot biscuit or broken groats, given dry in the egg drawer, or in a small vessel on the cage floor if the cage is not fitted with an egg drawer. On the alternate days give about the same quantity of well-boiled summer rape and a morsel of banana. Strain the rape and allow it to stand on a towel for a few minutes to absorb moisture before giving it to the bird. Do not give any succulent green food until the droppings have become quite normal again. In the drinking water two days in every three until the droppings are normal, add five drops each of tincture of opium and dilute sulphuric acid. If the looseness is not corrected in the course of a week or so, stop the boiled rape and give instead on these days a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut scalded in hot milk, drained, and then well dusted with carbonate of bismuth. It would be advisable to well wash out the cage with a solution of Jeyes', or some similar disinfectant, as a preliminary to treatment, and again at the close, and keep floor and perches as clean as possible meanwhile. A dessertspoonful of disinfectant in half a pint of water would make a good strength to use for the purpose.

WEAK TOE BETTER.

H. R.—Thanks for report. Am pleased to hear that the foot is so much better. You would do well to continue the treatment occasionally until the toe appears to have a good gripping power, and instead of the ointment one or two drops of a mixture of equal parts whisky and olive oil gently rubbed in after the bathing would help considerably to strengthen it now. Do not be in a hurry to take away altogether the small perches, but when the foot seems to have acquired a little more power of gripping you may give one perch of the ordinary size and type and retain one of the thin, round ones for at least two months afterwards.

ABNORMAL FEATHERS, ETC.

Three Bad Bargains. — (1) Wait until the two feathers are quite matured and the moisture or "sap" dried out of the quills at the base, and then gently withdraw them, when new and normal feathers will doubtless immediately be reproduced in place of them. Nothing else is required for this case. The bird is probably a gross feeder and needs a limit put upon its dainties. Besides the staple diet give not more than half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture once or twice a week—once as long as the weather is nothing out of the ordinary for the season, and twice when it becomes severe during the winter. The wheezing will probably yield to a dose or two of six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water. If you use a fine powdery kind of sand on the cage floor the bird's apparent desire for an abnormal quantity may be due to what is supplied being deficient in gritty particles suitable for use in the gizzard. The obvious remedy would be to use a proper sand with a fair proportion of gritty particles in it. Otherwise, stick a piece of cuttlefish or a small cube of hard common salt in the wires for the bird to peck at, which may correct the desire for consuming sand in excessive quantities. (2) the proper time to begin to give the birds a tonic to tighten up the plumage after the moult is just after the feathers have quite ceased dropping and the new quills are getting well through on the head. (3) Yes, Parrish's Chemical Food is an excellent tonic for general purposes, and is quite suitable for all ordinary cases after the moult. (4) Catch the bird with the overgrown beak, and holding the beak, closed, firmly between the thumb and forefinger of the left hand, carefully snip off the overgrown portion of the upper mandible with a sharp pair of nail or embroidery scissors. You cannot do any harm by shortening it back to the level of the tip of the lower mandible. To prevent a recurrence keep a piece of cuttlefish or hard common salt, or even a piece of lump sugar stuck firmly in the wires for the bird to nibble at. (5) Of the two samples you send the small reddish-brown seed is the proper kind for you to use with the staple dietary. It is just a fair sample of summer rape; not bad for the times. The larger seed is more suitable for use in a seed mixture for occasional use. Don't apologise for troubling again. Only too pleased to be of any service at any time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CHAFFINCH WITH LEG TROUBLE.

A. Garnham.—I am surprised that your bird has not moulted, especially as he was in such good condition during the summer. Healthy birds generally get through this trouble quickly. Your treatment appears to be quite in order as regards feeding, but you do not say the size of your "Finch" cage; anyway, I would advise a large one, and have two or three perches of various thicknesses, so that in gripping them he will be obliged to exercise his claws. Bathe the leg and foot in fairly hot water, apply Old Jacob's Oil and massage with the finger and thumb to increase circulation. Be careful in your feeding; let it be rather nourishing than stimulating, that is, discontinue hemp, give a little soft food or soaked seed and increase the supply of insects. A mild aperient such as a small teaspoonful of effervescing citrate of magnesia in three tablespoonfuls of water given occasionally will assist, if he is at all inclined to constipation. See that the cage is hung in a dry position.

SEED DIET FOR MULES.

F. H.—I fancy I have answered this query rather frequently of late; perhaps if you look up back numbers it will assist you. As a staple diet make the following mixture: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, hemp 1 part, rape and linseed half a part each. Give a few grains of sunflower twice a week, and fresh greenfood and wild seeds, as you gather them. The above food should keep them in good condition, and they should start singing soon after the moult. Any very backward ones could have a few extra grains of good sound hemp. A crystal of Glauber Salts the size of a pea in the drinker is a good aperient, and may be given when you think it necessary. Hang the drinker on the cage overnight and remove in the morning, when the birds have had a good drink.

BREEDING MULES IN SPARE ROOM.

Bay-Rum.—Put the half-dozen hens in your spare room, and as partners for them two healthy cock Goldfinches. If you have not the Finches in stock, when you get them, keep them caged up until they are fairly steady. Perhaps you could hang them somewhere near you during the day-time. In fitting up your room have plenty of perches and nesting places. Wicker cages, small boxes, half cokernut shells and nestpans, are all suitable and allow a choice. Have many more than you think they require. Be sure to fix the seed hoppers in a position so that mice cannot get at it.

BULLFINCH WITH LEG WEAKNESS.

W. J. Bazeley.—It is rather singular that I should have two queries in one week of the same trouble, and that of a kind that does not occur very frequently, but generally in the autumn, which suggests that the moult is in some way responsible, if not for the commencement of the trouble, anyway, for its continuance. Your case is a similar one to that of "A. Garnham" in this issue, and I would advise the same local treatment. I am sorry you did not send me your seed diet, as the feeding of the bird is a matter of some importance; it should be good without being too stimulating, and wild food and berries should be given freely. Exercise should be encouraged, and the perches fixed at different distances, and they should vary in thickness. Leg and foot trouble in caged birds generally requires considerable treatment before a cure is effected.

SEED SAMPLES.

Mac.—The "Rape" is certainly not the summer rape which we knew as "German" rape before war time. The latter is smaller and varies in tint from a golden brown to a reddish black. The kind you send should only be used in strict moderation; in fact, you would do better to make sure that you get genuine summer rape. The other seeds seem to be all that could be desired; the canary seed is clean, ripe and full, and the hemp seed also is perfectly sound. Of the two samples of maw seed the one at the slightly higher price is well worth the difference.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT BIRD

J. Cowdell.—Your birds are Madagascar Lovebirds (Agapornis cana), but if both their heads are alike, and they are adult birds, then they are both of the same sex. The cock has the whole of the head and part of the neck pale grey; the female, except her tail, is a study in green. They are natives of Madagascar, but have been introduced to Mauritius and neighbouring islands, and are commonly found there. Your diet is correct as far as it goes; I am assuming, of course, that you also give grit, cuttlebone, and water. They should have a little greenfood, and, if they will take it, a little sweet apple.

PROTRACTED MOULT.

E. L. S.—I take it that though the moult seems continuous, yet the bird is in good feather and has no bare patches; if this assumption is correct, then there is not much the matter. Keep the temperature of the room as regular as possible. We have had a very changeable season, and a sudden change of weather often throws a bird into moult or checks it in the midst of one. Your treatment is perfectly correct. Get a bottle of Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates and put ten drops in its drinking water regularly for a time, and if there should be any signs of costiveness, then give a little Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water till it disappears. If circumstances permit, your birds would be greatly benefited by a daily fly round the room; they would return to their cage when hungry, and there is no reason why they should not be out together. Except in extreme cases, it is not well to administer remedies to small birds direct to the beak. When such has to be done, only a drop at a time should be given, and no more till this has been properly swallowed.

IS IT A COCKATOO?

J. Hayward.—Your description leaves no room for doubt, it is an Australian Roseate Cockatoo (Cacatua roseicapilla); they are frequently called Rosy Parrots by the ignorant or the too knowing. I hope you will both shake hands on the matter.

PURPLE SUGAR BIRDS IN SECOND MOULT.

Purple.—The climatic conditions have been freakish of late, and to some extent these upset the best regulated conditions, at any rate, temporarily, and to some such cause the double moult is doubtless attributable. To your syrup mixture add one teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion to each cupful of your syrup, put it in with the other ingredients and well mix all together, continue this till your birds are in quite normal tone.

COVERING A PARROT'S CAGE AT NIGHT.

E. Lilley.—Unless the room contains a fire day and night during the winter, the bird is better covered; the screen need not be a thick one, and a portion of the centre of top of cage must be left uncovered. A bird that is covered up at about 9 p.m. gets better rest than one not so treated. So long as the cage stands below the level of the gaslights there will be no harmful effect.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

PIED FLYCATCHER AT CLAPHAM.

C. S. Montague.—You seem to have misread the correspondence. The bird was taken to the show personally and called for personally, so that the particular point of your letter is lost altogether. Your statement that judges could not explain their awards because of their knowledge being limited to a few well-known species is of much too sweeping a nature. Some judges know a lot more than you seem to give them credit for knowing. Your allegation that, in 20 years of showing, your birds have only once been fed at a show seems to indicate that you have no idea of the care that is given to the birds at every show of any consequence. If the statement is true, according to your own experience, then your experience is a very unfortunate one. If there were any real grounds for such a statement, it is quite evident that bird shows would cease to exist, for no one would send their birds.

HYBRID WINNER IN A BRITISH CLASS.

J. T. Vickers.—As so often stated, we cannot publish letters which are not authenticated by the address of the sender. A class for A.O.V. British is intended for any other *species* of British birds. A Hybrid is not a species, but a cross-bred, and in a show of any importance would be "wrong classed" by the judge if entered in a class headed "A.O.V. British."

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

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Abertillery C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Important business.—Wm. Newell.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Bodmin St. Schools, 8. Final arrangements for annual show.—D. Ravenhand.

Ashton-u.-Lyne C.B.S.—Nov. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion St., 8. Business for annual show. J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Nov. 7, at 8. Final arrangements for open show.—A. E. Thorpe.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Trades Hall, 8. Replies from judges, and show arrangements.—R. J. Robertson.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 7, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for open show; lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, on Seeds.—J. Spencer.

Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 6, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for Nov. show. J. Nicholl.

Bristol East C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Glass House Hotel, Lawrence Hill, 8. Table show, also business for annual radius show, Nov. 25. Judge, W. J. Pool, Stratford-on-Avon.—Wm. J. Norman.

Bootle C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Headquarters, 8. Important show business.—A. E. Hinton.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Barnes' Dining Rooms, 7.30. Show.—J. Southworth.

Crystal Palace, Penge C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 3. Annual show.—W. D. Fryett.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 1, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8. Very important.—J. Kent.

Clapham C.E.A.—Nov. 7, at 8. Objection at show; very important.—T. J. Hose.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard St., 8.—J. L. Smith.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Black Bull. Last meeting before show; schedules ready; subs. due. (Time not stated, and notice unsigned.—Ed.)

East Ham F.S.—Nov. 9, Central Liberal Club, 8. General meeting. Lecture on Foods and their value, by Mr. W. A. Sanders. Distribution of prizes won at Young Stock Show. Fanciers welcome.—W. A. Harwood.

East Stanley Club F.F.C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Club Room, 7. Re schedule.—J. Armitage.

Falkirk, Grangemouth and Bannockburn.—Nov. 11, Union Hall, 7.30. Business important.—D. Aitken.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Headquarters, 7.30. Show business, washing exhibition; Messrs. Holden and Tindale.—W. Curry.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Nightingale Hotel, 8. Table show; judge, Mr. G. Crawford; all varieties except British and Foreign.—P. Brooks.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Arranging classes and prizes for annual show.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Annual open show business; appointment of stewards and other important business—J. J. Dunn.

Halifax C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Special meeting; business, open show.—A. Sutcliffe.

Huddersfield O.S. Nov. 6, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. General business, and final arrangements for young bird and table show.—A. Lawford.

Hirst East End Social Club C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Club, 7. Classification, Judge, and date of show; new members.—W. Hall.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Rutland Hotel, 7. Arrangements for open show.—T. Smith.

Leith O.S. Nov. 11, Junction Road Church Halls, Bonnington Road. Fifty-seventh annual show, open at 1.—J. A. Muir.

Larkhall C.B.A. Nov. 4, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Special meeting; report from Hall Committee and judges for open show; urgent.—T. J. McGregor.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Sept. 4, the Blue Bell Inn, 7. Show business, etc.—J. Turner.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Balance sheet and election of office bearers for 1917. —W. B. Smart.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Nov. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Prize and ticket money for Oct. show, and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 7, St. Stephen's School, Cowran St., 8. Schedules for Nov. show; appointment of stewards, etc.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Nov. 8, room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Gen. bus., schedules ready; report annual show.—A. W. Newton.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Roller show business.—Geo. Lord.

Southampton C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements for show.—G. J. Slade.

Sheffield O.S.—Nov. 7, Headquarters, 8.15. General business re members' show.—E. C. Job.

Swansea C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Elysium, 8. Final meeting before show; matters of importance to be discussed.—J. H. Ford.

South Shields.—Nov. 4, 7.—W. L. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Nov. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Show business; appoint judge, classification, etc.—J. Glover.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 4, North of England Cafe, Station Street, 7.30.—F. Risehorough.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Nov. 8, Reid Hall, 8. Important business.—J. Waugh.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 4. Monthly show. (Place not stated.—Ed.) Birds staged at 6. Judge, Mr. E. Stobart.—W. Chapman.

West Bromwich and Handsworth.—Nov. 4, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Open show business.—P. T. Cowley.

West of Scotland.—Nov. 4, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—W. Hutchison.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Nov. 6, 6, Broadway, 8. Judging competition and table show, Norwich and Brit. Judges: Norwich, P. Rorke; British, G. Coombs.—G. Griffiths.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Special business.—J. McAndrew.

Wolverhampton N.P.C.—Nov. 11, Duke of York, Princess Street. Inter-club show between Wolverhampton, Birmingham, and West Bromwich. Birds staged at 2.—W. Harrison.

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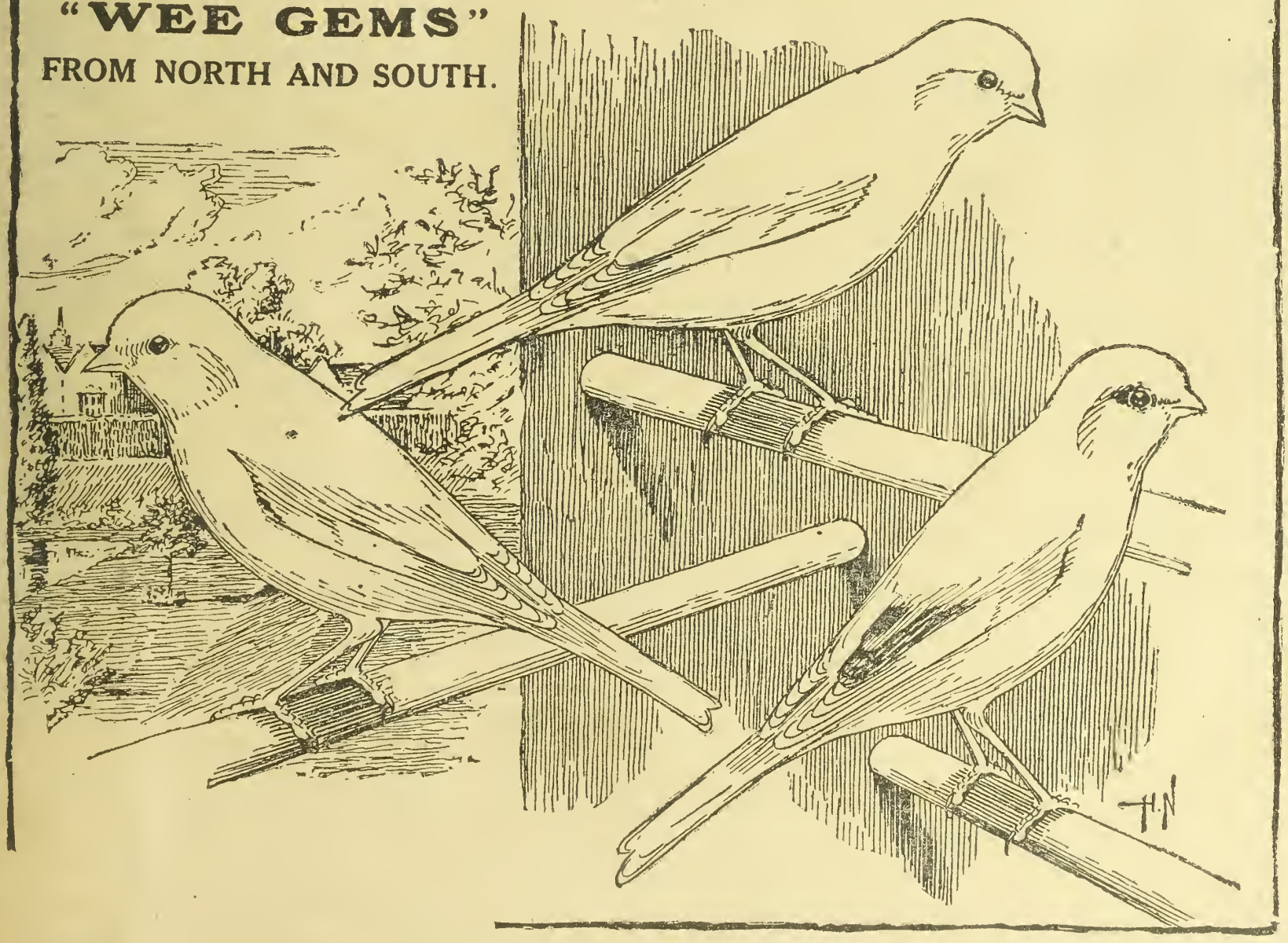
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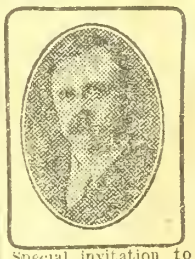
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NOVEMBER 29 and 30.

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Eastern Counties Cage Bird Society. RED CROSS SHOW, on Saturday, DEC. 9, 1916, at the Art Gallery, High Street, Ipswich. Six open classes for Norwich Plainheads. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Entries close Dec. 3 positively. Judge, John Robson, Esq., London. Schedules from—W. Barritt, Hon. Sec., 47, York Road, Ipswich.

CLYDEBANK

and District C.B.C. 6th Annual Members' Show, Lesser Town Hall, Clydebank, NOVEMBER 25, 1916. Judges, Mr. Livingstone (Rutherglen) and Mr. P. Gentleman (Avonbridge). Admission 4d.—W. Kane, Sec., 52, Second Avenue, Clydebank. (652)

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ANNUAL SHOW, Saturday, NOV. 18.

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DULWICH AND PECKHAM

DON'T FORGET LONDON OPEN SHOW.

C.B.S., Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, Tuesday, NOV. 14, 1916. Admission free.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

LONG EATON

and Dis. C.B.S., nr. Nottingham, will hold their Annual Open and Members' Show, on DEC. 2, of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds. Good classification. Judge, W. Vardy, Esq.

Schedules now ready. Apply to J. Turner, Sec., 62, Derby Road, Draycott, nr. Derby.

COVENTRY O.S.

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, November 15th,

AT

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Judge: J. HOBSON, Esq.

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Huddersfield

O.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries will be held on Saturday, November 18th, 1916, in St. Peter's Street Assembly Rooms, under the patronage of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., and the O.N.P.C. Judge, J. W. Metcalfe, Esq., of Liverpool. Entries close Tuesday, November 14th. Schedules from A. LAWFORD, Sec., 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield. (642)

READING C.B.S.

Fifteenth Annual Open and Members' Show, will be held WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Open Classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Borders 4, A.O.V. Canary 1, Goldfinch 1, British Hardbill 1, British Softbill 1, Light Hybrid 1, Dark Hybrid 1, Light Mule 1, Dark Mule 1, Foreign 2, Selling £1 and 12/6. Prizemoney, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Specials, 2/6 cash, 5/- Special most points Hen classes. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Judge, J. Rohson. The most central show in the South; 3 Railways. Schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors; others please apply to—Hon. Sec., O. C. Smith. 73. Audley St., Reading.

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NOTTINGHAM

and District P.O.S. will hold their Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids on Saturday November 25, 1916. Schedules ready shortly from J. Bunn, Sec., 81, Ena Avenue, Sneinton, Nottingham. (642)

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On NOVEMBER 18 and 20.

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Norwich.—1, A.V. Yell Ck.; 2, ditto buff ditto; 3, ditto, Yell. or Buff Hen; 4, Unfl. Yell.; 5, ditto buff; 6, ditto yell. or buff hen; 7, Cinnamon Old Bird; 8, ditto 1916; 9, A.V. Yell. Novice; 10, ditto Buff ditto; 11, ditto, Hen ditto; 12, Unflig. Yell. or Buff Novice.

Yorkshire.—13, A.V. Yell Ck.; 14, ditto buff ditto; 15, ditto Yell. or Buff Hen; 16, Unfl. Yell.; 17, ditto Buff; 18, ditto Yell. or Buff Hen; 19, A.V. Yell. Nov.; 20, A.V. Buff ditto; 21, A.V. Hen ditto; 22, Unflig. Yell. or Buff Novice; 23, A.O.V. not previously mentioned, including Natural Colour birds of any variety.

24, Sell. Single of Pairs, price not to exceed 30s.; 25, ditto, not to exceed 21s.; 26, ditto, not to exceed 15s.

British and Mules.—27, Mule, Dark or Pied; 28, Light Mule or Hybrid; 29, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 30, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 31, Linnet or Greenfinch; 32, A.O.V. Hardbill; 33, A.V. Softbill; 34, Foreign, A.V.; 35, Gift Class (a special prize will be given).—Mr. H. C. Collier, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Road, Hall Green, Birmingham.

BRITISH BIRDS and How to Keep them

A paper read by the well-known British bird exhibitor, Mr. P. Walsh, before the members of the Sheffield C.B.S.

ALTHOUGH I have kept British birds for about fifty years, it is with some diffidence I address you on this subject. At all the bird shows held in Sheffield the British classes invariably command most attention, and the largest crowd gather around them. There are some people who protest against keeping any bird caged, saying it is cruelty to do so. Well, how are we to see these birds that we so much admire? It is only by caging them, and overcoming their fear of us by kindness and attention to their requirements. I have no hesitation in saying that the knowledge that most fanciers have of how to treat our pets, enables us to put them on the show bench in their best possible condition, in all their beauty and loveliness, to be examined at your leisure; they are in no way afraid of your closeness, but return your look as if they were proud of their excellence.

As to the charge of cruelty, I maintain there is no foundation for it; otherwise, how would our birds live so long in captivity? I have at the present time a Skylark over 18 years old, a rare feathered Starling (silver coloured) 12 years, and a Chaffinch 12 years; each of these birds has won at the Crystal Palace, and has appeared in CAGE BIRDS' illustrations. I have also a Nightingale over nine years of age.

All these old birds are in splendid condition. At your last show, recently held, the Chaffinch won first prize in the any variety class, beating many noted winners. I am only stating these facts to show there is no cruelty in caging birds. No doubt other fanciers have similar experience.

Cleanliness a First Consideration.

I have said that in order to keep birds for any considerable length of time they should be kept under proper conditions, and I will now give you my idea of what proper conditions are. First and foremost are cleanliness and plenty of cage room, so that the bird may be able to get plenty of exercise; without this no bird will for long keep in good condition. The next thing is plenty of baths during the summer months. Two or three times a week I run my birds into a large bath cage, take them outside, and I have a hosepipe with a roso on, and give each bird a good spraying. I then hang them up in a warm spot in their own cages where they will soon dry. It is astonishing to see, after a few times, how ready they are to enter the bath cage for a spraying, and how they seem to enjoy it.

In the winter time the days are short, and, being away during daylight, I give them a spraying in a milder form. Instead of the hosepipe I use a fine sprayer, and, of course, I do not wet them so much. When back in their cages they shake and preen themselves, and seem thoroughly to have enjoyed the process.

(To be continued.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.**—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levensbulme.)
Nov. 15.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Kent, 91, Villiers St., Stoke, Coventry.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 18-20.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.
Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.H.
Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.
Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.
1917.
Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.)
Nov. 11.—**Muirkirk O.S.**—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.) D.W.
Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding, Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)
Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton).
Dec. 15-16.—**Larkhall C.B.A.**—(T. McGregor, 48, Sarahville Crescent.)
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)
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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Nov. 16.—**Swansea C.B.A.**—(J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk St.) C.H., J.H.R.
Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)
Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) J.H.P., E.J.D.
Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)
1917.
Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, "Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. Bastock has sold to a Cardiff fancier, at a good price, his light Mule "Moseley Gem," 1st Clapham, etc.,

Halifax O.S. Schedules are out, writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, sec., 67, Hartley Street, Ballinson Road. If anyone overlooked will kindly send entries on we will classify; entries close Nov. 14.

We are informed by Mr. P. H. Morris, secretary, that the cage birds at the show of the Aberavon Port Talbot B.F.A., on November 23, will be staged in a room separate from the poultry and pigeons.

We have been successful in arranging for St. James's Hall, Pontypool, on Jan. 4, writes Mr. W. D. Lewis, hon. sec. Pontypool C.B.S. The hall is one of the finest in the town, well lighted, free from draught, and capable of staging well over a thousand birds, and is within 300 yards from two stations. Schedules will be sent to all known fanciers as soon as received from printers; others please apply from advertisement.

In place of an open show, writes Mr. W. Furnandiz, hon. sec. Hull C.B.S., we are holding a members' show, Nov. 11, at the Oddfellows' Hall, Charlotte Street. The judges are: Yorks. and British, Mr. F. F. Potter, Hull; Norwich, Mr. H. Harding, Grimsby. We exceedingly regret we are unable to hold an open show again this year owing to the war, but are looking forward with confidence to the future, when we hope again to take our place amongst the front rankers. To keep the flag flying is our ambition. We are also making a presentation to our late treasurer (Mr. F. Howe), who has joined the colours. He has held the office for the past seven years, which I think is sufficient testimony to show the confidence in which he is held by our members.

Mr. C. Morrison, Brighouse, writes that the thirteen Yorkshire Canaries he sent to Barrow and Sheffield shows arrived back in the best of condition after covering about three hundred miles, bringing home 4 1sts, 4 2nds, one third, two fourths, two vhc's and special for second best bird at Barrow. Best thanks to the secretaries and officials for the careful handling and prompt dispatch.

£10 for a Fourpenny Greenfinch.

Mr. Bastock writes that at Leicester show the winning Greenfinch was claimed at £10, a record price for a Greenfinch.

Additions to Larkhall Schedule.

Larkhall C.B.A. members please note, writes Mr. T. McGregor, sec., that F.M. Linnet and F.M. Greenfinch classes have been added to schedule.

A Novelty for Swansea Show.

The Swansea C.B.A. at their open show Nov. 16, writes Mr. J. H. Ford, sec., will have on exhibition a reputed Yellow Bunting-Canary hybrid which is being exhibited by a noted fancier.

How Bird Shows Assist Charity.

We hear from Mr. Laidlow, secretary of Newcastle C.B.S., that about £28 will be handed over to the Red Cross Society as a result of the recent show of the society. Bravo! Newcastle.

Bumping Entry at Ardwick.

Just as we are going to press we hear from Mr. Thorpe, hon. sec. of Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., that the entries for the show of to-day, Saturday, are nearly 300 more than those of last year.

Return of Birds from Brechin.

Owing to the depleted staff of the railway, writes Mr. John Dalgety, sec. Brechin C.B.S., they would not undertake to deliver birds at a distance on Saturday night: therefore we were forced to keep a great many boxes until Monday. Trusting every bird arrived home safely.

An Object Lesson in Roller Canary Singing.

At the meeting of the British Roller Canary Club on Nov. 14, at the "Cock and Lion," Wigmore Street, W., at 7.30, British bred Roller Canaries will be heard singing, and the song tours explained. The hon. sec., Mr. Norris, writes that those interested are cordially invited to be present.

Thanks to Cheltenham.

Kindly allow me to heartily thank the management of the Cheltenham C.B.S. for the splendid care and attention given to my birds, writes Mrs. Lilian Dalton. The attention given to the packing of exhibits will, I think, commend itself to the most fastidious, and it is a feature I shall remember when supporting their next show.

Who Bought the Norwich at Clapham?

I should be obliged, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec. Clapham C.B.A., if you would kindly mention that all prize money has been paid out; also I should be glad to know the purchaser of exhibit No. 10 in limit Norwich, as I have no record of the birds being sold, and the owner wants the cash for them.

Scottish Plainhead Club Specials.

At the Glasgow C.B.A. show, Nov. 10. 11. writes Mr. E. Barron, sec. Scottish Plainhead Club, the club's specials for the young birds should read: J. 10s. 6d., 2nd best young cock; J., 5s., 2nd; K., 5s., 3rd; etc., and specials for young hens likewise. The patronage of the S.P.C. has been granted to Ayr show; Mr. R. Martin, Kirkintilloch, judges. Irvine and Larkhall shows may also become patronage shows.

THE PROPOSED FEDERATION OF ROLLER SOCIETIES.

Important Meeting at Leeds.

It will no doubt be remembered that letters have appeared from time to time in our columns regarding the proposal to federate the fanciers of the Roller Canary hobby.

As we go to press we hear that an enthusiastic meeting of clubs' delegates took place on Saturday last at Leeds. Details must await another issue, but it appears that the mist which surrounded the first intimation of "affiliation" has been dispelled; it leaves the present bright and clear, with a promising future before the Federation of Roller Societies.

Every member of a federated club is to have a voice and a vote in matters appertaining to his hobby. His desires will go forward for discussion, etc, through his club delegates, to the annual meeting, or to any other meeting that may be convened. We understand that it was unanimously decided that every club, large or small, shall send two delegates to the board's meetings, or, in the event of a club only sending one delegate, he will be allowed two votes.

It was firmly resolved to support, and make a success of each other's annual exhibition, and it would seem that there will be no loss of dignity or prestige on the part of any Roller club joining such a Federation.

Mr. J. Stanger, hon sec. Pelton Fell C.B.S., writes that the Pelton Fell C.B. winning numbers were 17, 578, 240, 846, 862, and 83.

Free Exhibiting for Soldier Fanciers

At the last meeting of the North West Glasgow C.B.C. a resolution was passed that members of the society on active service should be granted remission of entry fee on any birds entered in their name at the annual show. This is an example which might be followed by other societies.

Special Winners at Manchester.

Prize money has been paid for Manchester and N.C.O.S. show, Oct. 27 and 28, writes Mr. J. Green, hon. sec. The following won the section specials:—Lancs. and Lizards, Rukin; Yorks., Rowlands; Nor., Crawshaw; Bord., Johnston; A.O.V., Godley; Hyb., Brit. and For., Raven; Yorks. Amat., W. H. Green; Nor. Amat., Hampton.

A Liverpool Winning Norwich Comes to London

You may be interested to hear, writes Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, Newport, Salop, that my unflighted yellow Norwich, 1st Liverpool, which your representative in his report says is a perfect one, and a study of an ideal Norwich, is sold to a well-known London exhibitor for £15 15s. I would like to say that the bird is an illustration of what may be accomplished by careful line breeding, in which I am a firm believer.

£110 in Sales at Cheltenham.

Kindly state, writes Mr. A. S. Thomas, hon. sec. Cheltenham C.B.S., that we regret there is a printer's error in our catalogue. In class 29. No. 3, Thompson, won 1st, and No. 2, Ellis, vhc. We had a capital show, and beg to thank all those exhibitors who supported us. We had a number of visitors from Sheffield, Birmingham, Aberdeen, Bristol, etc., and the Welsh fanciers turned up in force. Our total sales amounted to the respectable sum of £110.

A Boy Fancier Breeds a Sensational Hybrid.

A Yellow Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid, almost clear, shown at Leicester, created something of a sensation in winning special for best bird in the Hybrid and British sections. We hear from Mr. Bastock, Moseley, that it was bred by a boy, and that the hen from which it was bred cost only a shilling. Mr. Bastock says that it is the best Greenfinch Hybrid ever seen, that everybody was seeking for the owner, and that all sorts of offers were being mentioned.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Furnandiz, hon. sec. Hull C.B.S., I have to advise you of the death of Mrs. Pepper, the wife of our esteemed and late chairman, Mr. T. Pepper. Mr. Pepper is well known throughout the country as a Norwich breeder, and I feel sure his brother fanciers outside this district will, along with the Hull members, extend to him the deepest sympathy in his sudden and sad bereavement.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Halifax O.S.—Friendly and Free Trades Hall, Nov. 17-18. Judges, C. A. House, H. W. Battye. 34 classes: Yorks 17 (9 Nov.), Nor. 10 (4 Amat.), Brit. 5, Sell 2. Prizes 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 14 to J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley Street, Battinson Road, Halifax.

West Bromwich and Handsworth C.B.S.—Ivy House, Soho Road, Handsworth, Nov. 18-20. Judge, J. H. Payne. 35 classes: Nor. 12 (4 Nov.), Yorks 10 (4 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 1 to H. T. Collier, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Road, Hall Green, Birmingham.

An Address Wanted.

The prize money due to Mr. Arnison, winner of second prize in class 77 at Sacriston show, held Oct. 7, writes Mr. W. Dodd, hon. sec., has been returned by the Postal Authorities marked "no such address." The money was sent to Mr. Arnison, 30, Walker Street, West Hartlepool, the address given on entry form. If Mr. Arnison will forward his proper address the money will be sent him.

TO JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

In View of Our Next Annual.

Cage Birds Annual for 1917 is now in course of preparation, and in order that our annual list of judges of cage birds should be up to date, and correct in detail, we shall be obliged if judges who wish their names to appear in next year's Directory of Judges will send us on a postcard their present address and the varieties they are prepared to judge, naming, if any, those in which they specialise. No charge whatever is made for the insertion, but only the names of those who send us the particulars desired will be included in the list. A specimen entry (fictitious) is as follows:—

Smith, J. A., 175, Doncaster Street, Edinburgh.—A.V., Spl., H.B. and F.

Goldfinch Stolen on the Railway.

My Goldfinch was stolen from his cage, which was enclosed in a travelling case, on the way home from the Manchester show, writes Mr. J. O. Williams, Machynlleth. I am willing to pay 10s. reward to anyone who will give me any information that will lead to the apprehension of the thief. If the bird is exhibited at any show in England and Wales it can easily be identified by myself and several friends, and we shall make it our duty that one of us will visit the shows where he would possibly be shown.

Entries Extended.

We are extending entries till Nov. 12th, and all entries bearing Saturday's post mark will be accepted, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, sec. Eastleigh C.B.S., 64, Desborough Road, Eastleigh, Hants. Exhibitors are requested to dispatch their exhibits early, so as to make sure of birds arriving in good time. We have a good railway service, and everything possible will be done to dispatch birds in good time after the show. If we find it impossible to get them through to their destination the same night, they will not be dispatched till Friday morning, and every attention given them.

Charity Show at Chester-le-Street.

The proceeds of the Chester-le-Street show, Nov. 17, writes Mr. R. Ward, sec. Chester-le-Street C.B.S., will be given in aid of the lads of the town who have been disabled in the war. The hall, which is a very suitable one, and has been given gratis for the occasion, is only three minutes' walk from the station. Mr. Ward says that the show is not in any way connected with the show of the Chester-le-Street C.B.S., but is being run by a strong committee of fanciers belonging to various clubs in the district, and if it proves a success it is proposed to make it an annual event. Exhibitors should write for a schedule to the secretary, Mr. J. P. Conn, Butcher's Arms, Chester-le-Street.

YOUR COMPETITOR.

Some wise maxims intended for the guidance of traders, and which have been sent to us by an old reader with a note that they may be of use not only to dealers but to exhibitors and to fanciers with stock to sell.

"Your competitor is not necessarily your enemy. He can be your friend.

A common mistake is that there is just so much business to be had, and that the rival cuts your trade in half.

That is not true. As a rule the more tradesmen the more trade. A good, lively competitor will increase your business.

Two first-class competitors in a community are better for both than a monopoly would be for either.

No one man can get all the business possible in any community. His personality attracts some, repels others. There's always a lot of business for somebody else.

Competition does not kill trade. It builds trade, makes new trade, stimulates trade.

Don't shy from your competitor. Don't assume he's your foe. Get acquainted with him. You may learn something.

Beat your competitor if you can, but remember the surest way to beat him is to sell better goods, to use fair methods, and to be more courteous.

Don't knock your competitor. Don't encourage busybodies who bring you tales of him. Be a good sport. Play the game. Keep good-natured.

If your competitor lies about you, or uses underhand means to harm you, never mind. You go on and be on the level, and look pleasant. You can't fool people all the time. Straight business wins out in the long run. There's business for you both. Go after it.

Your competitor will do you a deal of good. He will make you energetic, careful, more attentive to affairs, and altogether he will bring money to your pocket if you use him right."—Dixie Miller.

The November issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, one shilling monthly, is especially welcome as containing a continuation of the invaluable article by the editor, Mr. H. F. Witherby, "The moults of the British Passeres." The labour of getting together the facts presented must have been immense, and no student of British birds can afford to be without the information conveyed. We are greatly indebted to the author for his kind permission to republish parts of this comprehensive article, and we know that the portions we have already published have been keenly appreciated by our readers.

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Correspondence.

Every week a Prize of Ten Shillings is given for what, in the opinion of the Editor of "CAGE BIRDS," is the best letter published under this heading. The letter may be on any subject; it may be a comment, for or against, on anything which is published in our pages, an opinion on the policy of our paper, or may have no reference whatever to anything which has already appeared. So long as it is on a "birdy" subject, and is original, it will be eligible to compete for the prize.

The Prize this week is awarded to Mr. E. Harcombe, 42, Eastgate, Inverness.

Enamel Over Whitewash.

How it Can be Removed.

Sir,—If our friend G. Taylor would paint the enamel cage over thickly with equal parts of slaked lime and common soda, made into a creamy paste with water, and let it stand for an hour, he will be able to wash off the whole of the enamel, and when the cage is again dry it will be ready for re-enamelling This will also remove paint.

Chas. S. Latham.

The Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

The Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Silver, in Khaki.

Sir,—Will you kindly state for the benefit of the Committee of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League that as I am almost sure to be drafted on foreign service next week I must formally resign my secretaryship. All books are in possession of the chairman, Mr. T. R. Trower, and full particulars of the statement of accounts. It would be advisable for the committee to meet soon, and appoint a secretary, but as Mr. Trower is exceptionally busy, he probably would not have time to call a meeting, so in order to know exactly how matters stand perhaps those who see this will communicate with Mr. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, N., and arrange a place and time of meeting.

Pte. A. Silver.

Printed "Hints" Cards for Dealers.

Further Valuable Suggestions.

Sir,—Often when seeing birds sold in the open market to persons obviously amateurs in the keeping thereof, and sometimes even of the species they are buying, I have wished that some information could be given the purchasers respecting the feeding and keeping of their purchases. I was not only glad then to see Mr. McMillan's suggestion on this subject in to-day's issue of your paper, Oct. 14, but doubly so to see the weekly prize had been awarded to him. He only mentions the Canary, and doubtless on account of this bird being such a general favourite it is perhaps the class which suffers most, but I should like to see the project carried out with all birds kept in captivity, British and foreign alike, for there is no doubt much cruelty is practised by really kind-hearted people through sheer ignorance, and there is no need for it these days. If every dealer on parting with his "wares" would tell his customer of Cage Birds, or the little books of the "Nutshell" series, each embracing one particular bird, much might be done to ameliorate the lot of the feathered captive, and its owner would be repaid by its cheery little ways and beautiful song.

M. A. Sikes.

Border Fancies at Sheffield.

Breeders and Exhibitors as Judges.

Sir,—I have been following with great interest your correspondence re the above, but Mr. Patterson's letter in Cage Birds of Oct. 28 cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged, as his remarks re breeders and exhibitors as judges are erroneous in the extreme. He states point blank that "when once a fancier stops being a breeder and exhibitor he should also retire from judging." Now I consider that when a fancier has been a breeder and exhibitor of any particular breed for a number of years, he must have got "the ideal" well established in his mind's eye, and is therefore an ideal man to act as judge of the particular variety.

On the same night that I read Mr. Patterson's letter I received a schedule of Haddington Red Cross Show, and on opening the same the first thing that caught my eye was "J. Patterson, Esq., Chirnside, will judge Scotch fancy classes." How does this tally with Mr. Patterson's preaching? Surely it is a contradiction. Please note that I do not question his ability to judge Scotch Fancies. I have known Mr. Patterson from boyhood, and I will leave it to him to tell readers of Cage Birds how long it is since he ceased to be a breeder and exhibitor of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

One of the Old School.

Birds in the Mixed and Foreign Classes.

A Plea for Names in the Catalogue.

Sir,—As a visitor to the Manchester and N. Counties show, I was disappointed when I found the catalogue did not disclose the parentage of the Hybrids or the names of the exhibits in A.O.S. Hardbill and Softbill classes. We were left wondering, too, as to the names of some beautiful Foreign birds, but, as a few of them were labelled, the officials apparently had done what they could, and my object in writing is not to criticise the management of this excellent show so much as to ventilate the matter, in the hope that exhibitors at coming shows will supply all possible information on entering their birds, and that officials will embody it in their catalogues, thus adding to the pleasure and knowledge of those who attend. Many patrons are more curious about the birds than they are about the exhibitors, especially in the "tricky" classes.

Buxtonian.

The Pied Flycatcher at Clapham Show.

The Views of a Lady Exhibitor.

Sir,—I have read Mr. Rattigan's letter of complaint of the treatment of his exhibit at the Clapham Show. I had an exhibit in the same class, a pair of Bearded Reedlings, and I must say. I was more than satisfied at the way in which they were looked after. On the last day of the show, Thursday, I went to fetch them home, and they were in absolutely perfect condition, and I am sure it was only on account of the exceptionally keen competition they had that the Reedlings did not stand higher. Certainly they did not go down because of condition; the food vessel when I examined it, which, of course, I did immediately on entering the hall, was quite full of clean, sweet insectivorous food, and the water vessel had plenty of clean water in it. This proves that the exhibits were well looked after, because, as no doubt you know, there are few birds that show neglect more quickly than Bearded Reedlings.

I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Rattigan's loss, for I was most interested in his exhibit; and I can understand that he feels a little sore about it, but this is only one of the little trials which exhibitors have to bear. I should very much like to thank those who looked after my birds at the show, and to say that I at least have not the slightest cause to regret showing my birds at Clapham.

(Mrs.) Ethel A. Huggins.

The Secretary Explains Previous Mishap.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Rattigan's further letter, the Pied Flycatcher was not in our custody three days, but scarcely two, so this lessens my intelligent practice by one third, and as Mr. Rattigan visited the show within 24 hours of dispatching this fragile little thing with its makeshift food vessel, it doesn't show much for his own superior intelligence that he did not notice that the old mildewed food which the bird had sent to the show with it had not been cleaned out. Had he done so, and called a Committeeman's attention to it, the matter could have been rectified at once, and so saved this unpleasantness.

As I only had a few hours in which to reply to Mr. Rattigan's previous letter, there was not sufficient time for me to refer it to my Committee, but in the interval I have done so, and find that the trouble at the previous show to which he refers was caused by Mr. Rattigan's carelessness or ignorance in sending birds to a show in a cage which had to have the door opened to give clean water, and, of course, the inevitable happened, a bird slipped out. As he says, it is a simple enough matter to open a cage door. If a bird slips through, and is lost, in four years' time rake up the grievance and slam the show executive and everybody else because another bird doesn't get a prize. Same old thing—"disappointed exhibitor."

T. J. Hose,
Hon. Sec., Clapham C.B.A.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor Cage Birds.]

Proposed Society for Ferndale.

A Meeting to be Called.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Grylls I may say that, having been out of the fancy for some time, and not having any live stock of any kind, I ceased being a member of the old Fanciers' Society, and I find that some of the money that was in hand from the old society was given to start the Mardy Society and some to the Soldiers' Society, so I do not think anybody has any cause to grumble as it has been given to a good cause. It has given birth to a new society, and has helped the dependents of our brave lads. I hope this will be satisfactory to Mr. Grylls.

I may say that I have received the names of about twelve fanciers who are willing to do all in their power to start a society in the district, and am sure if we will all do our bit we will be able to start a society that will be beneficial to all, and that once we start we will be able to draw some more recruits into the fancy. I intend to get all the addresses of local fanciers and call a meeting some evening to talk matters over, and I hope anyone that has any interest in the matter will send me their addresses and let me know anything that will be beneficial to starting a society.

Tom Jones.
37, Elm Street, Ferndale.

A Genial Invitation to Soldiers at Skipton Camp.

How to Spend a Pleasant Evening.

Sir,—We have in this town (Skipton) a military camp holding about 1,700 men, and I have often wondered if there are among them any fellow Roller fanciers or sons of the same.

I would like you to make it known through your valuable paper (I have taken it regularly for about six years, and it has never been more interesting than at the present time) that if there be any such I should be glad to welcome them to my home during their brief stay here. I know they would appreciate it if they knew, as I have proved from the friends I have taken home from the P.M. church to which I belong.

I am over military age, so I try and do my bit by endeavouring to make those who are doing their as comfortable as possible, for under the lighting restrictions, which are abominable here, it must be hard lines for the lads that, after a hard day's work, there is no place to go to except either the picture palace or public house. An evening by the fireside talking over their favourite hobby would be gladly welcomed by them and myself. I thank you in anticipation of you mentioning the above in your next issue.

Eber Gill.

18, Nelson Street, Skipton.

Fresh Fields for Fanciers.

Why Not Cage-bred Greenfinches?

Sir,—We read that our present Canary is descended from a little soberly clad bird, originally brought from the Canary Islands. Unfortunately we have but little information of the earlier steps in the process of evolution which gave us our present specimens of the race. We need only look, however, at the pictures of show birds of a few years ago to see that that evolution is still going on. If such great development has been possible in the case of one species, it occurs to one to ask why it should not be possible in another.

Is there anything to prevent fanciers from raising a cage-bred strain of some British finch, and by careful selection in pairing, developing it into something larger and more brightly coloured than the original stock? Assuming it were possible, the Greenfinch perhaps offers the easiest and most promising material for an experiment of the kind, owing to the general reliability of the hen as a mother.

Can we interest a sufficiently large number of fanciers to go in for the scheme to give us a basis for selection? It may be objected that the infrequent and casual hatchings of British finches in cages usually produce puny and weedy youngsters. It may be so. It may have been so at first with the Canary birds. But get a thoroughly domesticated race, established on a wide basis, and who knows what may result? Though it is to be feared that the present generation would not see the full fruition of the experiment, it is not possible to forecast the limits of the development that may take place eventually. Fancy a "Greenie" as big as (what shall we say?) a Starling!

M. R. T.

[It should be a comparatively easy matter to produce in a very few years Greenfinches, Goldfinches, and other British birds which would be a considerable advance on our present wild birds. The wonder is that it has not long ago been accomplished.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Alleged Discourtesy at Sheffield Show.

Should Shows Close Before Time?

Sir,—Please allow me space to air a complaint against the conduct of one of the officials of the Sheffield O.S. After buying two tickets for admittance to the show, my wife and self arrived at show at about 7.20 p.m., only to be met with a point blank refusal to enter, as they were turning out, although the time of closing, as printed on the ticket, plainly said 9 p.m. On my mentioning this to the official he replied that exhibitors with birds value £50 wanted their birds away, and would not run the risk of their getting "pinched."

After this outburst he turned away, but met us again at the door and politely promised to throw me out if I did not get, but he got no further than threatening, for I think I am a bit too "small" for throwing out purposes (nearly 6ft.). Now, sir, I think the officials of the show ought to have some consideration for the public, and stick to the times as printed on their tickets, and as for the party concerned, he might have the decency to admit he was in the wrong, as it created a bad impression amongst several friends who overheard the altercation.

Sheffield.

Should there be any answer to this I will append my name and address in full in reply.

Parrots as Pet Birds.

Further Hints on How to Keep Them.

Sir,—Mr. T. W. Tooney's article on the keeping of Parrots, and how to derive pleasure in keeping them as pets makes very interesting reading, and I think if most fanciers knew how lovable Parrots can be, many more would be kept in our homes.

I have kept Parrots (mostly greys) for a number of years, and at present have one just like the Grey Mr. Tooney writes about. But, strange to say, it is my wife he is fondest of, and she can make him do or say almost anything, but he is not particularly fond of gentlemen. He is allowed out of his cage every day, and insists on getting out every night before going to sleep to fondle round my wife's neck and kiss her. He is a great talker, and asks for almost anything he wants. We feed him on Spratt's Parrot mixture, but we never leave the water in his cage, as I believe the reason of so many parrots dying soon after they are bought is drinking too much water, which brings on diarrhœa. Once or twice a day is often enough to give a drink, and tea or milk is better than water in my opinion.

If you find the bowels loose there is nothing better than a small piece of powdered chalk in the drinking water (or tea). Fruit is very good for them, and, like Mr. Tooney, we always give ours a piece of stick to play with. Never give meat, cooked or raw, of any sort, as when "Polly" once has tasted meat he soon starts plucking out his feathers, the ends of which contain an oil which he likes after getting the taste of meat, and this is a very difficult habit to break off. "Polly" likes a good deal of petting and talking to, and if Parrot lovers would spend a little time daily speaking to their birds they would soon have their reward.

The price paid for a Parrot is not always a criterion of the best way to get one that will make a pet; I bought mine eight years ago for 12s. 6d., and honestly would not take twenty pounds for him to-day. Paying attention to his wants, talking to him, good plain food, not too much to drink, plenty of exercise, teaching him to come out of his cage, and avoiding draughts and cold will make "Polly" worth much more than you pay for him.

I have a Yorkshire Terrier bitch, and "Polly" and she are great pals, and are often on my wife's arms together, "Polly" calling her by name, and telling her to go to her basket. If any fancier is paying a visit to Inverness I would be pleased to show "Polly" to him, and he will be surprised at what the bird can say and do.

Parrots are very quick at learning a tune when whistled to them. Ours can whistle several, and imitate cats and birds' calls so well that sometimes we think it is the real thing. I enjoyed reading Mr. Tooney's article, as it helps to make the good points of "Polly" known, and I only hope my endeavour to tell your readers about ours will bring more articles or letters. Like Mr. Tooney, I also am a lover of cage birds of all kinds, and have a bird house in my garden, though my chief love is for the "Wee Gems" and Mules, Goldfinches, etc.

I have been fairly successful in breeding youngsters this year, and for anything I know about Parrots and birds I have to thank Mr. Arthur's book on Parrots and Cage Birds for my interest in them. I hope other lovers of Parrots will give us the benefit of their experiences in keeping Parrots as pets.

E. Harcombe.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 669.)

The Pros and Cons of In-breeding.

The Highway to Success.

Sir,—I have been very much interested of late with the letters, etc., appearing week by week in your valuable paper Cage Birds, and especially on inbreeding. I keep a few pairs of Yorkshires for a profitable hobby, and my experience is that if one wants to be among the firsts and specials one must not introduce fresh blood into one's stud any more than he can help it; if so he will drop behind in points that perhaps he has been years in making.

If a fancier has half a dozen pairs, and works them the right way, he will have no need of new blood for many years. Some say don't breed too close, but I have found that if you want a certain quality in your birds you have sometimes to pair father and daughter to get it, and in that way you will get everything that goes to make a good Yorkie. But one must know what he is doing in regard to pedigree; he should keep from year to year his stud book, and be able to trace each bird's parentage back to many generations if required.

With a little spare time, and these few details attended to, no one has any need to be afraid that it is not possible for him to put an ideal bird on the show bench. Many have come out of little rough wooden houses in back-yards to go to adorn the show bench by the side of those who came from more elaborate places, and have held their own and more than that. What cheers a poor man more than, when unpacking his birds, to find a cage or two with the highest honours on them? He is delighted, and customers are very numerous afterwards. They want a cock or hen from such a pair, or from such a bird, but my advice is to look around and see if such a bird can be spared or not. Oftentimes it will pay better to let the said bird remain in the flight for twelve months unused. Then sometimes they get the bird they require from you and put it up with one of their own; this often turns out a failure, and they wonder why it is. The fact is they have not been properly paired. What one should do is to get a pair matched for breeding, put himself into the fancier's hands, pay as much as he is able, and then he will have a foundation to build upon.

There are other minor points to be dealt with which are too numerous for me to give in detail here, about the management, feeding, cleaning, cages, position of house, green and egg food, etc., but anyone who wants to get on with this "perfect gentleman of the Canary family" should insist on getting Cage Birds every week, as there he will find much to help him on the highway to success. Then there is Battye's work on the subject, which every Yorkie fancier should have beside him.

John Mitchell.

West End, Marazion, Cornwall.

An Objection to Noms de Plume.

Sir,—I am afraid your correspondent Invicta is too closely related to Mr. C. A. House. Anyhow, I do not intend to answer any one that has to get behind the wall of a nom de plume before he can fire. If "Invicta" wishes to have a go at me let him come out into the open, and I will discuss anything with him on Canary breeding, but please leave out white mice, cavies, cats, rabbits, poultry, pigeons, and all four-footed animals. I notice one of your correspondents says he has thought of trying inbreeding, but has refrained from doing so; my advice to anyone in this mind is, go on thinking, but don't do it.

J. Bastock.

[There seems to be a suggestion here that "Invicta" and Mr. C. A. House are identical, and it may be as well to say that Mr. House has no idea of the proper name of our correspondent "Invicta."—Editor.]

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A Nightingale that Missed the Moult.

Still Singing and a Prize Winner.

Sir,—Just a brief reply to Mr. O. Puck's letter respecting my Nightingale.

I am afraid I cannot add much to my former letter of Oct. 28, except to say that it is literally correct. My bird has not yet moulted, his condition is very satisfactory, and he was awarded 2nd at Barrow Show this week.

He has sung with the utmost freedom during the present week. Mr. Puck asks when he commenced his song. As far as I can recall he began about last Christmas, and on New Year's Day, during the festivities at my home, he sang almost viciously, and from then up to now he has been at it more or less, hardly ever missing a day.

My Skylark, now moulting, was singing at 1.30 this morning in the gaslight, and this is a common occurrence; he and the 'Gale often have a duel of song, and the least excitement, for instance, the rustling of paper, often sets the 'Gale away.

He is a most intelligent bird, and is to be seen at my house in Manchester by anyone who cares to give me a call, but, as Mr. Puck says, they "do nothing invariably," and he may suddenly have a spell of silence and refuse to sing, or he may not; one cannot promise.

A. Gregory.

Birds in Mixed Classes.

Should Rarity Alone Win?

Sir,—Will you allow me to make a very strong protest against the prineiple suggested in the latter part of Mr. Rattigan's letter re his Pied Flycatcher at Clapham? Of course, as an outsider I do not wish to meddle with the question of how his bird was treated at the show, etc., but what I take exception to is the idea that a rare bird should always win over commoner species, without regard to any other consideration. This is an idea which is only too general, and to my mind it is mainly responsible for the fact that, while the keepers of British number hundreds in every decently sized town, the exhibitors are only few in number, and pretty generally confine themselves to those kinds which usually get a class of their own or similar kinds, and consequently do not suffer from this sort of thing. It seems to me quite obvious that if the owners of the commoner kinds are to have no chance whatever they will cease showing, and the same will apply to species that are only moderately rare, until there are no entries except such extremely rare kinds as to preclude any possibility of a good entry.

I will freely admit that the showing of the beautiful and interesting birds should be encouraged by every possible means, but would it not be better to give good specials for them rather than to introduce methods that do away with that fair even chance for everyone which is the very essence of all forms of competition?

There is another point that should be remembered too, viz., that while an ordinary specimen of a rare kind can usually be obtained without much difficulty at a price, an exceptionally good bird of a commoner variety sometimes cannot be obtained at any price whatever, and the latter is in a way the greater rarity of the two. Of course, I am only protesting against the general principle; the question of whether this particular bird was in good feather or no is another matter altogether. Thanking you for the help you have given me in expressing my views in the press.

R. Blincoe.

A Fancier's Bad Luck.

Nearly Yellowhammer Hybrids, and Nearly Young Starlings.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the letters appearing in Cage Birds about the breeding of Hybrids, for I have had some attempts at breeding them, but have never been lucky enough to succeed. I had a really tame cock Yellowhammer, one that would take a mealworm from my fingers, and follow me all over the cage for it. In the winter I kept him in the kitchen at night, and when the gas was alight he would sing his well-known "A little bit of bread and no cheese" to his heart's content.

I put him with a rich yellow Yorkshire hen about Christmas, leaving a partition between them. I managed to get the hen to partake of insectile food with some egg in it, and the Bunting followed suit. As the warm weather came on I drew the partition, and they were soon on friendly terms with each other. After a time, I noticed the hen building in the nest pan, and she finished off by lining the nest with feathers which she plucked off the Bunting's breast. She laid a clutch of four eggs, and the Bunting at night would perch on the nest pan as if on guard over the hen. These eggs, however, turned out to be clear.

Nothing daunted, the hen went again to nest, and this time I saw the Bunting in the act of treading her, so I had great hopes. Another four eggs were laid, and about the tenth day I tested them, and found two were clear, and the other two were full eggs. The next morning I went to feed them as usual, and found all the eggs gone. The mice had had them, as they overran the room at the time, it being an old room with a lot of cracks round the skirting. Some of the shells were on the floor, and pieces of them showed they had chicks in them.

I know it was not the cock, as I partitioned him off when I found they were good eggs, and I had seen mice coming out of the cage at night. So that ended the chance of breeding Yellowhammer Canary Hybrids, as the season was about over.

Alas for the hopes of next season; the Yellow Bunting was found on his back one morning in winter, though he had appeared in perfect health the day before.

About three years ago I had a pair of Starlings, which I kept in a small avairy to themselves. What a treat Starlings are in an aviary to themselves! I think they are ideal birds, and very cleanly, for they have a splash regularly every morning, no matter what weather. I fitted these up with a nest box, in which they would sleep at night.

I gave them bits of wool, string, straw, etc., and they took a lively interest in them. They soon carried these to the nest box, and made a good nest after their own untidy style. The hen laid one egg, which I left in, hoping she would complete the clutch. The next day I saw nothing of her, and as she never put in an appearance the day after, I looked in the box, and found she was dead. On examining her I found she had died of egg binding, as she had an egg she couldn't pass.

I put the egg she passed safely in a nest of wild Starlings with four eggs, and the one I put in made five. I visited this nest every three days or so, and in the end five birds hatched out, and all were reared. This shows that if I had had any luck I should have reared some Starlings.

I am up the line now, so of course have not the chance of keeping anything now, but you may depend I shall if I have the luck to get back go in for them again, and try my hand at foreigners as well.

Cage Birds is sent out to me regularly. I get it just a week after it is issued, and look forward to its coming nearly as much as a parcel from home, and that is saying a deal. Will close, wishing the old paper the success it so well deserves, as it is doubly interesting now the price is raised.

Excuse the mud, but France is like a sea of mud now the rain has started.

Alfred W. Ward.

A Novice at a Bird Show.

Why Not Educate the Children?

Sir,—Having only started in the fancy this year, and being an absolute noviee, I decided to visit Liverpool show, to see what Canaries were really like. My motives were twofold; I wanted to find out which variety suited my fancy, and which would suit my pocket. Some friends had advised Norwich, some Yorkshires, and others Borders or British, and I was in a quandary which to adopt, so I started off to see my first show—a real green-horn.

I entered St. Martin's Hall, and paid my modest sixpence plus the penny tax. At the same time I was offered a catalogue, price sixpence, which I refused, thinking it unnecessary, but when I got in the show room, and saw each cage marked class so and so, I was glad to turn back for a catalogue to help me to separate the varieties.

What colour! What a twittering and chirping from hundreds of birds! Where must I start? I wanted to see them all at once, but seeing people walk up one row and down another I soon followed suit. The first were Norwich, big fine birds, and splendid colour, nearly red, and these were the birds for me, but I afterwards found out that the colour was artificial, and they lost favour with me from that moment. Next came rows of Yorkshires, fine upstanding birds, but, alas, these were also colour fed. The next lot, Borders, were in their natural garb, little gems, and far more becoming than the previous sets of bigger birds. The sight was worth walking to Liverpool to see, and I had come 36 miles by train. I stayed gazing a long while here, and I would have purchased some there and then, but I was but a novice, and I must get a little experience first; then "Borders" would grace my cages still in the making.

I passed on to the British Birds and Hybrids (my catalogue said), and I was completely at sea here. I asked the name of one big bird, and was told it was a Hawfinch. I never knew we had such birds, for I had to ask the names of nearly all. My questions were freely answered, and I should have liked to ask more, but I did not want to give the show away. However, I had been through the room by this, and just having nice time to get my train back home, I departed, having a last look at those Borders, the delight of my eye.

It was a delightful outing, and praise is due to the management for the way in which the room was laid out, and to the exhibitors who tend these birds; they were a credit to their proud owners. If it were possible to get outsiders (non-fanciers) to shows like this, they would take up the hobby of bird-keeping very soon, and herein lies the solution of capturing the German Canary trade; get everybody doing it.

Another thought struck me. Why cannot day schools have a lesson once a week on British Birds, and how to know them? I am sure it would rub out a dull hour, besides being an education. Novices then would be few and far between.

C. H. Pratt.

The Success of a Novice.

Eighteen Young from One Pair in a Season.

Sir,—After reading the latter of R. W. Robbins in Cage Birds of Oct. 28, in which he says he reared ten young Canaries from one pair on his first attempt, I should like him to know that I also took up Canary breeding this year, without any book whatever, until I started taking in Cage Birds ten weeks ago.

From one pair of Norwich I have reared 18 young birds, all strong and healthy, from 22 eggs, in five sittings. In the first 14 birds I have ten cocks and four hens. The youngest four are now one month old, too young to tell the sex yet.

I might add that the information in Cage Birds must be invaluable to all lovers of caged birds, and I now have Battye's book on Yorkshires, which every novice ought to have.

I was very interested in your article, "Famine in Canaries," and next year I contemplate breeding from about twenty pairs, and hope to find a good market.

(Miss) H. L. Smith.

[The fact that a novice breeder has got eighteen young birds from one pair in a season shows what *can* be done with Canaries. All the same, only a novice would take five nests of young from one pair, and our correspondent, now that she has started getting information, will learn that two, or at most three, nests are all that should be allowed to a hen in any one season.—Editor.]

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg.

Chicken Meal as a Perfect Food.

Sir,—In reply to "Saxon's" enquiries as to rearing young birds without egg-food, I beg to give my experience of this season, and will take the questions as he has put them.

The kind of food used? Best chicken meal.

Did the hens feed readily upon it and were the usual number of young reared? The hens fed splendidly on it. I tried it on two nests with four young ones in each, at the same time, and I did not lose one. I state this, as it was really my first season at breeding.

Did the young ones thrive after leaving the nest; and how did the percentage of losses compare with other seasons? The young were thriving finely when I left home, and I have not lost one of them.

Was there any loss of size in the young? No.

I think I have answered the questions, and will now tell how I prepared the food. I got the chicken meal, put some milk on it at night, and let it soak until next morning, when it was nice and mealy. I then put it into the soft food pots and sprinkled it with a little sugar, and it was a treat to see the hens go for it.

When the young were ready for leaving the hens I put all the eight of them into a flight and gave them nothing else up to the time when I left home, on being called up. The birds were then six weeks old, and I had had no trouble with the young as to their feeding; they would gather round the food almost like a clutch of chickens.

When I was called up and had to leave my breeding in the hands of my wife and father-in-law, they started with egg-food, as they felt they could do better with it than with the meal, but if I had only been at home long enough I would have used meal only, as the young ones had done so well on it.

As to loss of size, I might add that the birds experimented on have made my biggest ones. I have a friend who has fed and moulted all his birds on this meal, and mixed his colour-food with it for two breeding seasons, and I can say that he has bred some really tip-top birds.

In comparing the difference in cost of feeding, the meal is a long way the cheaper, and if I am fortunate enough to come through the war I shall most certainly use chicken meal for breeding.

Tom Tit.

Club Reports.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C

Soldier Members to Exhibit Free.

Meeting, Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, Napiershall Street, October 31, Mr. P. Thom presiding over a good attendance. Annual show business was the principal business, and all arrangements are well in hand. Quite a host of specials were promised. Agreed to allow members who have been called to the colours to exhibit their birds free at this show. Special meeting, Nov. 13, at above address, at 8; important show business, etc. —P. Houston, Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Mr. J. Watkins presiding. Sec. read a mass of correspondence, and stated he had been successful in arranging with judge and for hall. Decided to accept the offer of patronage of the Welsh C.B.C. for our open show. Mr. Gameson offered to guarantee two classes, Mr. Lewis one, and Mr. D. R. Smith one. Specials were given by Messrs. E. Morgan, R. Jones, and J. Watkins. Decided that all specials be placed upon open classes unless specially earmarked for members. Members are expected to turn up in strong numbers to take share of work to make show a success. —W. D. Lewis, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Further reputed Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids coming to Town.

Meeting headquarters, "Feathers" Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., Oct. 25. Among other business dealt with was a letter from Mr. Anderson, of Darvel, in reference to his claim to have again bred Hybrids from a Song Thrush and hen Blackbird, and, as a member of the club, asking the Committee to allow him to place evidence of the accomplishment before them. The Committee decided to hear the evidence and to have one of the said Hybrids up for inspection at a special meeting to be held at the Feathers Hotel on Nov. 16.—E. Stephens, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES.

Meeting, Nov. 4, Good Templars' Halls, Ingram Street, Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie presided over a fair attendance. Treas. read financial statement, showing a credit balance of over £4. Mr. Dinwoodie (Bridgeton) was admitted a member. Decided to issue a catalogue of annual show, Jan. 27. Mr. J. H. Adam gave an exhibition of washing Canaries, which was appreciated, and it was ultimately agreed to have a washing competition at next meeting, Dec. 2, for prizes presented by Messrs. Anderton, Findlay, Pettigrew, Adam; and unless six competitors, no competition. Intending competitors to furnish their own bird and utensils and material required. It is to be hoped that members will do their best to make the competition a success. Schedule for annual show will be ready next meeting, Dec. 2, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, at 7.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

S. SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, Nov. 1, Hunt's shop, Ocean Road, Mr. J. S. Dixon presiding over a very large attendance. Decided, with respect of the two handsome bowls presented to our society that the T. T. Anderson bowl go to the best young bird bred by a member, and J. F. Curry bowl to be competed for by members who have never exhibited before 1916. We agreed to have a guessing competition, the proceeds to buy stationery, etc., for the soldiers who visit the institute where we hold our show. Mr. Armstrong is giving the bird, and Mr. Bird the cage. Stewards were elected for our show, Nov. 18, at St. Thomas' Institute. New members elected on Oct. 18: Messrs. J. Grey, J. Potts, and J. T. Conchman. L. Simpson, R. McVay. In the washing of birds, Mr. T. R. Baker washed the first bird and Mr. Armstrong the other two. Members watched with keen interest, and at the close of meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Baker and Armstrong, which ended a very pleasant meeting.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Membership advanced from 16 to 70.

Meeting, Nov. 2, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market. Mr. Espie presided over a good number. Letter read from from Mr. Heggie (Glasgow) in reference to his birds arriving too late for judging but not putting any blame on the society for it. He thanked the sec. and officials for delaying judging and making enquiries at the station. The birds were put in the train 6 p.m. Friday and did not arrive at the show until after 11 on Saturday. The case was broken completely in two, but the birds arrived none the worse for their rough handling, and we all hope Mr. Heggie will get compensated by the railway company. The sec. reported that the show had proved the least expensive of any held for years, and in spite of the amusement tax about £28 will be handed over to the Red Cross fund. A vote of thanks was passed to the sec. for his work, but I am sure others have done a great deal of work, and I only take a share of the credit due and I thank all who helped me, especially (Billy) Curry, the Gateshead sec., and T. Hall, who gave me good assistance when I took over the secretaryship. The society had only 16 members when I took over the books, and now we have a membership of over 70, which proves we are coming to ourselves again, and several others promised at the show to join next season. In the report of show the name of Mr. C. G. Petterson, who rendered great assistance as doorkeeper, was omitted. Next meeting, Dec. 7, we have an important item on the agenda.—F. W. Laidlow.

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Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Members' show, Oct 28. Mr. Wm. Richmond judged and gave every satisfaction. Class 1: 1, 2, vhc, B. Cook; 3, Scholes; hc, Robinson. Class 2: 1, 3, Booth; 2, Robinson. Class 3: 1, Robinson; 2, Scholes. Class 4: 1, hc, Booth; 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Robinson; c, Scholes. Class 5: 1, 2, Booth; 3, vhc, Scholes; hc, Cook. Class 6: 1, 2, vhc, Scholes; 3, c, Cook; hc, Robinson.—B. Cook, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM ROLLER C.C.

Roller Canary contest, Nov. 1. Judge, Mr. J. H. Willows. Young birds bred by Member (32): 1, Layland, 31; 2, Millward, 28; 3, Savigar, 27; 4, Herbert, 27; vhc, Tomkins, 26; hc, Berrey, 26; Savigar, 26; Herbert, 26; c, Berrey (2) 25; Taylor, 25. Spls.: Layland, best bell gincke, best water roll; Berrey, best water glucke; Savigar, best hollow roll and best glucke roll; Herbert, best bass roll; Taylor, best schockel. Any Age (9): 1, Heeley, 31; 2, Layland, 28; 3, Millward, 27; 4, Smith, 25.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Members' show of cock Canaries, Nov. 2, King's Cross Band Room, Halifax. 67 birds were staged, an extra good entry for a night show, as many members are working overtime on munitions. Mr. T. Pilling, Halifax, judged, and his awards were favourably received. Open—Cl. or Tkd. Yell Yorks: 1, Rigg; 2, Sharpe; 3, Priestley; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Stobard. Buff: 1, Rigg; 2, 3, Sutcliffe. Unflig.: 1, Hobart; 2, Rigg; 3, vhc, Sharpe; 4, Walsh; hc, Priestley; c, Sutcliffe. Even, &c.: 1, 3, Stobart; 2, Sharpe; 4, vhc, c, Sutcliffe; hc, Priestley. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell: 1, 3, G. Mitchell; 2, W. Mitchell; 4, vhc, F. Horsman; hc, Wilson. Buff: 1, Gelder; 2, Senior; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc, G. Mitchell; hc, F. Horsman. Unflig.: 1, Gelder; 2, hc, Senior; 3, Stocks; 4, c, Wilson; vhc, W. Mitchell. Even, etc.: 1, c, Senior; 2, W. Mitchell; 3, Stocks; 4, vhc, Gelder; hc, G. Mitchell. Both sections.—Self or Foul Green: 1, 3, W. Mitchell; 2, vhc, F. Horsman; 4, Sharpe.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

GOSPORT F.A.

Annual show, Oct. 25, Crown Hotel, North Street, which proved a great success. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Backler, assisted by his committee, carried out the management in perfect order as usual, and everything passed off without a hitch The attendance was good, and the show had every appearance of paying its way. Mr. H. Young judged.

Nor.: 1, sp., 2, Parkes, good buff and a hot yellow, not quite ready; 3, Howes. Yorks: 1, sp, Bull, smart yellow; 2, 3, Parkes, good yell. and buff. Bord.: 1, Howes, tight as a Java, free mover, yell.; 2, Miss Landon, yell., close up; 3, Hinds. Bord. bred 1916: 1, 2, Miss Landon, yell., good type and qual. variog. cinn.; 3, Howes. A.O.V. 1916: 1, sp, Butt, red hot Yorks; 2, 3, Alderlade, variog. buff Nor. and buff Yorks. Goldf.: 1, Tout, John Bull type, deep blaze, nice dark breast, good moons; 2, 3, Stone. Linnet: 1, Tout, a gem; 2, Smith, large, not the qual.; 3, Russell. Greenf.: 1, Russell, smart yell.; 2, Tout, good buff. A.O. Hardbill: 1, sp, 3, Tout, grand Hawfinch, simply perfection; 3rd, good Bramble; 2, Alderlade. Sottbill: 1, 3, Tout, sweet Gold Crest, and a Redstart; 2, Moore, Blackbird, nice feather. Mule or Hyb., Dark: 1, Howes, Linnet, grand feather; 2, Miss Landon, Goldf., well shown; 3, Hinds. Mule, 1916: 1, Alderlade; 2, Russell. For.: 1, 2, Parkes. Sell.: 1, Tout; 2, Hinds.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

Second old bird show, headquarters, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, Nov. 1. Mr. L. C. Casey judged and had an excellent entry of 125 birds, among which there were some fine specimens. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, c, Midgley; 2, Stables; 3, hc, Walker; 4, vhc, Farrar. Buff: 1, vhc, Walker; 2, 3, Farrar; 4, Midgley. Unfl. Yell.: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Farrar; 4, Stables; vhc, Wroe; hc, Northrop. Buff: 1, Stables; 2, hc, Farrar; 3, Northrop; 4, c, Walker; vhc, Midgley. Ev., &c.: 1, vhc, J. Taylor; 2, Farrar; 3, Walker; 4, Midgley; hc, Stables; c, Rushworth. Cl. Tkd. Yell, Hen: 1, 2, Stables; 3, J. Taylor; 4, hc, Northrop; vhc, Farrar; c, Wroe. Buff: 1, 2, c, Stables; 3, J. Taylor; 4, Walker; vhc, Wroe; hc, Northrop. Ev., &c., Hen: 1, Northrop; 2, hc, Farrar; 3, vhc, J. Taylor; 4, c, S. Midgley. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Verity; 3, Naylor; 4, Walton; vhc, Wilman; hc, Spencer; c, Fielding. Buff: 1, Naylor; 2, Wilman; 3, Fielding; 4, Walton; vhc, Verity; hc, G. S. Taylor; c, Hargreaves. Unfl. Yell.: 1, 2, Verity; 3, 4, G. S. Taylor; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Wilman; c, Spenceer. Buff: 1, 3, Naylor; 2, Anderson; 4, Wilman; vhc, Verity. Ev., &c.: 1, vhc, Hargreaves; 2, 4, Denton; 3, Wilman. Cl. or Tkd. Yell, Hen: 1, 3, vhc, Spencer; 2, G. S. Taylor; 4, c, Wilman; hc, Denton. Buff: 1, Denton; 2, Naylor; 3, c, Spencer; 4, vhc, Verity; hc, Wilman. Ev., &c., Hen: 1, 4, Hargreaves; 2, Spencer; 3, Verity; vhc, G. S. Taylor. Sell.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Anderson. A.V. Hen: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Rushworth.—J. Spencer, Sec.

EDINBURGH (N.E.) O.S.

25th annual club show, Nov. 4, Abbeymount Hall. 220 birds were on show, compared with 270 last year. Among the visitors were Lady Gibson, hon. vice-president, and Councilor Lorne McLeod, Councillor McLeod's cup for best Crest or Crestbred was won by P. Mason; Lewis McIver cup best Plainhead, A. G. Gray; Mr. J. Avon Clyde's cup best Border, R. Forman, also the Border Fancy medal.

Scotch Fancy Ck.: 1, Dougall; 2, 3, Malcolm. Hen: 1, 2, Dougall; 3, Malcolm. Crest Ck.: 1, Mantach; 2, Miss Kidd; 3, McGinty. Hen: 1, Mantach; 2, Mason; 3, Porteous. C.-B. Ck.: 1, P. Mason; 2, 3, 5, Mantach; 4, Miss Kidd. Hen: 1, Porteous; 2, Archibald; 3, 4, 5, Mantach. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, McCartney; 3, Murray. Buff Ck.: 1, Currie; 2, 5, Weir; 3, Murray; 4, 6, Spence. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Weir; 4, Hay. Buff: 1, 2, Murray; 3, Weir; 4, McCartney. Var. Yell. Ck.: 1, Gray; 2, 3, McGinty. Buff: 1, McCartney; 2, Currie; 3, McGinty; 4, Murray. Yell. Hen: 1, Murray; 2, 3, Weir; 4, Currie. Buff: 1, Weir; 2, Murray; 3, Currie; 4, 6, McGinty; 5, Mrs. Kidd. Cinn. Green: 1, Murray; 2, 4, 5, 7, McGinty; 6, Weir. Non-Fed Ck.: 1, Weir; 2, Clark; 3, 4, Wallace. Hen: 1, 3, Weir; 2, McGinty; 4, Gray; 5, Clark. Bord. C. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, 6, 7, Forman; 2, Allison; 4, Carmichael. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Forman; 3, 7, Allison; 5, Malcolm; 6, Erskine. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 4, 8, Forman; 3, Allison; 5, McGinty; 6, Erskine. Buff: 1, 2, Forman; 3, Malcolm; 5, Erskine. Var. Yell. Ck.: 1, McGinty; 2, Malcolm; 3, 4, Erskine. Buff: 1, Erskine; 2, Allison; 3, Somerville; 4, Malcolm; 5, Cairncross. Yell. Hen: 1, Cairncross; 2, 4, Erskine; 3, Dougall. Buff: 1, Carmichael; 2, Allison; 3, Malcolm. Cinn. or Gr. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Erskine. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Erskine; 3, McGinty. Mules: 1, 4, Clark; 2, 3, McGinty; 5, 6, 7, Allison. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Allison; 2, 4, Clark; 3, Archibald. Greenf.: 1, 3, Clark; 2, 4, Archibald; 5, Somerville. Linnet or Redpoll: 1, Cairncross; 2, 4, Clark; 5, Weir.—R. S. Spence, Sec.

Please see notice above (Ed.).

MAIDSTONE F.S.

27th annual show in the Old Tithe Barn, Maidstone, Nov. 3, 4—the most successful annual in the long record of the society. Mr. A. Day, one of the oldest fanciers in the south, acted as sec., efficiently assisted by Mr. E. F. Tadman, and every assistance was rendered by that fine old fancier, Mr. G. Barney (chairman), and a splendid body of committeemen. The show was opened in a felicitous speech by the Mayor, Councillor G. Tyrwhitt Drake, and the attendance, considering the unpropitious weather, was first-class. There were about 100 entries, and quality was excellent. Cup for best bird fell to a typical yellow Yorks. shown by Mr. Cranston. Mr. G. Gardner judged and his awards were well received.

Nor. Col.-Fed. Ck. (8): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Cranston, buff, lovely feather, good shape and head, profuse bottom col., 2nd smart tkd. yell.; 3, res, c, Lynn, buff, rare feather. Hen (8): 1, 3, res, vhc, Cranston, a beautiful yell., correct feather, rich col.; 2, hc, c, Lynn, bonny var. buff. Nor. Cl. Nat. Col. (10): 1, spl, Rhodes, typical, good qual., nice head; 2, Hysted, buff, hardly so nice in head; 3, res, Lynn; vhc, hc, c, Cranston. Tkd., etc. (5): 1, 2, 3, Cranston, two bonny var. birds leading; res, vhc, Hysted. Yorks (11): 1, cup, 2, res, vhc, Cranston, grand team, leader well positioned yell., full of qual.; 3, hc, c, Rhodes. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 2, res, vhc, Cranston, bouncing C.-B. leading; 3, Harvey, neat C.B.; hc, c, Whibley. Pairs (3): 1, 3, Cranston, winners well matched Yorks; 2, Lynn, very shapely Nor. Hyb. or Mule (9): 1, spl, Bennett; 2, 3, vhc, Lynn; res, hc, c, Cranston. Goldf. (14), grand lot: 1, 2, res, vhc, hc, Cranston, little to choose between, in all Goldie points; 3, Lovett, rich face col., hardly so well balanced; c, Bennett. Bullf. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Lynn, leader sleek as a mole, rich col., clean at thighs; res, vhc, c, Cranston; hc, Crimp. A.O.S.: 1, spl, Cranston, steady Linnet, rich col.; 2, Bennett, Hawfinch; 3, Rhodes. Linnet; res, c, Whibley; vhc, Harvey; hc, Lynn. For. (7): 1, spl, Mrs. Simmons; 2, res, vhc, c, Rhodes; 3, hc, Cranston.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, Oct. 28, George and Dragon, Bridge Street. 16 birds sang: 1, 2, Nelson. Nov. 5, 16 birds sang: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, shared Longfield and Nelson. Special meeting, Nov. 12, at 1; urgent.—W. Nelson, Assist. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Nov. 5; 19 birds sang. 1, Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, Marshall.—Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Club, Viaduct Inn, Kirkstall Road, Nov. 5. 14 birds sang: 1, 2, shared Dobson and Goodwin; 3, shared Dobson and Kipling. Judges, Goodwin and Towes.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Nov. 4. 8 birds sang: 1, Thompson; 2, Playforth; 3, Stead. Judges, Sissons and Chippindale. Linnet contest, Nov. 5. 21 birds sang: 1, Sellers; 2, Jim Chippindale; 3, Towers; 4, Sissons; 5, T. Ward. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant and Ineson. Roller contest, Nov. 5. 8 birds sang: 1, 2, shared Stead and Playforth; 3, Stead. Judges, Hardcastle and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmaker's Arms, Saville Green, Nov. 5. 23 birds: 1, Newsum; 2, Stockhill; 3, 4, Butler. Judges, W. Lacy, R. Dearlove. Roller Canary contest, Nov. 5. 9 birds sang: 1, Hirst; 2, 3, shared, Oxley, Shaw. Judges, C. Biss, W. Lacy. Open Canary contest, Nov. 12. All welcome.

NORWICH CANARIES AT MANCHESTER SHOW.

BY SUB ROSA.

THOSE Norwich fanciers who did not get to the show on Oct. 28 missed the treat of their lives, and a few impressions on the exhibits will, perhaps, give some idea of their excellence to those fanciers who were unable to be present, although we noticed fanciers from far and wide, even to some Welshmen from Dimorphorthecaccklonii.

It is some years now since my first show at Manchester, and no show has been missed in the interim; but at no show have I seen a stock of Norwich equalling in numbers or quality of excellence those which were at this last event—not even at the Scottish National, and the Norwich at the National are "some" stuff.

A Battle of Giants.

The best were there from all districts, Lancashire, Cheshire, the Midlands, and the North, and it is only natural to assume that some well known winners were left out of the cards. Indeed, some of them which were lower down than is their custom seemed to feel their position very keenly, while, conversely, I feel certain I saw the first prize yellow cock wink his other eye and shake his tail like a tame lamb, and, like Maggie in "Hobson's Choice," he "held his husht." Any of the money winners and many of the honour winners could have won at big shows, but when we get a concentration of the country's best, some of them have to take a back seat.

It is no disgrace to be beaten at Manchester, at any time, but the competition was so keen at this show that many birds out of the cards were capable of winning at most shows. Weight seemed to have had a fascination for the judge, but the other essentials in most cases had not been overlooked.

The clear yellows were a good lot, and those fanciers who were disappointed may console themselves with the fact that the 1st Liverpool bird stood cardless—a bird which as an unflighted was the subject of a controversy some years ago. The Midland representative in this class was a good one, while the Accrington winner stood only third, and looked very sulky in consequence.

The clear buffs were absolutely great, 26 of the best. Friend Sam Cook held a strong hand here, and it is remarkable to notice that the prophecy that the Liverpool winner would take some stopping was not fulfilled, for he was stopped by his stable companion here, the old buff, surely "the titbit of the bunch, the gem of purest ray serene." Many very high class specimens were cardless here.

Winners all of a Bunch.

Each of the four leaders in the var. yellow class was worthy of first, and the winner is the well known Crawshaw yellow, a good all-round specimen. The second (Turner) is the equally well known wing mark, the unbeaten unflighted of last year. The third (Thomas) is a regular firebrand—a black-headed one—not a green-marked, be it noted by those fanciers who advise green blood for colour.

Variegated buffs were also extra strong, and Mr. Crawshaw seems still to hold the whip hand here, but I noticed the well-known breast-marked—which was the means of my friend Mr. Allsopp landing himself in trouble at Cardiff—stood second to his stable companion. Both are extra good, and typical of what a show Norwich should be, and surely Solomon in all his glory and war paint was not arrayed like these two.

Twenty-two yellow hens, and a remarkable lot! As an instance of the keenness, I might mention that the Liverpool winner stood hc, while a well-known var. hen (Smith), which has never to my knowledge been out of the money before, was cardless. The winner (Hirst) was a big one with a grand head, second (Brown) was a northern exhibit, and a worthy one full of Norwich properties, also a black-marked one and a hot colour. (Colour producers, please notice.)

Twenty-four buff hens and the Liverpool winner cardless, and Mr. Cook's well-known buff hens relegated to the cards, with tears in their eyes like a widow's pig. Truly a remarkable class. The winner was an amateur's bird (Clayton), the biggest hen I ever saw, good shape and quality of feather, but her body rather dwarfs her head.

The three unflighted classes contained 102 birds. Who said Norwich were deteriorating? Thirty-six unflighted hens, and all good. One would think that such classes as these should be divided into yellows and buffs, and considering that, reckoning the entrance fee at 1s. 6d., the Society made the handsome profit of £4 11s. on these three classes, if the Society will forgive the frankness that is ascribed to Dutch Uncles, I would hint that such a class could have been divided with no loss to themselves and much satisfaction to the exhibitors. There were some remarkable birds in these classes standing cardless, and there is no satisfaction to a judge when he must leave out so many good ones in a class of 36.

Are Judges Overworked?

Apropos of numbers, is it possible for a judge efficiently to handle so many exhibits in the time at his disposal? There are, perhaps, a few birds in a show of such dimensions which are, shall we say, "also rans," and a judge can soon pick them out, but at Manchester the majority are always in the running, and, to do himself and the birds justice, a judge ought to handle every cage and give every bird time to pose and to look its best, and I have wondered if it is possible for a judge to handle 400 birds in the time given him.

I well remember a show at Belle Vue, when the Norwich stood 40 in a class, and I was privileged to witness the judging The particular class which is fresh in my mind was on a top tier, and the judge walked along the row and picked out a likely bird here and there, and if they fluttered he put them back. Those which were acrobatic enough to stick on the perches, or too lazy to move, were carried to the judging table and had a run for their owner's money. The others were not looked at again.

Now I contend that that isn't judging. This particular instance was after lunch, and the judge was tired. A judge, to do himself justice, shouldn't be allowed to get tired, and he should be able to finish before lunch With such an entry it would be politic for a society to call in an auxiliary judge to give a hand.

"HOMING" SONG BIRDS.

By A. R.

(Continued from page 640.)

A charming account, by a life-long bird lover, of his birds which he trained to leave and return to their cages.

REDPOLLS lend themselves well to the special education. I call to mind a pair of these which must have been caught a year before I experimented. On a dull, rainy winter's day, I hung the hen out of doors and set the male free; of course his companion called him back at every attempt he made to fly off. When he had reached the branches of the nearest tree, he, Redpoll-like, hopped about uneasily from bough to bough, incessantly uttering his alarm cry: we-ip, we-ip! called forth by the strangeness of the situation.

Presently he revisited the gravel path and responded to his mate's blandishments by the chattering call-note of the species; it did not take long after that before he had followed her invitation and returned to her cage. A short exchange of courtesies over, he re-entered his own white house for the first time in the open, the twine was pulled, and the pair reunited for the day.

The next day things went quite smoothly, and my Homer Redpoll overcame the severe test of returning from the front of the house, over the roof, to the second floor window at the back. After that he became quite reliable as a Homer.

A Perfect Homing Redpoll Hen.

The hen Redpoll proved a better bird even than her spouse. From the first she showed quite as much attachment to the spot as to her imprisoned consort, whom I, of course, never let out when she took open-air exercise. Even when he was not used as call-bird, she never strayed further away than an old elm tree some fifty yards distant, and could always be found inside her cage at nightfall.

This went on until the first spring-like day in April, when the male bird took French leave, a liberty which I did not begrudge him in the least, only I turned the hen bird into the room aviary for the summer months after he had forsaken her. My ambition to possess healthy Homers of my own training was so far satisfied.

On another occasion a Bullfinch Homer of one year's standing paired with a tame hen which finally built and bred in an adjoining garden, and I hope that sooner or later we shall see the day when house-bred finches will become sufficiently domesticated as to admit of their being treated as Homing Songbirds.

The following extracts from our Nutshell, by Mr. H. J. Fulljames, on the Siskin, Redpoll and Twite will serve, we think, as a fitting conclusion to the foregoing interesting article.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

THE REDPOLL AS A "HOMER,' AND HOW TO TRAIN IT.

One of the most delightful branches of the hobby of bird-keeping is the training of birds to return voluntarily to their cages after a spell of liberty in the open-air, and no bird offers such facilities in this direction as the merry little Redpoll. Failure means only the loss of a few pence, and the restoration to liberty of a hitherto captive bird, while success means the possession of an object of interest to oneself and one's friends for months, or, may be, years. "Performing" Redpolls may be bought ready trained, but "Homing" Redpolls must be manufactured for oneself.

Firstly, the bird, from its first coming into one's possession, must be treated with the greatest care and gentleness, so as to familiarize it in every possible way with the person and voice of its owner. Its cage should be of a striking colour, white being the best for the purpose, and the bird should have become used to going in and out of this while still kept in the bird-room.

How to Commence the Training.

For the first experiment out of doors a dull, even wet, winter's day should be chosen, and a second bird of the kind should be hung in proximity to the cage of the one which is about to be experimented with. They will soon show anxiety each to join the other in its cage, and if the door of the one is pulled gently open from a distance by means of a piece of twine, he will soon be found upon the other cage.

From here he will probably soon take a short flight, only to be called back by his confined relative. Of course, failure may immediately result, as the free bird may get so far away as to be out of call. Even at this, hope need not be given up for several days. The call bird and the empty cage should be hung out each day, and the wanderer may return after some considerable time; indeed, instances are not wanting of escaped birds having returned to their owners after having been away sufficiently long to have assisted in producing wild progeny.

If the experiment has been so far successful that the free bird remains in the vicinity, he will be pretty certain to return to his familiar cage as soon as hunger reminds him of the well-spread board therein to be found. To encourage him to enter the open door there should be strewn near the entrance such titbits as those of which he may have proved particularly fond.

As soon as the wanderer has re-entered his cage, the door should be pulled to by the string, and both cages taken indoors for the day. There will afterwards be little risk in repeating the experiment, and after a time the call-bird may be dispensed with, or himself trained in his turn.

When the Homer has become accustomed to return to his cage, it may be placed on the window sill; afterwards, a little way inside, and, ultimately, the bird will go and return to his cage through the open window while the cage is hanging in the ordinary place on the wall.

Siskins as Homers.

Siskins make the best of "Homers," and, like the Redpoll, are sufficiently inexpensive to lend themselves without a prospective heavy loss to the interesting experiment of allowing them their freedom after they have become accustomed to the shelter and good food provided for them in their captivity. In such case there is every prospect of the bird returning to its home for nightly shelter and food.

The directions which are set forth in treating of the Redpoll as a "Homer" apply equally to the Siskin, and should be read as referring to this bird also, and, indeed, to any other bird in respect of which the very interesting experiment may be tried.

With such birds not very much fear need be entertained of their straying at any time of the year, once they have become accomplished Homers; but all the wild birds are in some degree liable to be led away by free relatives of the opposite sex at the approach of the breeding season, and a little discretion at such times is necessary.

Besides this, winter migrants such as the Siskin, should be watched or kept indoors for a while in the early spring, for their migratory instinct may impel them to journey northwards at that season.

Roseate-Cockatoos (Galahs) and Budgerigars At Ninepence Each.

The Rose-breasted Cockatoo, so often sold in this country as an "Australian Grey Parrot," is such a nuisance in its native country that if it were not poisoned, shot, or caught by the thousand, wheat-growing in some parts of the island Continent would be an utter impossibility. For the following particulars of the method of catching these birds we are indebted to an article in "The Emu."

MAX EGGER, during a portion of the year, followed the occupation of bird-trapping; he sent large numbers of Galahs and Warbling Grass-Parrots (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) to dealers in Sydney, receiving for the former birds about ninepence each, and less for the Budgerigars. He asked me to accompany him and two assistants on a trapping expedition, and I accepted the invitation. My friend explained that if he did not trap the Galahs the birds would be poisoned or shot in thousands, as they were regarded as pests by men on the land.

The trapper's outfit consisted of a waggon surmounted by a large cage, divided into compartments, a jinker (a large vehicle drawn by two horses), nets, stakes, call birds, and so forth. Leaving Jerilderie early one morning, we travelled slowly northward across the plains, and towards sundown entered a farm paddock, where we outspanned for the night. The farmer welcomed us, and said that the "Galahs were eating him out." In the evening nets and poles, bagging, and other articles were carried to a crop paddock, and the trappers soon had everything ready for operations next day.

We were astir before sunrise, for only in the early morning can trapping be carried on with a good chance of success. Each net is controlled by a long rope, and the trapper, crouched behind a screen of bagging against the fence, holds the free end, ready to give a sharp pull at the right moment.

Soon after the eastern sky became flushed with rose-pink, the colour of the Galah's breast, small flocks of the birds came flying toward the paddock from the trees along Yanko Creek. Gradually the size of the flocks increased, till there were thousands of the birds in sight. The call birds, tethered to the nets, "spoke" to those in the air, and presently a flock of about 30 Galahs circled over the net I was watching, and then alighted. The trapper pulled the rope, the poles leaped together, and a babel of harsh cries arose. Eleven birds had been caught, and they were quickly transferred to a box.

A Bag of Eighty-seven.

In the course of an hour the nets were sprung three times, and the tally of captives was 87; this was not considered a particularly good result. The Cockatoos were transferred to the big cage on the waggon, where they huddled on the long bamboo perches. Sulky at first, they soon became resigned to their lot, and ate and drank. In addition to netting the adult birds, the trappers gather nestlings and rear them.

We moved toward fresh fields before noon, and spent the night at a farmhouse. One of the two ladies at the homestead was a lover of wild birds, and had tamed several Galahs without caging them. All day, she said, these birds were away with the flocks, but toward sunset they returned to the homestead, where they remained during the night. I was lucky enough to see three of these tame wild birds early in the morning, and secured photographs of them on their favourite perch.

The trappers, who had been at work before I awoke, reported an albino Galah, which they failed to capture. Max Egger, from a nest in the Jerilderie district, each season for three years in succession, took two albino fledgelings, and reared them all.

Budgerigars by the Thousand.

In very dry seasons Warbling Grass-Parrots travel far south, and small flocks were observed in the summer of 1915 amid the tea-tree at Black Rock on Port Phillip Bay. "Old Bushman," in his charming book, "Bush Wanderings of a Naturalist," mentions this species in the chapter on the ornithology of Port Phillip. "Occasionally, but very rarely, he writes, "a flock of the Budgerigar, or Shell-paroqueet, would pay us a visit; and I recollect, in the middle of the summer, 1854, our gum-trees swarmed with them. They stayed about a month, when they suddenly disappeared, and only an odd straggler or so has been seen in our district."

On the Riverina plains, in a good season, thousands of Budgerigars are captured by the trappers, and the market is glutted, with the result that the birds realise only a few pence apiece. I am a staunch advocate of bird protection, but I cannot truthfully say that trapping has any appreciable effects on either Galahs or Warbling Grass-Parrots.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 605.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management, and diseases. The breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

DISEASES affecting the respiratory system are often met with in a collection of birds, and are nearly always the result of ignorance and carelessness. In the combating of draughts many exclude all fresh air, with the result that the birds soon show symptoms of disease. The common fault of keeping birds in hot rooms is another sure cause of trouble, but one that may be easily remedied. British birds should always be in an unheated room, summer and winter, and only a few of the foreigners require an artificial temperature. Impure air and a high temperature are the two main causes of all respiratory troubles, and these two conditions must first be changed before internal remedies are used.

Some Common Complaints and Their Remedies.

Colds, fortunately, are not very severe as a rule. The cage should be kept in an even temperature. An aperient should be given and then the bird should be treated as for debility (which see). If the symptoms are severe, equal quantities of oxymel of squills, glycerine, and lemon juice can be given to alleviate them, the dose being half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. If desired two drops of whisky can be added, this is especially useful if the cold is severe.

Catarrh is an inflammation of the mucous membrane of the respiratory passages, and its result is that the cells which form the natural lubricating secretion are overstimulated, and a watery discharge takes place This is easily seen at the nostrils, and the condition should be immediately treated, as it is apt to become chronic. The nostrils should be washed with glycothymoline, and a drop of glycerine given morning and evening. Parrots are rather subject to this affection, and the secretion hardens round the nostrils. This should be removed, and the same treatment applied, with the dose of glycerine increased to half a teaspoonful.

Bronchitis and pneumonia are usually present concurrently, and may be distinguished from the common cold by the greater degree of prostration and difficulty in breathing. The sufferer must be put into a warm room, the air of which is kept moist by steam from a kettle. Mix an equal quantity of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and add one drop of paregoric to each tablespoonful of the mixture. The dose is half a teaspoonful in the drinking water. In cases where there is great debility a teaspoonful of brandy added to a tablespoonful of hot water should be at hand, and a few drops given direct into the beak every four hours. The diet while the symptoms are severe should consist of bread soaked in hot milk, squeezed free of superfluous moisture, and sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed. As the patient gets better, great care must be taken to prevent draughts or extremes of temperature, and careful attention should be given to the food which should be of a nourishing order, such as bread and milk once a day, and the staple food for another, with a few live insects, and, in the case of seedeaters, one or two grains of cracked hemp.

Asthma or Chronic Bronchitis.

It is very doubtful if an asthmatic condition in birds is at all similar to that in human beings, namely, a spasmodic contraction of the muscular coats of the smaller bronchial tubes with consequent difficulty in breathing. More probably it is a chronic bronchitis and should be treated on the lines laid down for that disease. It seems very beneficial if the bird is put in an atmosphere of moist heat for a quarter of an hour occasionally, such as that obtained in a properly constructed drying cage, great care of course being taken to see that the cooling off process takes places very gradually. The main treatment consists in giving plenty of fresh air at a moderate temperature.

The complaints mentioned are the principal respiratory diseases and in their treatment it is most important to recognise the value of fresh cool air, both as a preventive and as a means of treatment, in the later stages of convalescence.

Loss of voice, although hardly a disease, is sometimes a great source of trouble with singing birds. The first sign is hoarseness, and, immediately this is recognised, steps to prevent a more serious condition arising should be taken. The vocal organs must have a complete rest for a few days, and to ensure this the cage may be placed in a subdued light, or even covered up if necessary. Mix equal quantities of glycerine and lemon-juice and add four drops of this to the drinking water. A plain diet, with a little bread and milk once a day for a few days is usually all that is necessary.

Maw Seed for Diarrhœa.

Diseases of the digestive system sometimes prove very troublesome, and are responsible for many deaths. The one most often met with is diarrhœa, which is a condition in which the excreta assumes a watery consistency and is increased in amount. It is mostly the result of unsuitable and tainted food or water, so these should be the first to be examined and corrected if necessary. It is very seldom that green food produces diarrhœa if quite fresh, but any that has been allowed to remain in cages for a day or two is a very likely cause. As there is irritation in the intestine a drop of salad oil should be given, and, if dealing with Finches, maw seed is the natural remedy. If the diarrhœa is severe, some of this seed should be crushed and added to a very little powdered bismuth and prepared chalk, the whole being mixed up with egg food and given to the bird in this form.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, &c., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

A Huge Entry of 1,125 Superb Exhibits and Capital Organisation.

A Twelve Years Old Chaffinch wins its Hundredth 1st Prize.

The 5th annual show took place Nov. 3rd and 4th. The historical Cutlers' Hall, which was engaged at great expense, is situated centrally, exceedingly spacious, lofty, and judiciously ventilated, and of nice light, and on the eve of the show quite a multitude of fanciers were as busy as bees, fixing up-to-date 3-tier staging, and seeing to all the details that an open venture necessitates.

The magnificent show room, splendidly lighted by electricity, filled with glorious exhibits, was a sight, indeed, and no wonder the great multitude of visitors (amongst whom were many wounded soldiers) were delighted by the fare provided. The entry of 1125 was upwards of 200 more than last year's number. Treasurer Dr. Craig is one of the greatest assets any Society could possibly possess. An enthusiastic fancier, and a very strong pillar financially, in many other ways his value is greatly esteemed. Chairman "Tom" Dawn, so well known throughout the bird world, works like a Trojan, and Vice-chairman Mr. J. A. T. Woodhall is a splendid deputy, a keen fancier, a worker, ever on the go, and worthy of many kind words. The Committee consists of practical, energetic and enthusiastic fanciers. Each and every one is an expert, and great credit is due to the following: Messrs. G. Fletcher, J. W. Farrow, L. G. A. Kuypers, J. Mace, G. Moore, J. Memmott, J. Milne, T. Ridal, P. Walsh, T. Tow, A. H. Waters, J. H. Richardson, W. H. Spencer and E. Simpson. Secretaries E. C. Job and R. Colton work with precision and promptness, and are courteous to the extreme, and much of the success of the show is undoubtedly due to their endeavours Last, but not least, of the officials comes the Show Manager, Mr. G. Fletcher. What a tremendous amount of work he does to be sure. He is never lacking where help is required, always doing the right thing at the right time. A great acquisition is G.F., in more ways than one. Throughout the entire show the organisation was wonderful.

THE ALL-NIGHT WORKERS.

The stewards, we must not forget them. One and all fulfilled their duties smoothly and correctly, very great credit being due to Messrs. J. H. Waters, T. Ridal, T. Dawn, T. Tow, J. A. T. Woodall, J. H. Richardson, F. Hartley, J. Peace, Roberts, Gifford Moore, J. Memmott, and L. G. A. Kuypers. Unpackers on arrival of exhibits and Saturday night packers for return journey of exhibits were Dr. Hill, Peace, Towers, Spencer, Allen, Linley, Graves, Ridal, Richardson, T. Dawn, J. H. Garnett, superintended by Mr. G. Fletcher. This work was expeditiously and efficiently transacted. All night stewards were Dr. Hill, Messrs. T. Ridal, J. A. T. Woodall, J. H. Richardson, and A. Willoughby, and these are all worthy of the highest praise. Messrs. T. Tow and J. Memmott were busy very early in the mornings, seeding and watering throughout, doing this essential work correctly and thoroughly. Messrs. T. Dawn and G. Fletcher provided drays to fetch and return exhibits to the stations, both drays working all Thursday night. No cases were left on the station platforms, therefore no birds were apt to get chilled.

Sales were excellent, upwards of £100, and the gate takings amounted to a good sum. Messrs. T. Dawn and Dr. Craig each were responsible for 400 tickets sold, previous to the show opening. Catalogues with awards were on sale early on the Friday, those ordered by away fanciers posted off same day.

The judges were Messrs. W. Cowgill (Yorkshires), J. C. Barnes (Norwich), J. Robson (Crests), J. Frostick (Brit. and For.), and their awards were well received.

Amongst the many well-known fanciers present were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), the well known judge and breeder of Norwich and Yorkshires, H. H. Towers (Keighley), President of the Y.U.C.B. Soc., Mrs. Montague Scott (London), the enthusiastic Crest exhibitor, T. Heath, and J. W. Ramsden (London), both world renowned, Bernard Steel (Sheffield), of Crest fame, J. Radley (Skelmanthorpe), Mr. and Mrs. L. Dykes, L. Ogden, J. Chittenden, J. Thornton, A. Haigh, T. Bennett (Bradford), S. Cook (Manchester), E. Fox (Long Eaton), J. Holmes and J. Boaler (Nottingham), D. Hunter (Scarboro'), J. E. Conway (Sec., Gainsbro'), J. Potts and J. Simpson (Worksop), A. Hobson (Sec. Sheffield C.B.S.), J. Sissons (Sec. Walkley S.C.), F. Jones (Chairman Sheffield C.B.S.), J. Warrender (Wombwell C.B.S., Sec.), W. Oxley (Treasurer Sheffield C.B.S.), C. Snead (Bradford), and a host of others. A huge gathering of the clans.

The patronage of the following specialist clubs was in evidence, bringing together a galaxy of talent: Y.U.C.B.S., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., N.G.M.Y.C.C., N.P.C., O.N.P.C., C.C.C., N,B,B,M,-C. and F.B.C.

AMONG THE BIRDS.

Yorkshires were a treat to observe. Lovely quality, wonderful length, straight as rushes, and stylish to a degree were many that one came across. The section provided many studies. Glorious birds were the cl. yell cock (L. Dykes), unflighted yell. hen (J. Thomas), unflighted buff hen, rose bowl winner (G. Snead), and marked buff cock (H. H. Towers). Dr. Craig took three firsts in the clnn. marks with a trio of eye-openers. Mr. L. Dykes' noted yellow marked cock, "Dreadnought," was down somewhat, and stood 2nd to a very fine marked cock owned by Mr. L. Hodgson, senr.

Norwich made a magnificent display. For type, quality, colour and substance the most fastidious must have been more than satisfied. Glorious specimens were to be observed in many of the classes, competition being as keen as "Coleman's." We did not envy the task set Mr. Barnes to separate such superb specimens. "Knock outs" were the cl. buff cock (S. Cook), ticked yell. cock (W. N. Turner), unflighted buff cock (T. Peters), and the unflighted var. buff hen (W. Crawshaw). Mr. J. Livingstone stood first in unflighted yell. cocks with a model of a clear, not a monster, but a demon; 2nd, also a stormer, owned by Mr. T. Wright, but for a little deficiency in tail most likely would have won.

Novice Yorks. and Norwich contained many quite capable of doing well amougst the "upper ten." Grand exhibits were benched by Messrs. F. Potts, P. Taylor, A. Taylor, H. Lodge, and G. H. Fisher (Yorks.), R. Dickenson, A. Smith, Jas. Rushton, T. Wallwork, F. Hammond, and W. Twells (Norwich).

In the Yorks. and Norwich Greens many well-known winners faced the music. Gems were put down by Messrs. T. Rowlands (4 lots, etc.) in Yorks., and F. Handley, E. Ball and J. Walker (Norwich). The response to this section was very meagre, 19 in 8 classes, and we heard the classes would have to drop out if not better supported.

Wonderful birds were to be seen in the Crest and C.B. section, and we question whether a choicer lot have ever been on view at this annual. The classification being so good, and the Crest Club's specials being offered, stormers were expected, and stormers we saw. Probably the finest collection ever seen in Sheffield, not only odd good ones, but good ones all through the section. Pride of place must be given to the buff marked wings D.C. owned by Mrs. Montague Scott. The crest as large as a crown piece, delightfully radiated, thickly thatched, correct centre, and magnificent droop. Another great exhibit put down by this lady was a marked buff Crestbred cock, a giant, with heaps of grand quality feather, massive width of skull, marvellous length of head covering, lashed to perfection. The team of birds shown by this lady enthusiast were staged perfectly, and her wins were, 4 firsts, 4 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth, 2 vhc, and 1 c, with 14 entries, an achievement. Mr. Bernard Steel (Sheffield) staged in faultless condition a magnificent yellow green pied wing D.C., the best we have seen for many a long day. Mr. Geo. Colledge won in the 1916 class for Crests, with a buff var. D.C. of a very meritorious description, well up in substance, abundance of rich feather, crest grand right through; with luck should make a name; claimed at £25. Other exquisite specimens were put down by Messrs. W. Radley and Son, F. Peace, G. Dobson, J. Broad and J. Memmott.

Cinnamons were few but good. The representatives of Mr. W. H. Taylor from far away Sydney practically cleared the deck. Pity the competition was not keener, so as to have allowed his birds to have exhibited their true worth. Certainly a grand team.

Hybrids were not so meritorious as was to have been expected here. Still, one or two were really "top hole." Mr. Robt. Heggie (Glasgow) sent down his noted buff Goldie-Canaries, cl. and mkd., and took 1st and 2nd, both being gems, and greatly admired. Mr. R. D. Parlett won in the Darks with a superb yell. Goldf.-Can. The Greenie-Bullie shown by Mr. W. P. Campbell was real good, and deserved its win. Mr. S. T. Oldham won well with a lovely yell. Siskin-Canary in the pink.

The thirteen classes provided for British birds yielded a magnificent total of 174 entries, a little over an average of 13 per class. When it is noticed that men like Messrs. P. Walsh, H. J. Chick, W. Francis, W. H. Raven, Dr. M. Wilson, and R. D. Parlett had out some of their cracks, it will be seen that the quality was of the best, and the competition the keenest; in many of the classes two sets of winners could have been found without difficulty, and many grand birds had perforce to stand cardless.

A VETERAN CHAFFINCH.

Amongst the many remarkable specimens on view, Mr. P. Walsh's winning Chaffinch scored its 100th first prize; this bird has been in its owner's possession no less than 12 years, and looks fit to win many more honours; its marvellous record includes wins at the Crystal Palace and all leading shows. Dr. M. Wilson's charming Meadow Bunting was marked "wrong class." Although the bird has won numerous prizes elsewhere under other judges in British classes, that was no reason why, as the judge explained, he should award a prize to what was purely a Continental species, therefore he promptly marked it "w.c." The class for Small Insectivorous was a regular eye-opener, probably the best ever seen at a provincial show, containing no less than 12 different species, and not a duffer among them.

Foreign birds were not so numerous as they might have been, but this section always has, and always will continue to be dependent on strong local effort, and with so many of our best exhibitors now serving in H.M. Forces, it was perhaps too much to expect a large entry, but some gems of the first water were on view, thanks to Messrs. Colton and Dawn, who exhibited some exceedingly rare Parrakeets, including the New Zealand Red-fronted, which has not been seen in this country for quite 15 years. The judging generally was an arduous task, being somewhat delayed at the commencement, owing to late arrivals, and with the necessity of waiting to get full classes, was not finished until 4 o'clock, by which time the light, none too good throughout the day, was well on the wane.

SPECIAL WINNERS.

The splendid silver trophy presented by Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley) for best 1916 Yorks., went to Mr. G. Snead with a magnificent unflighted buff hen. Mr. Bernard Steel's (Sheffield) silver cup, for Crests and C.B. (unflighted) was won by Mr. Geo. Colledge with his buff var. D.C., a real stormer, claimed at catalogue price, £25. Silver medal given by Mr. J. C. Barnes for best bird in Classes 30 to 53, went to S. Cook for his noted cl. buff Nor. cock, and the one for most points went to Mr. W. Crawshaw, who staged a grand team of birds. Ramsden's specials for best feds: Yorks, Dr. Craig; Nor., S. Cook; A.O.V., J. T. Livine. Crested Club specials: Best old Crested cock, Mrs. Montague Scott; hen, Colledge; C.B. cock, Steel; hen, Dobson; 1916 Crest, Colledge; C.B., Radley and Son; yell. Crest, Mrs. Montague Scott; C.B. Colledge. Norwich P.H.C. specials: Champ, best 2nd, Cook; best 3rd and 4th, Fox; best vhc, Peters. Amateurs, best 3rd, Rushton; best 4th, Hammond; best vhc, Parvin.

Sectional most points: Champ Yorks: 1, Dykes; 2, Hirst; 3, Dr. Craig. Nov.: 1, Potts (F.); 2, Hamlyn; 3, Lodge. Green Yorks: 1, Rowlands; 2, Richardson. Green Nor.: 1, Handley; 2, Ball. Champ. Nor.: 1, Crawshaw; 2, Cook; 3, Turner. Nov.: 1, H. Rushton; 2, J. Rushton; 3, Dickenson. Clnn.: 1, W. H. Taylor; 2 and 3 equal, Law and Varley. Champ. Crest and C.B.: 1, Mrs. M. Scott; 2, Steel; 3, Colledge. Novice: 1, Norwood; 2, Whyatt. Brit. Hard and Soft.: Walsh. Hard: 1, Walsh; 2, Raven; 3, Parlett. Soft: 1, M. Darlow; 2, W. Hailstone. Hyb.: 1, Heggie; 2, Oldham. Foreign B.C. medal: Colton and Dawn. Points: 1, Colton and Dawn; 2, F. Howe; 3, Baxby. Most entries: Colton and Dawn. Best true pair (large): Colton and Dawn; (small), do. Most entries: Colton and Dawn.

MR. W. COWGILL'S CLASSES.

CHAMP. YORKS, CL., ETC. (16): 1, Dykes, straight as a rush, rare length, lovely back, perfect wing carr., feathered like a Java, hot col., gem; 2, Bennett, superb qual., rattling pos. and length, well on leg, close on the heels of winner; 3, Dr. Craig, lengthy, superior feather, stands like a guardsman, plenty of leg; 4, H. Bingham and Furniss, capital feather, fine length, bit wild, which told against it; vhc, Crawhall; c, Heggie. BUFF (20): 1, Lunn, sweetly moulded, A1 qual. and col., rattling back, well filled, magnificent wing carr., pipe tail; 2, Dr. Craig, smooth as marble, straight as a gun barrel, richly fed, very lengthy, full of style, must have pressed; 3, Helliwell, capital feather and col., smooth as wax, straight and lengthy, clever legs, close up; 4, Dykes, lovely salmon tint, tight as a Java, rare pos. and length; vhc, Thomas; hc, Heggie; c, Price. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Dykes, mkd. wing, ablaze, beautiful pos., very lengthy, full of swagger, best of backs, gem; 2, Heggie, mkd. wing and head, longest in class; rich qual. and col., well on leg, not quite the outline or character; 3, Farrall, mkd. cheek, stands well, A1 qual., pale col.; 4, c, Spencer, mkd. wing and cheek, capital feather and col., very lengthy and full of style, might have gone up; vhc, Hirst; hc, Hammond. BUFF (11): 1, A. Radley, mkd. wing, stands well, superior feather, nice col., good back and wing carr., plenty strong enough; 2, Dykes, mkd. wing, better col., A1 qual., rattling pos. and length, full of style, our choice; 3, Dr. Craig, mkd. wing, for qual., col., pos. and cond. all one need desire, wee bit shorter, yet a beauty; 4, Crawhall, mkd. wing, pale col., well clothed, shows nicely; vhc, Hartley; hc, Taylor; c, Dyson. YELL. HEN (15) 1, Dykes, mkd. wing, not a feather wrong, magnificent pos., lovely expression, real charmer; 2, Snead, richly fed and beautifully clothed cl., fine pos and style, shows to perfection, hardly so lengthy; 3, Helliwell, mkd. head, more length, good col. and feather, stands well; 4, Radley, tkd head, straight, smooth as a bottle, A1 col., very; vhc, Spencer; hc, Crawhall; c, Heggie. BUFF (22) Bevy of beauties: 1, Myers and Thornton, cl., as though chiselled out of marble, perfect pos., lovely expression of head, well filled back, grand wings and tail; 2, Dykes, cl., straight, superb feather, nice length, good legs, capital wing carr., just beaten in col.; 3, F. Taylor, cl., tight as wax, very fine length, shows to perfection, bit low on leg, yet good one; 4, Thornton and Robertshaw, capitally fed cl., graud head and neck, neat right through, close up; vhc, Spencer; hc, Bray; c, Crawhall. UNFLIG. YELL (32) Rare class; easily two sets of winners could have been selected: 1, Helliwell, cl., very lengthy and slim, good in feather and col., nice pos. and style; 2, Bennett, mkd. wings and head, red hot, stands perfectly, rare length, fine head expression, best of back, very charming wing carr., clever legs, our choice; 3, Dr. Craig, beautifully feathered cl., straight as a rush, smooth as a bottle, well on leg, good 2nd we thought; 4, Sharpe, thigh tick, capital feather and col., stands well, nice carr. of flights, neat tail, not the length; vhc, P. Hirst; hc, A. Hirst; c, Snead. BUFF (30) Topping lot: 1, Dykes, mkd. wing and breast, best of pos., superh feather and col., rare length, stylish; 2, P. Hirst, cl., straight as a pencil, feathered like box, wonderful length, shows to perfection, gem, and close up; 3, Clegg, mkd. wing and head, for style, qual., pos. and col. all one need desire, not of the longest but of the very smartest, worth its place; 4, Amblers, wonderful length, A1 qual., stands well, put down in fine fettle; vhc, Bingham and Furniss; hc, Middleton; c, Spencer. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (29): 1, Thomas, cl., marvellous merit, hard to find fault with, charming; 2, P. Hirst, cl., rare feather, capital pos. and length, lovely outline, staged to the moment, pressed hard; 3, Bingham and Furniss, warmly fed cl., grand feather, delightful pos. and length, very stylish, good 3rd; 4, Dykes, nicely clothed cl., neat head and neck, good body, wings and tail, not quite so stylish; vhc, Bray; hc, Towers; c, Heggie. BUFF (27): 1 and rose bowl, G. Snead, cl., one of the most typical and most stylish hens we have seen for many a day, should do some winning; 2, vhc, Hirst, cl., wedge shaped, smooth as box, straight as a rush, full of col., grand style, wee bit shorter; 3, Middleton, cl., slim and lengthy, A1 qual. and col., good pos., clever legs; 4, Thornton and Robertshaw, cl., not one of the longest, but in almost every other point perfect, good 4th; hc, Bennett; c, Spencer. EVEN, ETC., YELL (14): 1, L. Hodgson, very lengthy var., beautiful feather and col., neat and narrow, stands like a rush, twists a little front of neck, yet grand; 2, Dykes, mkd wings and eyes, his noted "Dreadnought," bit down at judging time, or might have won; 3, J. Taylor, mkd. wings, head and tail, teeming with qual., richly fed, slashing pos. and style, shade shorter; 4, Clegg, mkd. wings and head, straight as a rush, smooth as wax, A1 col., again bit shorter; vhc, Towers; hc, Bennett; c, Middleton. BUFF (10): 1, Towers, mkd. wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, magnificent col., lengthy and slashing pos., gem; 2, Dykes, light var., hardly so rich in col. or so lengthy, yet full of true characteristics; 3, Hartley, mkd. wings and eyes, superb feather, good back and wing carr., nice length, beaten in style; 4, Amblers, mkd. wings and eyes, wedge shaped, tight as wax, very stylish, not quite so lengthy; vhc, Heggie; hc, Radley; c, Hall. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Gledhill, mkd. wings and eyes, delightful col., fine pos. and length, bonny; 2, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, ran a close race, staged in fine form; 3, Chittenden, mkd. wings and eyes, stands well, capitally gowned, rich col., neat wings and tail, little shorter; 4, Midgley, mkd. wings, head and tail, full of style; vhc, Snead; hc, Middleton; c, Heggie. BUFF HEN (13): 1, Towes, mkd. wings, breast and cheeks, beautifully drawn, smooth as a Java, fine length, sweet expression, gem; 2, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, feather like wax, A1 col., nice length and cond., delightful stand, close up; 3, Hartley, mkd. wing, head and cheeks, capital feather and col., grand pos., little lower on leg; 4, Gledhill, mkd. wings and head, not so lengthy, but rich qual. and col., taking pos., stylish to a degree; hc, Midgley; hc, J. Taylor; c, Clegg.

CINN. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Dr. Craig, mkd. wings and head, magnificent col. and qual., lovely pos. and length, beautiful back and wing carr., real stormer, 2, Brown, mkd. wings and eyes, superb feather, hardly so rich in col., nice pos. and length, well on leg; 3, Morrison, mkd. wings and head, stronger in build, A 1 qual. and col., lengthy and leggy, well shown; 4, Dykes, mkd. wings and head, all there for col. and qual., rare length; vhc, Hammond; hc, Towers; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, mkd. wing and eye, tight as box, lovely col., grand length and pos., shows for all it is worth; 2, Morrison, mkd. wings and head, red hot superior qual., rare stand, excellent length, well on leg, close up; 3, Sutcliffe, mkd. back and eyes, well clothed, A 1 col., straight and shows leg nicely, little shorter; 4, Dr. Craig, mkd. wings and head, erect and lengthy, A 1 qual. and col., grand back and wing carr., might have gone up one; vhc, Towers; hc, Spencer. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Dr. Craig, var., one of the finest hens we have seen for a long time, bordering on perfection; 2, c, Spencer, var., smooth as glass, straight as a rush, full of style, not so lengthy, yet close up; 3, Dykes, lightly var., capital feather and col., stands nicely, good length and cond.; 4, Midgeley, mkd. wings and head, full of qual. and col., capital pos. and length. BUFF (10): 1, Dr. Craig, mkd. wings and head, gem for qual. and col., lovely pos., fine length, full of style; 2, Chittenden, mkd. wings and eyes, lengthy, A 1 pos., grand back and wing carr., beaten in col.; 3, vhc, Towers, mkd. wings and eyes, shade shorter, teeming with qual. and col., straight and well on leg, good 3rd; 4, Morrison, mkd. wings and neck, A 1 qual. and col., nice back and wing carr.; hc, Midgley; c, Spencer.

THE NOVICE YORKSHIRES.

CL. YELL. (22): 1, Potts, mkd. head, very lengthy and straight, beautiful col. and feather, well on leg, good win; 2, P. Taylor, very stylish Cl., capital col. and qual., beaten a little in length, full of style; 3, Lodge, Cl., well fed, silky texture, stands nicely, not over long, but smart throughout; 4, A. Taylor, mkd. head, erect, A 1 qual. and col.; vhc, Andrews; hc, Cadman; c, Crowther. BUFF (21): 1, Potts, grizzled neck, feathered to perfection, rare pos. and length, clever legs, a real gem; 2, Hamlyn, very superior qual. and col., good length, grand back, thighs and tail; 3, Chapman, cheek mkd., lovely feather and col., lengthy and leggy, one we liked; 4, Clarke, cl., straight, capital length, neat head and neck, good wing carr.; vhc, Evans; hc, Allat; c, Fewster. YELL. HEN (14): 1, P. Taylor, sweetly moulded Cl., tight as wax, shone like a mirror, lengthy, shown in grand style; 2, Pye, very typical Cl., feathered beautifully, nice length, A 1 wing carr., neat tail, very close up; 3, Fewster, hot fed, cheek mkd., shorter, yet full of true character; 4, Miss Bradwell, very lengthy Cl., good head and neck, nice wings and tail, thicker in waist; vhc, Lanckham; hc, Dutton; c, Andrews. BUFF (18): 1, A. Taylor, wedge-shaped Cl., teeming with qual. and col., grand length and style; 2, Crowther, Cl., rare length, delightful qual. and col., gem; 3, Terry, Cl., good pos. and length, nice back and wing carr., lails a little in qual. to others; 4, Sugden, Cl., lengthy, nice feather, good col., nervous; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Swift; c, Lodge. UNFLIG. YELL (25): 1, Lodge, mkd. wing, marvellous length, straight as a rush, superb feather, clever legs, good enough for open; 2, Potts, Clnn. mkd. wings and breast, tight as wax, capital col., slim, A 1 pos., extremely neat; 3, Fewster, mkd. neck, warmly fed, lengthy and erect, grand wing carr; 4, Sugden, sweetly made Var., A 1 qual. and col.; vhc, Young; hc, Payne; c, Taylor. BUFF (31): Capital class: 1, Lodge, Cl., wonderful length, straight as a pencil, plenty of leg, gem; 2, Fisher, lovely salmon tinted Cl., stands finely, A 1 qual. and col., beaten in length; 3, Morley and Hill, Cl., rare length and pos., superior feather and col., well on leg, crosses wings at times, which tells against it; 4, Pownall Bros., Cl., feather and qual. superb, nice pos., lengthy, not far away; vhc, Stocks; hc, Clarke; c, Taylor. HEN (23): 1, c, Fisher, Cl. Buff, lovely pos. and length, full of nerve, delightfully shown; 2, Williams, Cl. Yell., good length and pos., rare col. and qual., neat back and wing carr., must have pressed hard; 3, A. Taylor, bonny Cl. Buff, smooth as glass, full of true character, shade shorter; 4, Revill, Cl. Yell., rare length and pos., capital feather and col.; vhc, Shaw; hc, W. Fisher. EVEN, ETC. (13): 1, Pownall Bros., lightly var. Buff, highly fed, lovely feather, capital pos. and length, well on leg, real beauty; 2, 3, L. Hodgson, Junr., grand marked Yells., of true merit right through, we thought 3rd the best in class; 4, vhc, Hamlyn, buff mkd. wing and eyes, A 1 qual. and col., lengthy and leggy, in the pink; hc, Manley; c, Potts. HEN (8): 1, Green, buff mkd. wings and eye, feathered to perfection, lovely col, straight and lengthy, full of style, charmer; 2, Sargeantson, Yell., mkd. wings and eyes, slim, lengthy and upstanding, grand wing carr., neat tail, close up; 3, Andrews, buff mkd. wings and eye, A 1 qual., well fed, stands nice, not so lengthy; 4, Potts, Yell., mkd. wing and head, red hot, slim, A 1 qual.; vhc, Haggis; hc, Humphries; c, Hamlyn. CINN. TKD. (6): 1, Hamlyn, Yell., mkd. wings and head, teeming with qual. and col., capital pos. and length, well on leg, beauty; 2, Hodgson, Junr., Buff, mkd. wings and head, tight as wax, lovely col. and pos.; 3, Chapman, Yell., mkd. wings and eyes, all there for col. and feather, good length, hardly ready yet; 4, Pownall Bros.; vhc, hc, Cadman. HEN (4): 1, Pownall Bros., Buff, mkd. wings and head, smooth as a bottle, good length and pos., well on leg; 2, Williams, Yell., mkd. wings and eyes, straight, very lengthy, capital feather and col., equal to winner; 3, 4, Sugden, we could not locate.

MR. J. C. BARNES' CLASSES.

YORKS. GREENS. YELL. (11): All Selfs. 1, Rowlands, magnificent col. and qual., rare length and pos., grand back and wing carr.; 2, Roberts, very lengthy, lovely texture, stands delightfully well on leg, near up; 3, Smith and Cowen, capital qual. and col., straight and smooth as wax; 4, Richardson, good pos. and length, nice feather; vhc, Handley; hc, Evans; c, Hirst. BUFF (6): 1, Rowlands, Self, wonderful length, feathered to perfection, A 1 col., grand pos., in the pink; 2, 3, Richardson, beauties, foul tail and self, superb feather and col., rare pos., little separates them; 4, Evans; vhc, Roberts; No. 6, Travis, disq. as having been fed. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Rowlands, both Selfs, wonderful length, neat and narrow, superb col. and qual., delightful pos.; 2nd, capital col. and feather, good length and pos., nice legs, not quite so stylish, yet real good one; 4, Richardson, longest in class, good in col., pos. and qual., open tail; 3, Roberts, capital col. and qual., nice pos., good back and wing

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carr., not far behind; vhc, c, Evans; hc, Elkins. BUFF (5): 1, Rowlands, magnificent Self, rare col. and qual., capital length and pos., smooth as wax, real topper; 3, Self, god col., nice style and pos., lengthy and well on leg, not quite so tight; 2, Richardson, foul wing and tail, A 1 col. and qual., good length, stands nicely, very close up; 4, vhc, Evans; hc, Smith and Coweu; c, Handley. NOR. YELL. GREEN (5): 1, 4, Handley, self, wonderful subs., magnificent shape, col. and qual., jaunty carr; 2, Thornton, foul tail, fine shape, col. and qual., clean cut away, close up; 3, Waters, capital col., good shape and carr., not the size; vhc, Walker. BUFF (5): 1, Ball, foul, a bouncer, grand shape, A1 col. and qual., fine wing carr., gem; 2, Handley, self, lovely col. and feather; 3, Rushton YELL. HEN (6): 1, Walker, self, magnificent merit, well up in subs., teeming with qual. and col., grand shape and carr.; 2, Handley, self, capital shape, rich qual., good size, beaten in col.; 3, 4, Ball, foul tail, cobby, rare qual. and col., tight as wax, very neat. 4th foul wing, good shape, nice wing carr., A1 col. and feather, lacks head character; vhc, Smith; hc, Thornton. BUFF (3): 1, Walker, self, marvellous subs., rattling shape, col. and qual.; 2, Thornton, self, superb col. and qual., shapely, moves nicely; 3, Ball.

THE CHAMPION NORWICH.

YELL. (4): 1, Kaberry, rare shape and subs., capital col., delightful qual., grand carr.; 2, Spencer, better col., well up in size, good shape and movement, not so silky; 3, Turner, red hot, rare subs and shape, good feather, wet underneath, or might have won; 4, Peters, had been ba[illegible]g, which told against it. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Cook [illegible]peners, both cl., well known, winner model for [illegible]., magnificent col., tight as a Java; 2, more subs., broader head, but inclined to brow a shade, still a marvel; 3, Baldwinson, wonderful subs., grand body, wings and tail; 4, Fox, lovely col. and qual., nice shape, not the size or so deep in front, but a good one; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Waters; c, Mason. TKD. YEL. (6): 1, Turner, mkd. wings, superb col. and qual., great size, lovely shape and carr.; 2, Crawshaw, mkd. wings and eyes, A1 qual. and col., grand shape, neat wing carr., not so bold in head; 3, Heap, tkd. head, lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, good size, longer in barrel wings and tail; 4, Waters, tkd. eye, capital col. and feather; nice subs.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Braybrook. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Crawshaw, wings and eyes mkd., well known, in the pink, real gem all through; 3, noted var., red hot, not the subs. of his stable companion, yet one of extreme beauty; 2, Cook, var., rare size and shape, lovely col. and feather, grand carr., shows well; 4, Kaberry, tkd. head, capital feather, rich col.; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Wilcock. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Thomas, well-known cl., wonderful size, grand col., shape and feather, clean cut, very fascinating; 2, Turner, tkd. head, A1 col. and qual., good head and neck, not quite so full-fronted; 3, Fox, bonny cl., rich col., well gowned, nice size, bit heavy behind to-day, will improve; 4, Beswick, var., cobby, excellent feather, bit smaller, yet one we liked; vhc, c, Hirst; hc, Wilcock. BUFF (12): 1, Cook, cl., round as a ball, wonderful subs., true Nor. shape, delightful feather and col., neatly frosted; 2, Taylor, tkd. neck, still warmer in col., capital size, good head character, not quite so deep-fronted, lovely carr.; 3, Heap, cl., shapely, good size, sweet carr., hardly so large or so rich in col.; 4, Crawshaw, tkd. eye, bouncer, capital col. and feather, grand head, neck and chest; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, c, Kaberry. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Livingstone, red-hot cl., feathered to perfection, model for shape, delightful carr.; 2, Wright, more subs., capital col. and qual., good shape, nice carr., wee bit sulky, hardly ready yet, will improve; 3, Cook, cl., well up in size, good col. and feather, very similar to 2nd, little separates them; 4, Turner, mkd. wings and head, red hot, A1 qual., shapely, clean-cut away; vhc, Peters; hc, Taylor; c, Crawshaw. BUFF (17): 1, Peters, cl., wonderful size, best of shape, feathered to perfection, fed to a nicety, real gem; 2, Snead, cl., dotter col., good subs. and carr., neat head and neck, nice body and wing carr., close up; 3, Crawshaw, mkd. wing and eyes ablaze, A1 qual., true type, not the size, yet a fine exhibit; 4, Beswick, mkd. wing and head, very cobby, exquisite col. and qual., good size, wet at judging time or would have been higher up, vhc, Taylor; hc, Baldwinson; c, Wright. UNFLIG. HEN (20): 1, vhc, Crawshaw, lovely var. buff, delightful shape, magnificent qual and col., charming carr., real topper; 2, hc, Waters, very smart cl. yell, full of col. and qual., good size and shape, should make up A1; 3, Cook, buff, cap mkd., smooth as wax, rich col. and frosting, grand head, neck and chest, crouches a little as though weak on leg; 4, Huggins, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, nice feather and col., shapely, good subs.; c, Thomas.

THE AMATEUR NORWICH SECTION.

YELL. (14): 1, Dickinson, bouncer of a Cl., rich feather and col., grand shape and carr., fine cond.; 2, vhc, H. Rushton, very shapely Cl., good subs, capital qual. and col., jaunty carr., very close up; 3, J. Rushton, Cl., red hot, teeming with qual., fine shape, moves nicely, not quite so large, yet very neat; 4, Hammond, mkd. neck, A 1 col. and qual., nice size and shape, bit deficient in wing, still a good one; hc, Kendrew; c, Smith. BUFF (21): 1, 3, Smith, beauties, Cl., short and thick-set, superb qual. and col., rare size, delightful carr.; 3, mkd. eye; 2, Parvin, var., fine col. and qual., grand shape, neat wing carr., just lacking in head character; 4, H. Rushton, Var., shapely, nice qual., well up in size, paler in col., nice carr.; vhc, Evans; hc, Conway Bros.; c, Dickenson. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, 4, J. Rushton, Cls., leader ablaze with col., superb feather, lovely shape, best of carr., beauty; 4th, very warm in col., rich texture of feather, nice subs., longer in build; 2, Conway Bros., Cl., larger than winner, good shape and feather, not the col., still full of true merit and a good one; 3, Greenwood, Var., capital shape and qual., good size; vhc, Wallwork; hc, Smith; c, Dean. UNFLIG. BUFF (19): 1, Wallwork, Cl., grand shape and size, capital col. and qual., good carr., could do well in open; 2, Evans, Green, cobby, nice subs., A 1 qual. and col., jaunty carr., a beauty; 3, H. Rushton, Cl., good body, bit wanting in head, fed nicely, excellent feather; 4, Greenwood, Cl., A 1 col. and qual., nice size, capital head, neck and chest; vhc Smith; hc Garbutt; c, Lister; Richardson, wc, a Yellow; Goyder, wc, as old bird. UNFLIG. HEN (15): 1, Twells, very cobby var. Yell., full of rich qual. and col., nice subs. and carr., in the pink; 2, Sykes, bonny Cl. Buff, feathered to perfection, grand shape and col., jaunty carr., pressed hard; 3, Kerr Yell., tkd. head, capital qual. and shape, nice size, paler in col., still a good one; 4, Hartley, tkd. Buff, A 1 qual. and col., nice subs., good head, neck and front, bit slack behind; vhc, Wallwork; hc, Smith; c, Garbutt. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Dickenson, Var., superb feather and col., grand shape and carr., nice subs.; 2, Moore, Cl., good head, neck and chest, well up in size, A 1 col. and qual., bit longer in barrel; 3, H. Rushton, mkd. head, shapely, capital qual., not so hot in col. as might be; 4, Hartley, mkd. wings and eyes, smootb as wax, cobby, rather small, yet full of true properties, and worth its place; vhc, Parkin; hc, c, Smith. BUFF (15): 1, Hammoud, lovely Cl., full of col. and qual., very typical, good subs. and carr., gem; 2, 3, Dean, nice ones, 2nd, smartly clothed Cl., rich col., capital subs. and shape, good carr., close up; 3, Cl., A 1 qual. and col., nice size and shape in the pink; 4, Smith, mkd. head, rattling qual. and col., good head and neck, bold front, longer in body, wings and tail; vbc, Sowden; hc, H. Rushton; c, Lister.

MR. J. ROBSON'S CLASSES.

CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, topping Yell. leading, magnificent qual., sound col., grand shape and carr.; 2nd, Yell., not quite so rich in col., or so well burnished, yet of great merit; 3rd, Buff, good size and shape, A 1 qual. and col. nice carr.; 4, Law, Yell., capital col. and qual; vhc, Varley. UNFLIG (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor, a choice quartette, gem of a Yell., rattling col. and feather, fine subs. and shape, grand carr., a stormer; 2nd, Buff, wonderful character all through, good enough to capture many first prizes; 3rd, very hot fed Yell., shapely, A 1 qual., bit thin, yet will improve a lot; 4th, Buff, plenty of subs., rattling feather and colr; shapely; vhc, hc, Varley; c, Law. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor, winner a monster of a Buff, delightful feather, rich sound col., grand carr., eye-opener; 2nd, Yell., wonderful merit throughout, our choice; 3rd, Buff, hardly the col. of 1st, yet a great exhibit; vhc, Law.

THE CRESTED CANARIES.

YELL. (5): 1, spl, B. Steel, green pied wing, D.C., wonderful subs., delightful qual., crest of great size, thickly packed, beautiful radiation, grand droop and correct centre, a real stormer, 2, Mrs Montague Scott, green pied wing and tail, D.C., heaps of rich qual. feather, not quite so massive, crest of grand size and shape, capital droop, neat centre, a gem; 3, vhc, J. Broad, cl. body grizzled C., plenty of subs., A 1 qual. of feather, crest very neat throughout, a picture; 4, Dobson. A.O.V. COCK (11): 1, 3, spl, Mrs. Montague Scott, winner buff mkd. wings D.C., a monster, a wealth of gorgeous feather, crest of marvellous size and shape, slashing droop and centre, one of the most majestic creatures ever staged; 3rd, buff cl. body grizzled C., abundance of feather, rich in texture, well up in subs, crest of rare shape and size, splendidly drooped, neat centre, greatly admired; 2, Dobson, buff mkd. wings D.C., not so gigantic as winner, yet rare size, heaps of feather of A 1 qual., crest large and of grand shape, fine droop and centre, a crack; 4, vhc, G. Colledge, buff var. D.C., grand feather, crest as round as a hoop, beautiful shape, neat droop and centre, on smaller lines; hc, Evans; c, B. Steel. A.O.V. HEN (14): 1, 4, c, Mrs. Montague Scott, gems, leader green pied tail D.C., marvellous subs., abundance of superb clothing, crest of massive size, thickly thatched, charming shape, drooped to perfection, centre neat and rightly placed; 4th, buff var., heaps of superior feather, nice size, crest of rare shape, capital droop and centre; 2, 3, Colledge, both "right 'uns," 2nd, spl, buff var. D.C., rich veiny feather and plenty of it, well up in subs., crest of great size, beautifully radiated, charming droop and centre; 3rd, buff mkd. wing D.C., abundance of feather, crest as round as a rim, extremely attractive; vhc, hc, Bewick. YELL. C.B. (8): 1, Peace, var., profuse feather of capital qual., wonderful subs., skull of great width and fine rise, wealth of head covering of rare length; 2, spl, G. Colledge, green, plenty of A 1 feather, nice size and shape, hardly so wide or so dense in head character, neatly lashed, a beauty; 3, B. Steel, green, shade smaller in build, magnificent feather, grand width of skull, beautifully browed, must have pressed strenuously; 4, Memmott, var., of great merit, showing true characteristics; vhc, Mrs. M. Scott; hc, Broad; No. 3, Farrow, w.c. C.B. A.O.V. (13): 1, 2, Mrs. Montague Scott, leader mkd. wings and head, very massive, lavishly clothed, grand shape, skull of marvellous rise and tremendous width, lashed to perfection, one of the very first water; 2nd, cl. buff, abundance of superb feather, very fascinating head character, wonderful size, neat lash, in the pink 3, 4, hc, B. Steel, a trio one might envy, 3, spl,, green, magnificent qual., great amount of A1 feather, rare subs. and shape, skull of wonderful width and rise, beautifully lashed, we thought might have gone up one, 4th buff mkd. wings and head, heaps of feather, very shapely, not quite so massive; vhc, Radley and Son; c, Colledge. C.B., A.O.V. HEN (12): 1, 2, Mrs. Montague Scott, 1st buff varieg., delightfully clothed, a giantess, skull of an astonishing width, great rise from beak, beautifully lashed, real charmer, 2nd buff varieg., shade broader, even in skull, but not quite so dense in head covering or so gigantic in build, full of true character and a gem; 3, hc, Bernard Steel, buff, almost green, pied tail, wealth of exquisite feather, magnificent shape body of huge dimensions, great merit, can beat more than beats it; 4, spl, Dobson, buff green, pied tail, heaps of rare qual. feather; vhc, Barker; c, Radley and Son. CREST, 1916 (17): 1, spl, Mr. B. Steel's cup, G. Colledge, buff varieg. D.C., superb qual., well up in subs., crest as round as a crown, thickly thatched, delightfully radiated, perfect centre, with luck will make a stormer, claimed at catalogue price, £25; 2, Mrs. Montague Scott, buff mkd. wings D.C., abundance of superb feather, crest extremely large, lovely frontal droop, capital centre, promising youngster; 3, 4, c, Radley and Son, buff mkd. wing, griz. crest, plenty of feather, rich in texture, rare size, crest of grand shape, not so thickly packed, neat centre and droop, good 3rd, 4th buff heavy mkd. D.C., smaller but with a wealth of A1 qual. feather, crest round as a shilling, neat droop and well placed centre; vhc, Barker; hc, Bewick; No. 16, Broad, absent. C.B., 1916 (9): 1, 3, spl, Radley and Son, promising youngsters, 1st buff mkd. wings and head, abundance of feather of superior qual., rare subs., nice shape, skull of great width and wonderful rise, should make a "topper." 3rd buff green, lovely qual., heaps of feather, very shapely, capital width of skull, not the density quite, still very meritorious; 2, 4, B. Steel, buff mkd. eyes and tail, abundance of superb feather, grand subs., hardly so full in head character as 1st, yet close up, 4th buff green, rare size, wealth of clothing, nice skull and lash, worth its place; vhc, Mrs. Montague Scott; hc, Moore; c, Bewick. NOV. CREST (7): 1, Whyatt, buff varieg., lovely shape and qual., crest leafy and as round as a rim, capital size, droop and centres 2, 3, Norwood, buff mkd. wing D.C., rare subs., plenty of feather, neat frontal, but weak at sides, neat droop and nice centre 3rd buff cl. body, griz. C., heaps of feather, well up in size, crest nice frontal, hardly ready; 4, Dunn; vhc, Dodd; hc, Taylor; c, Richardson. C.B. (7): 1, 2, Norwood, buff varieg., rare subs., grand qual., very fine skull character, lashed to perfection, extremely choice, 2nd buff varieg., plenty of feather, nice size, skull good width, but bit scanty, yet full of character; 3, Dunn, buff green, heaps of rich feather, nice body; 4, Whyatt; vhc, hc, Dodd; c, Richardson. CREST, 1916 (4): 1, runner up for Mr. B. Steel's cup, Norwood, buff green, pied wings and tail, abundance of superb feather, good size, crest of beautiful shape, veiny, lovely droop and centre, picture; 2, Dodd, buff heavy mkd. D.C., plenty of grand qual. feather, well up in size, crest of nice formation and droop, not quite the size; 3, Richardson, buff, mkd. wings D.C., heaps of clothing, rare subs., well put down; 4, Taylor. C.B., 1916: 1, Norwood, buff, lightly varieg., well up in subs., good shape, skull of nice width and rise. SELL., 30s. (14): 1, Towers; 2, Spencer; 3, Moore; 4, Spencer; vhc, Offord; hc, Lunn; c, Cadman. 20s. (15): 1, Sergeantson; 2, Gregory; 3, Colton and Dawn; 4, Dean; vhc, Young; hc, Dickinson; c, Dr. Craig. 10s. (8): 1, c, Dr. Craig; 2, Holmes; 3, Young; 4, Colton and Dawn; vhc, Radley; hc, Bancroft. 7s. 6d. (6): 1, Colton and Dawn; 2, Radley; 3, Towers; 4, vhc, Dr. Craig; 4, Richardson. GIFT (12): 1, Ridal; 2, Tow; 3, Colton and Dawn; 4, Waters; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Spencer; c, Towers.

THE HYBRID CLASSES.

CL., ETC., CAN. (5): 1, 2, Heggie, well-known Goldf.-Can. leading, cl. buff, lovely qual. and col., nice size and shape, capital carr., gem, 2nd mkd. wing and cheeks, superb qual. and col., shapely, A1 size, shows parentage most distinctly, very choice; 3, Oldham, yell. Goldf.-Can., lightly varieg., rich qual. and high col., shapely, not big, but very smart; 4, Dibb, yell. var. Goldf.-Can., rich col.; vhc, Dr. M. A. Wilson. DARK (5): 1, Parlett, yell. Goldf.-Can., magnificent, qual. and col., well up in subs., grand face, beauty; 2, Dr. Wilson, lovely Linnet-Can., perfect feather, rich col., good size and shape, well mkd.; 3, Heggie, yell. Goldf.-Can., shapely, A1 qual., good col., fails in subs. to winner; 4, Evans, very nice and smart buff Goldf.-Can., capital col. and feather, grand face, one we liked; vhc, B. H. Wilson. A.O.V. DARK (5): 1, Oldham, yell. Siskin-Can., delightful col. and qual., fine size and shape, profusely and distinctly marked, gem; 2, Goodall, nice Redpoll-Can., tight as wax, good shape, capital col., well up in size; 3, Livine, smart yell. Greenie-Can., A1 col. and qual., put down in nice style; 4, Heggie, Siskin Can., good shape, feather and col; vhc, B. H. Wilson. A.O.V. (6): 1, Campbell, Greenie-Bullie, well up in subs., magnificent col. and feather, shows parentage well, a gem; 2, Oldham, charming Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, A1 qual. and col., nice markings, greatly admired; 3, Dr. Wilson, Goldf.-Linnet, neat shape, capital feather; 4, vhc, Jacklin; hc, Heggie.

MR. FROSTICK'S CLASSES.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

GOLDF. (9): 1, Walsh, very forward, fine large expansive blaze, square cut, beautifully burnished rich col., in grand form; 2, Oldham, not quite so good in blaze, good chestnut breast, beautifully marked wings and tail; 3, Heggie, lovely qual., rare bloom, fails in depth of col.; 4, Blanchow, seemed a bit down in cond.; 5, Alexander H. Cumming; c, Davis. BULLF. (19): 1, Walsh, a gem, steady as a rock, rich breast, fine cap, good wing bars; 2, Baines, a grand bird, but loses in col.; 3, Henshaw, a good 'un, but smaller; 4, Pool, could win in many classes; vhc and c, Parlett; b, Davies. LINNET (18): 1, Wade, large, grand Norwich type, good col., beautifully pencilled; 2, Bancroft, Clapham winner, marvellous col., rich wing bars; 3, and hc, Francis, one of the best, good size, full of work, will improve in col.; 4, and c, Parlett, both good; vhc, Davies. LINNET, F.M. (11): 1, Davies, wonderfully steady, well selected; 2, 3, and hc, Parlett, a nice trio, should moult out toppers; 4, Gomersal, nicely marked; vhc and c, Walsh. GREENF. (19): 1, Parlett, wins on col., a yellow, "fed" up to the hilt; 2, Haigh, grand size and shape, lovely condition; 3, Oldham, big bird, fine head and skull, but not the shapely body; 4 and hc, Blanchon, not the equal in size to leaders; vhc, Walsh; c, Henshaw LESSER REDPOLL (17): 1, and c, Walsh, wonderful size and col., good bib, well mkd.; 2, Green, not quite the size or col.; 3, Hailstone, fine col., not so shapely; 4, Raven, very fine, but paler; vhc, Alexander; hc, Parlett. SISKIN, etc. (9): 1, Raven Siskin nat. col., splendid cap, grand mkgs., very fit; 2, Nichols, Twite larger, rare qual., nice col.; 3, Walsh, Mealy Redpoll, great size, fine col.; 4, Oldham, Siskin, fed, not so good in cap or size as winner; vhc, Beech, Twite; hc, Parlett, Siskin; c, Planchon, Siskin. CHAFF. or BRAMBLE (21): 1, Walsh, the wonderful Chaffinch previously mentioned; 2, Raven, Bramble beautifully spangled, rare col. and size; 3, Francis Chaffinch, fine size and shape, not quite so rich as winner; 4, Chick, lovely Bramble; vhc, Gomersal, Chaffinch; hc, Oldham, Bramble; c, Baines, Chaffinch. BUNTING (9): 1, 2, Chick, magnificent Corn Bunting, size, col., and mkgs., A1., and a charming Cirl; 3 and 4, Walsh, excellent Yellow Bunting, nice col., fairly distinct head marks, and very classy Reed Bunting; vhc, Haigh, Yellow Bunting; hc, Green ditto; c Oldham, ditto; an interesting class, containing five species of Bunting; 4 Brit. and 1 Continental, the latter marked wrong class as stated above. A.O.S. (6): 1, vhc, Francis, Hawfinches very large, good col., in fine bloom; 2, Raven, good Hawfinch, grand col., trifle smaller; 3, Pool, still another Hawfinch, and a good one, fails only in bloom and finish; 4, Wilson, C.M., Crosshill now in its coat of green; hc, Walsh, Hawfinch. INSECTIV. SMALL (14). A wonderful class, worth going a journey to see, quite the best seen this year, reminding one of London's best talent, up to the highest standard of perfection; 1, 3, 4, Darlow, Spotted Flycatcher, Willow Wren, and Redstart in order named a magnificent trio, all in the most immaculate condition, a credit to the owner, who must be a past master in the art of keeping and staging delicate softbills; 2, Walsh, charming little Golden-crested Wren beautifully staged; vhc, Wellings, really good Yellow Wagtail, fine col.; hc, Arnott, clinking good pair Bearded Tits, staged in masterful fashion; c, Dyson, excellent Blackcap—other species shown were a Wryneck, unfortunately rather "soft" during judging, Garden Warbler, Tree and Meadow Pipits, and Great Tit. LARGE (7): 1, Hailstone, very handsome Chough, absolutely perfect condition, wonderful sheen, great depth of col., nice size; 2, Darlow, very fine Waxwing, good size, col., and distinct markings; 3, Green, bonny Missel Thrush; 4, no name, another Chough, considerably behind winner; vhc, Wellings, good Blackbird; hc, Brush Song Thrush. HUNS (12): 1, Raven, lovely Hawfinch, in rare trim, perfect in every detail; 2, Macpherson, delightful Corn Bunting, beautiful col. and markings; 3, hc, Chick, very fine Yellow Bunting and rich col. Bramble; vhc, Pearson, good Bullie; c, no name, excellent Greenf.

THE FOREIGNERS.

PARROTS (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Colton and Dawn, New Zealand, Yellow-bellied, Barraband, and Crimson winged Parrakeets, and Scaly-breasted Lorikeets in order named, all in exquisite condition. The first three extremely rare, every bird fit to win anywhere, a sight rarely equalled at any show, and certainly never surpassed. COMMON WAX-BILLS, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Howe, Golden-breasted Waxbills, White-headed Mannikins and White Java Sparrows, all well known winners, shown in the most perfect manner; 4, vhc, Colton and Dawn, Zebras and Three-coloured Mannikins; hc, Baxby, Zebra; c, Colton, Orange-cheeked Waxbill. A.O.S. Finch, etc.: 1, 2, 3, Colton and Dawn, exceedingly rare Peale's Parrot Finches, a perfect blaze of col., nice condition and well shown, a good common—so called—Parrot Finch, now unfortunately very scarce, and an excellent pair of Pintail Nonpareils; 4, Baxby, nice cock Melba Finch; No. 5, two beautiful Long-tailed Grassfinches, disqualified for being two cocks. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (1): 1, Arnott, very rare Afghan Rose-winged Bullfinch, a very charming bird, first we have ever seen on the show bench. INSECTIV., ETC. (1): 1, Arnott, a delightful pair of South African Zosterops, could win in a good class, beautifully staged.

LEICESTER SHOW.

A Splendid Entry Again Secured.

All Records Broken.

The Seventeenth Annual Show of the Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., was held Nov. 4 and 6. Entries came up splendidly, and quality was of the best. Norwich were quite a show in themselves. The 13 classes containing some noted birds, but Yorkshires, although given two more classes than usual did not turn up to expectations, we are afraid the Yorkshire men will lose their classes if they do not support their section better.

Hybrids came up well, and a good collection of special quality birds were shown. A fine yellow Greenfinch-Canary, almost clear, flowing with rich level lemon colour all over it, won in its class, and took special for best bird in the Hybrid and British Bird section.

British birds were a strong collection, and good standard birds were to be seen throughout. The whole show was up about 50 entries more this year over all sections. The Committee are of the best, every man to his post, and hard working. The secretaries, Messrs. Day and Roberts, their first year at this new venture, are two capital men in the right place, and were most obliging to everyone present, nothing being too much trouble, and they were ably backed up by the committee.

Pres., Mr. W. A. Gibbins; vice-pres., Messrs. Hulse, Allen, and Gilbert; treas., W. Moore, and Messrs. Freestone, Bent, Neal, Deakin, Herbert, Wholton, Pole, Jolley, Henry, Brookes, Kilsby, and Smart.

Special best Canary was won by Mr. J. Houghton's noted buff. Best British, etc., Parker. Members' cup, Gilbert. Runner up, Pearson. Best colour-fed, Gilbert.

The attendance broke all previous records at Leicester, the room being packed with fanciers from all parts, who enjoyed the treat provided, as every bird was splendidly staged, and all could be seen at a glance. Mr. H. Battye judged Canaries, and Mr. C. Houlton, all other classes.

NOR., NAT. COL. (9): 1, Sharman, large typical green, grand shape, good head, lovely col. and feather, in fine cond.; 2, Hathaway, cl., lovely shape, fine size, grand col. and qual., beautiful cond., very close up; 3, Eaton, c., beautiful feather, nicely carried wings, rare shape and size, rare cond.; vhc, Godley; hc, Growdridge; c, Wilmot. YELL., COL. FED. (10): 1, Buckingham and Sons, cl., rare type and body, grand head, nice even col., lovely feather and cond., faultlessly staged; 2, Gough and Loach, cl., lovely col., shape, size, and qual., good head, neatly carried wings and tail, well across perch, close up; 3, Vardy, lovely bird, just a shade long in body, but grand type and cond., grand tone of col., beautiful qual., very close up; vhc, Houghton; hc, Hathaway; c, Hulse. BUFF (16): grand class: 1, Houghton, lovely cl., grand shape, size and qual., faultless cond., grand head, well filled in neck, grand feather, very fit; 2, Elliott, cl., rare col. and type, nice broad head, grand shape, big, typical body, lovely qual., rare cond.; 3, Vardy, cl., very nice shape, warm in col., grand size, good head and neck, neat wings, and tail, well cut behind, in fine feather; vhc, Hulse; hc, Hathaway; c, Silk. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Gough and Loach, eye and wing mkd., beautiful col. and qual., lovely cond., rare head and neck, grand body, in full song; 2, Turner, varieg., lovely col. and qual., good body and size, nice shape, very smart bird, and well staged, beautiful feather; 3, Vardy, varieg., lovely feather and qual., well filled back, hot col., good shape and size, rare cond., good wings and tail, fit; vhc, Houghton; hc, Judd; c, Hathaway. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Hathaway, eye and neck mkd., good broad head, well filled in neck, good front, nice hot, even col., grandly carried wings, lovely feather and qual., wins in a good class; 2, Vardy, beautiful head and neck mkd., lovely frosting, grand col. and qual., nice shape, size, and cond., very close up; 3, Gilbert, grand wing and eye mkd., lovely type and body, nice shape, good feather, shade smaller, very fit; vhc, Hulse; c, Buckley. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Houghton, right wing mkd., faultlessly shown, beautiful col. and qual., in fine feather and cond., rare shape and size, good head and neck, popular win; 2, Hathaway, cl., lovely head and shape, beautiful qual., perfect feather and cond., nice size, good body and shape, very close up; 3, Fennell, right wing mkd., very hot col., nice shape, capital size, lovely qual. of feather, beautiful cond., nice head and neck, well shown; vhc, Vardy; hc, Wright; c, Gilbert. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Elliott, lovely clears, both in fine cond., and very little to choose between them, grand col. and qual., nicely frosted, good heads and wings, well filled in back and neck; 3, Taylor, wing mkd., lovely shape and size, nice broad head, good feather, qual., and cond., nice type, well shown; vhc, Tweddle; hc, Hathaway; c, Hewitt.

(To be concluded in next issue.)

Many Show Reports unavoidably held over.

LATE SHOW ADVERTISEMENT.

BRISTOL

DECEMBER 2nd & 4th, 1916.

SCHEDULES SHORTLY.

Queries Answered

(For Rules see last week's Cage Birds.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

PAINT ON BREEDING CAGE.

Canary Novice.—(1) If you allow the cage to stand empty until the paint is quite dry and hardened, there will be no risk whatever in putting birds in it, either for breeding or otherwise. (2) It is not possible to say with any certainty merely from a description of colour whether the hen is a pure-bred Norwich or not. But there is no doubt that what you term brown colour is due to cinnamon marking, in which case you will find that the bird has pink eyes, though it may be necessary to catch her and hold her so that the light is reflected from them at a certain angle, when the ruddy pink hue will be quite unmistakable. This cinnamon colour, in all probability, shows a more or less remote kinship with the Cinnamon, which cross is sometimes used to give increased quality to the feather of the Norwich.

OVERWORKING THE HEN.

J. Ayres.—You evidently have an exceptionally good breeding hen which you are in a fair way to ruin by mismanagement. Besides beginning much too early, you have aggravated this error of judgment by keeping her mated much too long at the end of the season. You ought certainly to have gathered from the pages of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" that you should have stopped her breeding, even at the cost of sacrificing a clutch of eggs, before the moult was commenced instead of keeping her breeding until the moult is completed and she begins to think of nesting again. Anyway, you have done the right thing in separating her from the cock now, and your best course is to keep her in a flight cage, or some good-sized cage in which she can get a fair amount of exercise through the winter months. Give a plain diet for a few weeks, allowing only a pinch of mixed seeds twice a week, and just a morsel of egg-food or any substitute you may prefer once a week, and a morsel of sweet fruit or raw or boiled carrot twice a week when green food is not available in a fit condition to use. Keep all nesting receptacles and material out of her sight and reach, and, if possible, keep her out of hearing of the cocks for a time. Then I should say she will be very well worth trying again next season, but do not mate her before the middle of March at earliest, or from that time up to the beginning of April according to the weather prospects at the time, and limit her to three broods at most—two would be better, but a hen of this type may often be allowed three with perfect safety. By so doing you may so conserve her energies as to have a very useful hen for the following season's breeding.

CRIPPLED FOOT.

L. H. H.—Bathe the foot for a few minutes each evening until the inflammation and soreness has disappeared in a luke-warm solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry carefully and gently anoint with a little Lanocyllin ointment, but do not leave on any surplus grease to collect dirt and sand from the cage floor. After the soreness has disappeared, if the middle toe seems mobile and supple, carefully bind it alongside the outer toe opposite the direction in which it turns, using two separate ties of very thin yarn—ice wool, or something similar—making one tie near the claw of the outer toe, and the other about the middle, and making the knots underneath where they will form less attraction for the bird to pick them out. Tie firmly, but not too tightly. The object is to get the outer toe to support the middle one for a few weeks until it has regained some strength to retain its normal position.

LOST USE OF LEGS.

T. Watts.—Although you say you have tied back the hind toes, you do not say what was the object of doing so, and I fail to see what it could be unless the hind toes were what is sometimes termed "slipped," and curled under the feet towards the front. If this was so, and the trouble came on suddenly, the probability is that they were strained by some means, and in that case the chances of recovery are rather remote. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better in that time write again and repeat particulars, and say if, and in what way, the hind toes were affected that caused you to tie them back. Give round perches just a little thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. Bathe the feet once a day in a fairly warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water, dry gently, and then carefully massage each foot with one drop each of some stimulating lotion, such as Elliman's Embrocation. If the claws are overgrown, cut them back to the proper length during the first bathing, but be careful not to cut back to the "quick," which you can easily see by the thin pinkish streak that extends a little way beyond the end of the fleshy part of toe down the centre of the nail. If the toes were not curled under the feet remove the ties at once; otherwise, you may leave them on for a week and then remove them. Twice a week, in addition to the staple diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on two other days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, and broken groats. In the water, every second day for a week, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

NO NEW FEATHERS.

Querist.—Continue keeping the bird in a fairly warm atmosphere as long as it is so bare of feathers; allow it to bathe quite freely, and it would be well to just take the chill off the water when the weather is very cold until its body is better protected. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every third day a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats. On the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed, and next a morsel of banana or carrot, the latter either raw or boiled. In the water on the days following those on which you give the sponge cake give five drops of syrup of saffron and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, for a fortnight, then omit it for a week, and resume and give it again for another fortnight. Report result at end of this course, repeating particulars, and I will advise you further if necessary.

NORWICH HENS AILING.

M.—Possibly the hens had been accustomed to a warmer temperature than yours before you had them, which, combined with the climatic conditions just lately, would account for the symptoms. Still, if you intend keeping the birds in a cold room in future I would not advise you to move them to a much warmer place now, as I see no reason why they should not get acclimatised all right in a few weeks. See that they are kept in the coolest part of the room for the present, and are not exposed to direct draughts nor great extremes of heat and cold. Also stop using the dusty seed as soon as possible. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed, give about half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape every second day, and twice a week on the alternate days give just a pinch of mixed seed. For the next fortnight give also on each day you do not give the rape half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of watercress four times a week whenever you can get it, and at other times keep a morsel of raw or boiled carrot stuck in the wires for them to peck at. In the drinking water every second day for a week add ten drops of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TREATMENT OF WHINCHAT.

Mowgli.—Although the Whinchat is one of our Spring migrants, leaving us again in the autumn, like several of the Warblers, it can be kept in an unheated room during the winter months, but during exceptionally severe weather it should be kept fairly cosy for comfort, and it is a good plan to cover the cage with a cloth or an old shawl on cold nights. Its food should consist of a good brand of insectile mixture, and a liberal allowance of insects. See that the insectile food does not contain an undue portion of biscuit; if it does, add an extra quantity of ants' cocoons and preserved yolk of egg. Your birds should do quite well flying loose in the room, the extra exercise would keep them fit. In mid-winter and severe weather give them half an hour's feeding by artificial light during the evening. In Warblers steadiness is generally regulated by age. The younger the birds the quicker they settle down. Our Nutshell, No. 26, on the keeping of the smaller insectivorous birds, would interest you.

LOSING LINNETS (J. Black).—I am sorry to hear of your loss of birds, but I cannot agree with you as regards your seed being the cause, as I have carefully examined each variety and think it is a particularly good sample as far as quality is concerned, but I think it contains too much rape for Linnets in confinement, and I would advise you to increase the quantity of canary and teazle, so as to make it nearer the following stock mixture:—Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape, charlock and linseed, 1 part each. I see you add just a little hemp, which is quite right if the bird does not waste the other seed hunting for it. As regards the diarrhœa, I fear you will have to look for some other cause than the seed. Be very careful to keep your water vessels perfectly clean, washing them out in water with a dash of Sanitas in it, and give the birds boiled water to drink. An aperient will sometimes check diarrhœa, and Epsom or glauber salts is as good as anything, as it can be given without handling the bird. Follow this up with an iron tonic. Get an oz. of crystals of citrate of iron from the chemist, and dissolve daily in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will just lie on a threepenny piece. This will correct the looseness and tone up the birds. Give it a little stronger if it seems necessary, but watch the excreta carefully and don't overdo it. Add a little maw seed to the daily feed or give it separately. Be very careful to keep everything clean, giving fresh sand and clean perches daily.

FEEDING A MIXED COLLECTION.

Bird Lover.—Your present method of feeding is not at all an ideal one for a mixed collection. You must have more canary seed for your Canaries, and I would suggest a hopper containing this seed with say a sixth part of rape added. Reduce the supply of hemp to half the present quantity, and double the quantity of sunflower seeds. The other mixed seed can be offered, also a little good wild seed mixture if you can obtain it. Some well-known firms put this up in packet form, containing many varieties, and it is much relished by the different Finches, including Canaries. (2) As to your 1914 hen breeding, it is just a matter of health and condition. If she has gone through her moult satisfactorily, and looks well, there is no reason why she should not do well another season. There is no hard and fast rule, some hens last twice as long as others and do more work.

BREEDING MEALWORMS.

J. S.—Procure or knock up a stout wooden box about the size of a 2lb. biscuit box. Bore some holes with a bradawl in the lid or in the sides near the top. Some breeders use tin biscuit boxes or jars, but I have had most success with wooden boxes, which are warmer and not affected so much by changes in the weather. Cut some pieces of coarse canvas rather smaller than the floor space of the box, then procure some bran and barley meal. Put a layer on the bottom of the tin about an inch thick. Put a piece of sacking of double thickness on this. Then put another layer of bran and meal, then another piece of sacking, and so on until the box is about three parts full, finishing with a piece of sacking. Then turn in a pint or so of mealworms. Do not add anything else, in the way of dead birds, bones, etc., as some do. Place the box in a fairly warm dry corner, such as a cupboard near the fireplace. Disturb the worms as little as possible, only occasionally putting in a handful of fresh meal under the top layer of canvas. It takes about twelve months for the contents to get into full breeding swing—that is for the worms to turn into beetles, beetles to lay eggs in the sacking, eggs to hatch, and young worms to grow. They can be bred in a cold room, but will do far better in warmth. A keeper of softbills should have several boxes going, and should change the contents (when necessary) during the winter, sifting out the dust at the bottom and throwing it away. The breeding of mealworms and other kinds of live food is dealt with in our Nutshell booklet, No. 26 price 2½d. post free.

FEEDING A MERLIN.

E. B.—All the Hawks require a meat diet when in captivity, but this need not be butchers' meat only, freshly killed Sparrows and mice or young rats can also be offered. They are fond of cockroaches and beetles, and a trap for these should constantly be set if one has a Hawk in captivity. The Merlin is one of the easiest of the family to tame, and makes quite a nice and interesting pet. The size of cage is quite a matter of choice; have it as large as possible, say three feet in length with a couple of good stout perches. If you advertise in our "Wanted" column you should be able to get what you require.

BREEDING MEALWORMS.

C. L. Lacour.—This same question of breeding mealworms is dealt with in an answer to another reader. It would no doubt pay if one went into it properly and had the convenience for breeding quantities, as there is always a demand at a good price.

SAMPLES OF WILD SEEDS.

A Novice, W. A. S.—The samples sent are both very good ones, and I think you are fortunate to get them. No. 1 is a very good assortment, and is quite suitable for Linnets as it contains many of the seeds they are particularly fond of. I do not think there is much in it that would appeal to the Goldfinches, but No. 2 is quite in their line, and is the choicer sample of the two. I would not advise you to mix them with the stock food, but give them separately, say a spoonful at a time, and let them sort it over and take what they like; any left in the bottom of the dish or cage should be thrown away.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

RED-HEADED FINCH EGG-BOUND.

S. W. B.—As it is so late in the year, and you already have had trouble with egg-binding, I think it would be better to separate them and so prevent further breeding operations till spring. On the other hand, if you can keep them in some place where a minimum of 60 deg. F. can be maintained, then you should have a reasonable chance of rearing any young that may be hatched out. If you let them go to nest, all you have to do is to supply a nest receptacle and some hay, and a little moss, as building material. If any young are hatched out supply a little soft food and some live insects in addition to the ordinary menu. It has been the treacherous changeable weather we have been experiencing lately that has been responsible for the trouble. If you have any recurrence of the egg-passing trouble, put the bird into a small cage and keep it over your kitchen range till the egg is passed, and then the bird must be gradually hardened off before being put into cold quarters again.

WHAT BIRD?

Novice, D. M.—These popular names are too variable and too promiscuously used to be reliable I do not like guessing, so I am not answering your query this week, but am keeping it by me, as I want you to tell me at what port or place your friend procured the bird. I think then I can name the bird for you. In future, please get from your friend the place he got the birds at and supply this in your letter with your description of the birds.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS IN CAGE.

Bud.—Budgerigars breed in cages, but much less freely than in an aviary, and often one's patience is sadly tried before they settle down to nesting. I once saw, many years ago, a brood of young Budgerigars in an all-wire cage, 12in. square, in a dealer's shop in a Midland town, and the young were all fully reared in due course. A pair in your cage should be certain to ultimately breed. You can only put them in, give them good seed (canary and white millet), plenty of seeding and flowering grass while obtainable, then later a small sweet apple for them to nibble at. You must, of course, keep grit, cuttlebone and water continually in the cage. Put two husks in straight away in the two back corners of the cage, but the openings of the husks must face the light. It is best when weather permits to put in a small turf of longish grass, the grass having been thoroughly wetted first from the rose of a water can. The birds will roll about in this and take a bath in a natural manner.

GREY PARROT WITH GROWTH IN MOUTH.

An Old Reader.—Give this bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia every fourth day in its drinking water, and on the intermediate days, that is, when not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of byno-hypophosphites in the water. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and give the bird a little once or twice a day. You can give this either from the end of a stick or feather, or lightly spread on biscuit, stale crust, or piece of plain cake. The method you administer it by does not matter, so that you give the bird a little once or twice daily. You know the bird's mannerisms and habits. Give the honey and borax by any method you can which will be least distressful to the bird. Recovery cannot be immediate; it will be gradual, and you must continue the treatment as a whole till the growth ceases to appear. Diet to be given as usual. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses a few weeks hence.

BUDGERIGAR WITH CUT WINGS.

Constant Reader.—Unless the wing stumps are continually bleeding it is not likely to take any harm from the cut plumage. Of course, if it has been pinioned, that is, a joint of the wing cut away, it will never fly again; but this should not affect its health after it has once recovered from the shock of pinioning. If the feathers have merely been cut sharp back, then the wing will heal in due course, and the feathers will be reproduced at the next moult. In any case, as some little time must elapse before it recovers the power of flight, its present tameness should become permanent, but be careful not to allow strangers to scare it, or as soon as it possesses the power to fly away from any disturbing influence the tameness will soon disappear. As the wing has been made sore by cutting the feathers over-short I do not advise pulling out any of the stumps. Allow them to be reproduced in the usual way at the next moult.

AN AILING BLUE-FRONT.

A. M. E.—Keep this bird warm and in a room where the day and night temperatures do not vary much; yet any stuffy corner will not suit it. What is wanted is warm quarters, which are at the same time well ventilated and free from draught. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day. The bowels must move quite freely, stopping short of abnormal looseness. On the intermediate days, i.e., when not giving the magnesia, put ten drops of Allen and Hanbury's byno-hypophosphites in the drinking water, and continue this treatment for some time. The general dietary can cover such things as, seed mixture, nuts, biscuits, dry crusts, pieces of plain cake, raw carrot and ripe fruit, grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood (for it to exercise its mandibles upon) must be continuously in the cage. Ennui will be its greatest foe at the present stage. You must keep it as interested in things around it as you can, so as to counteract this as far as possible. Report progress in a few weeks.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 7. Final arrangements for show.—C. F. Tapson.

Bootle C.B.S.—Nov. 11, St. Andrew's Hall, Linacre Road. Novice Half-day Show; judges, T. Rowlands and T. Evans. Admission free.—A. E. Huyton.

British Roller C.C.—Nov. 14, The Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W., 7.30. Birds present, and the song explained. Roller fanciers heartily invited.—J. W. Norris.

Barry F. and F.S.—Nov. 11, headquarters, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Show.—H. Fretwell.

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Burnley O.S.—Nov. 14, Star Inn, 7.30. Show business.—J. Rushton.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Nov. 11, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30.—F. P. Terry.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Nov. 16, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Final arrangements for annual show, and allocation of specials.—Wm. Kane.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 11, Flying Dutchman, 7.30., Balance-sheet for open show; election of steward for next members' show, Nov. 25.—W. Hellwell.

East Ardsley.—Nov. 11, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Wakefield. Inter-club show; staging 3. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury.—A. Walton.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Special bus. Annual show; election of stewards. Entry forms, schedules, and tickets to hand.—J. Charlton.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Nov. 11, Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, T. Bennett, Lidget Green.—A. Firth.

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Garston B.B.A.—Nov. 15, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. British Bird show, full classification; judge, Mr. A. E. Wilkins. 1 Class, Hottest Fed Canary, A.V. Final arrangements for Annual show, Dec. 2.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 11, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for Annual Open show, etc.—J. J. Dunn.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Classes for Annual show, and special prize business.—G. Vipond.

Keighley C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show.—C. W. Town.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Choice of judges for Open show; subs. due.—Hy. Webster.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 11, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke. Members' show; stage at 3. Meeting at 6 to arrange for stewards, etc., also specials for Open show.—L. Hodgson, jun.

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Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Princess Alice Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Fanciers invited.—T. C. Deans.

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Scotland Gate C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Social Club. Arrangements for show.—H. Seely.

Stanley (Empire) F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Club Hall, 6.30. Taking entries for Members' show, Nov. 18-19.—R. Hutchinson.

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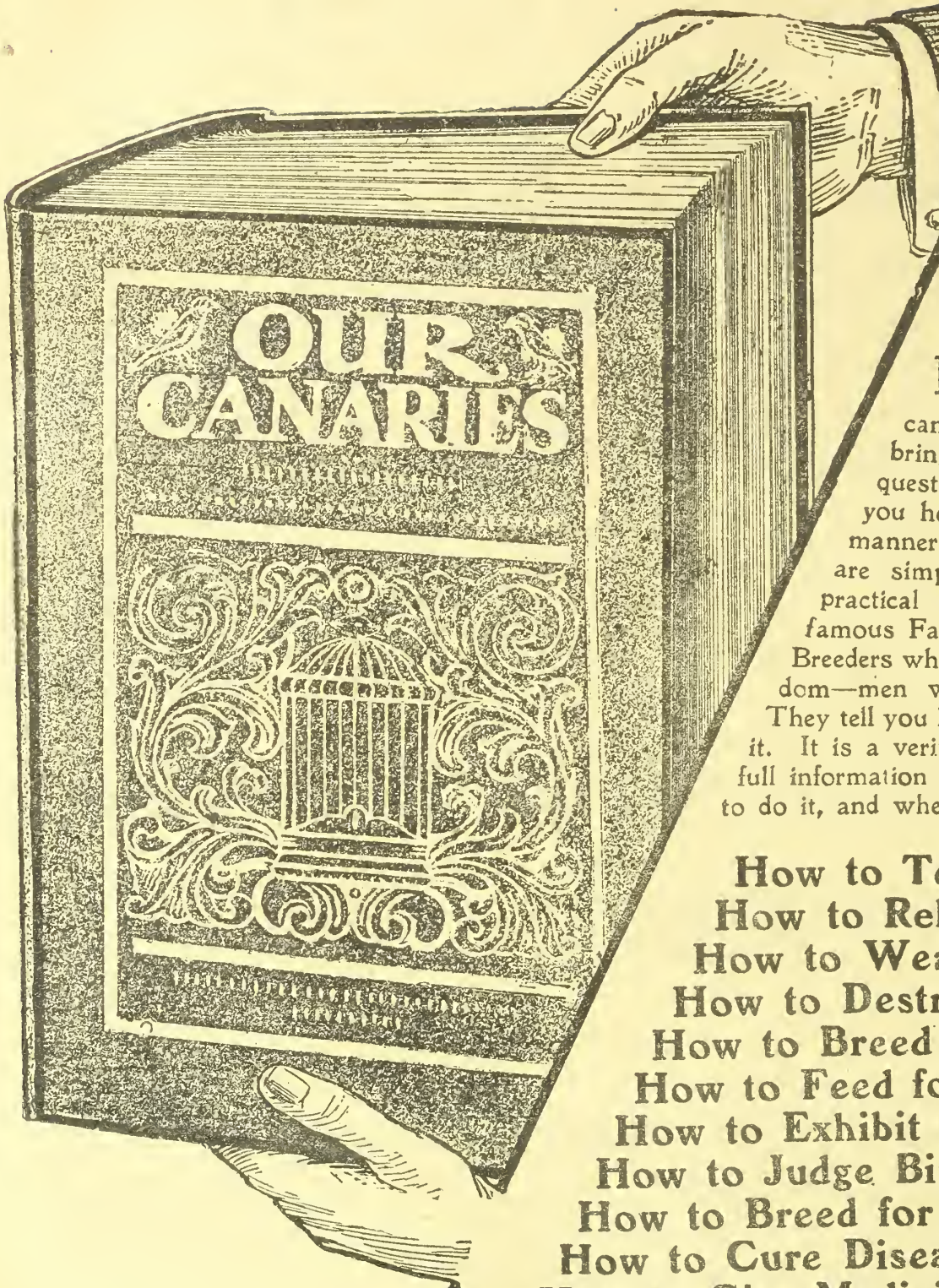
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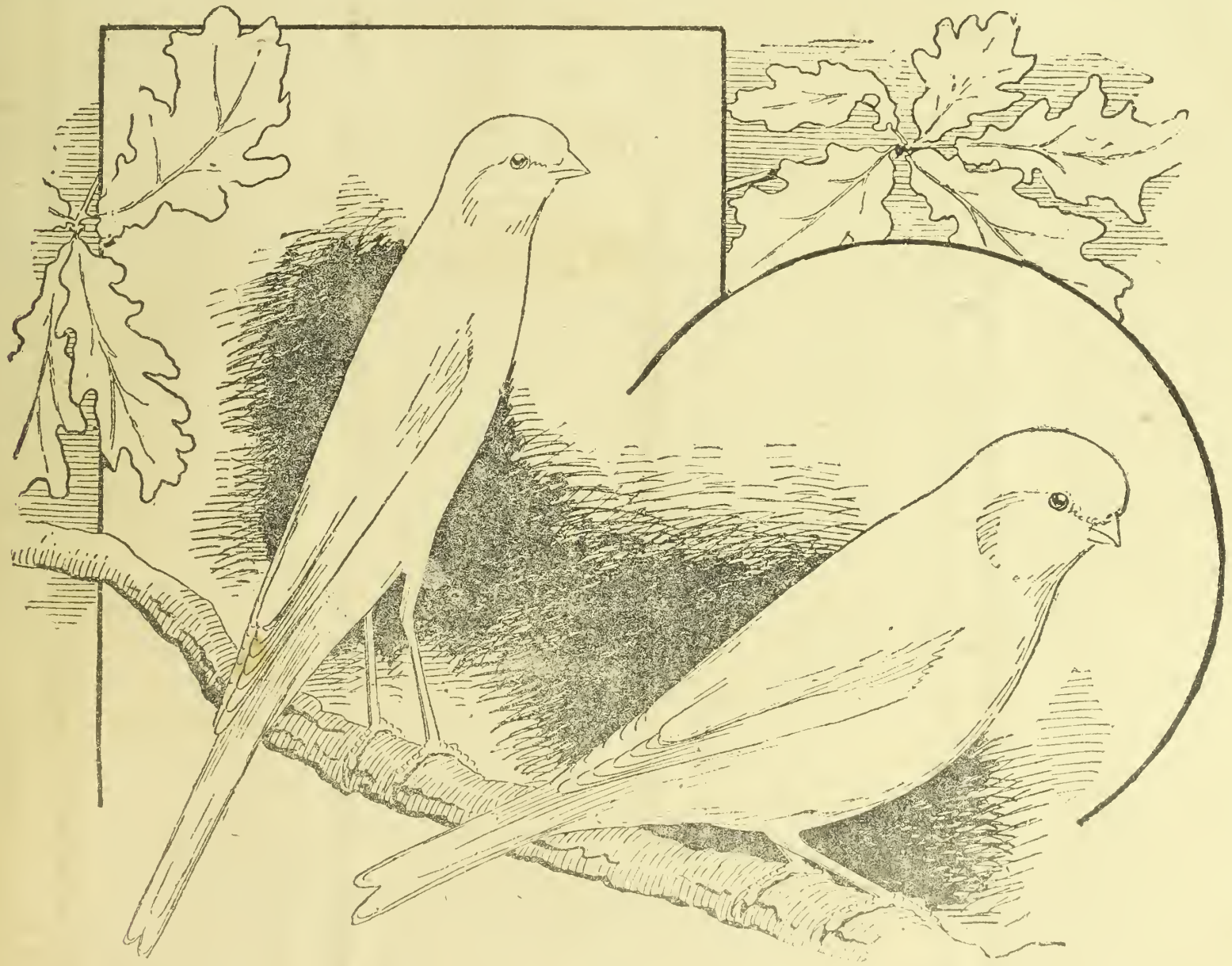
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C.B.S.

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27th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British Birds, **Saturday, Nov. 25th,** Grand National Halls, Maw Street, Gorbals. Admission 4d.—**Sec., W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street, Glasgow.** (661)

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C.B.C. Annual Members' Show, **Nov. 18th,** in Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross. Open from 1 to 6 p.m.—**W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.** (667)

NORTH WEST GLASGOW

C.B.C. 4th Annual Show, **Saturday, 18th November,** Blythswood Halls, 236, Great Western Road. Doors open 1.30 till 5 p.m. Tickets 6d.—**P. Houston, Sec., 31, Willow Bank Crescent, Glasgow.** (661)

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STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Young Stock show, headquarters, Oct. 25. Judge, Mr. A. Skinner. Bord. Cl.: 1, 2, Rev. Soames; 3, res, Wasey. Green: 1, sp, res, Wasey; 2, 3, Rev. Soames. Yorks Yell.: 1, res, Bayliss; 2, 3, Parker. Buff: 1, 2, res, vhc, Bayliss; 3, Parker. Nor.: 1, sp, 2, Parker; 3, Bayliss. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Bayliss; 2, 3, res, Abbott. Brit.: 1, sp, 2, 3, res, vhc, Parker. —A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, Granby Hotel, Nov. 11; 48 birds were judged by Mr. L. C. Casey, Bradford. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Haggis; 2, 4, Ambler; 3, c, Farrar; vhc, Williams; hc, Womersley. Buff: 1, Farrar; 2, Sugden; 3, Hoyle; 4, Womersley; vhc, Verity; hc, Rolfe; c, Ambler. Green Mark Ck.: 1, Hoyle; 2, Verity; 3, Sugden; 4, vhc, Ambler; hc, Williams; c, Haggis. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 4, Farrar; 2, c, Womersley; 3, Rolfe; vhc, hc, Ambler. Buff: 1, vhc, Ambler; 2, 4, Farrar; 3, Hoyle; hc, Sugden. Green Mark Hen: 1, 2, Haggis; 3, Verity; 4, Sugden; vhc, c, Womersley; hc, Ambler. Cinn. Mark Hen: 1, Williams; 2, Verity; 3, Haggis; 4, vhc, Ambler.—W. Jagger, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show, Victoria Hotel, Nov. 11, Mr. W. Walsh judge; 75 birds staged. Points up to date: Champions: Dykes 94, Boocock 77, Bloomfield 72, Chittenden 65. Novices: Greenwood 72, Smith 57, Alred 39, Lloyd 21, Goult 19, Close 15, Oldrieve 14, Riddihough 10. Norwich Section: Wilkinson 28, Wilcock 20, Aireton 20, Markwell 13, Dykes 9, Simmonett 9, Chittenden 7, Briar 4. Special best bird, Dykes; novice, Smith. Yorks. Champ.: Class 1: 1, 3, Bloomfield; 2, Dykes. Class 2: 1, sp, Dykes; 2, 3, Bloomfield. Class 3: 1, Boocock; 2, Chittenden; 3, Dykes. Class 4: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Dykes; 3, Chittenden. Nov.—Class 5: 1, Close; 2, Smith; 3, Oldrieve. Class 6: 1, sp, Smith; 2, Greenwood; 3, Close. Class 7: 1, Alred; 2, Smith. Class 8: 1, Oldrieve; 2, 3, Smith. Class 9: 1, Alred; 2, Greenwood; 3, Alred. Class 10: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Alred. Class 11: 1, Alred; 2, Oldrieve. Nor.—Class 12: 1, Dykes; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Markwell. Class 13: 1, Markwell; 2, Dykes; 3, Wilkinson. Class 14: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Markwell; 3, Wilcock. Class 15: 1, Markwell; 2, 3, Wilcock.—H. Fretwell, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Annual show Nov. 9 and 10, Trinity Schools, Beresford St., Woolwich; 84 entries were staged, and there was some excellent competition amongst the Novice Norwich. Mr. Pavey took special for best bird and special best unflighted. Mr. White won cup best novice Nor. Mr. Robson judged. Class 1: 1, Hall; 2, Smith. Class 2: 1, sp, 2, Pavey; 3, Hall; vhc, Juby. Class 3: Hall. Class 4: 1, Smith; 2, Hall. Class 5: 1, sp, Pavey; 2, Smith; 3, Hall. Class 6: 1, Pavey; 2, Smith; 3, Hall; vhc, Juby. Novice.—Class 13: 1, sp, 2, Page; 3, Thorne; vhc, sp, Page. Class 14: 1, Thorne; 2, c, Wilson; 3, Slender; vhc, Thorne; hc, Harwood. Class 15: 1, White; 2, Slender. Class 16: 1, sp, vhc, c, Page; 2, 3, Thorne; hc, Slender. Class 17: 1, cup, White; 2, 3, Harwood; hc, c, Wilson; vhc, Thorne. Class 18: 1, White; 2, Harwood; 3, Thorne; vhc, Page; hc, Thorne. Class 22: 1, Wilson. Class 25, A.O.V.: 1, sp, Maclellan; 2, vhc, Wilson. Class 27: 1, Laffbury; 2, vhc, c, Richards; 3, Laffbury; hc, Thorne. Class 28: 1, Richards; 2, Laffbury; 3, Maclellan. Class 29: 1, 3, Laffbury; 2, vhc, Laffbury. Class 30: 1, sp, 2, 3, Richards. Mule, etc.: 1, 2, Juby.—G. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

HUTHWAITE.

Show held October 21st. — CHAMP., cl. or tkl. Yell. Nor.: 1, Vardy, large eye tick, good head and neck, fair col.; 2, 3, Sheppard, good clears; vhc, hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, hc, Vardy, nice cl.; 2, Sheppard, nice chubby cl.; 3, vhc, Hawksley, good class; c, Adnett. VARIEG. or DARK YELL. NOR: 1, 2, Vardy nice cobby birds; 3, Adnett, large, rather longer, vhc, hc, Brown. BUFF: 1, vhc, Vardy; 2, Vaughan; 3, hc, Adnett. YELL., HEN: 1 Vardy; 2, vhc, Sheppard; 3, Adnett. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy; 3, vhc, Smith. UNFL.: 1, hc, Sheppard; 2, Vardy; 3, Keeling; vhc, Hawksley. BUFF: 1, Sheppard; 2, Evans; 3, vhc, Vardy; hc, Hawksley; c, Keeling. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Sheppard; 2, vhc, Vardy; hc Keeling. BUFF: 1, Vardy; 2, Keeling; 3, vhc, Smith. Pairs: 1, Adnett; 2, vhc, Vardy; 3, Vaughan. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Sheppard; 2, Vardy; 3, Hawksley; vhc, Miller; hc, Allen. BUFF: 1, Hawksley; 2, 3, Miller. BUFF HEN: 1, Miller; 2, Vardy; 3, Hawksley; vhc, c, Barlow; hc, Sheppard. UNFL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Vardy, 2, 3, Miller; vhc, Hawksley; hc, Gabbitas. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy; 3, vhc, Gabbitas. PAIRS: 1, vhc, Hawksley; 2, Gabbitas; 3, Brown. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Norwood. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Norwood. UNFL. CREST or C.B.: 1, 2, Norwood; 3, Parkin. NON-FED NOR.: 1, Vardy; 2, A Keeling; 3, W. Keeling; vhc, Norwood. HYBRID or LIGHT MULE: 1, Mallatrat; 2, Keeling. DARK: 1, Evans; 2, Mallatrat. Cl. or TKD. NOR.: 1, Holmes; 2, Smitham; 3, Parkins; vhc, c, Woolley; hc, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Parkin; 2, Holmes; 3, Woolley; vhc, Smitham; hc, Green; c, Taylor. VARIEG. or DK. YELL.: 1, Hawkins; 2, Taylor; 3, Spencer; vhc, Harrison; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Wolley; 3, Parsons; vhc, Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, T. Taylor; 2, Hawkins; 3, Wolley; vhc, F. Taylor; hc Green. BUFF: 1, T. Taylor; 2, c, Smitham; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Green; hc, Taylor. UNFL. YELL.: 1, F. Taylor; 2, Parkin; 3, F. Taylor; vhc, Wolley; hc, W. Taylor; c Green. BUFF: 1, hc, Harrison; 2, vhc, Smitham; 3, F. Taylor; c Hawkins. YELL. HEN: 1, Parsons; 2, Harrison, 3, T. Taylor; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Wolley; c P. Taylor. BUFF: 1, Wolley; 2, Hawkins; 3, vhc, T. Taylor; hc, Holmes; c, Lane. PAIRS: 1, Spencer; 2, 3, W. Taylor. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Green; vhc, hc, Jackson; BUFF: 1, 3, Green; 2, Wilson; vhc, Cope; hc, Jackson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Green. BUFF: 1, 3, Green; 2, Wilson; vhc, Brown. UNFL. YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Topliss; 3, vhc, Cope. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, hc, c, Green; vhc, Topliss. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Green. CRESTS: 1, Scarson; 2, 3, Norwood. C.B.: 1, Fox; 2, vhc, Norwood; 3, Scarson. UNFL. CREST or C.B.: 1, 2, Norwood. STOCK CRESTS: 1, 2, Scarson. NON-FED NOR.: 1, Norwood; 2, Gill; 3, Keeling. BRIT. HARD-BILL LARGE: 1, 2, Evans. SMALLER: 1, 2, Rogers. HYB. or LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, Parkin. DARK: 1, Evans; 2, Fox; 3, Smithurst; vhc, Parkin.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Last of 1916 monthly table shows Nov. 8, Messrs. J. E. Gravett and A. Goble judges. The points cups, perpetual trophies for competition at monthly shows throughout year: Oakshott Challenge Cup, Mr. H. T. Gibb; Novices' Silver Cup, Mr. W. Firth. CHAMP. CAN.: 1, 2, Firth; 3, hc, Gibb; vhc, Pearson. 1916: 1, Black; 2, 3, vhc, Firth. NOV.: 1, 3, Gorman; 2, Fellows. 1916: 1, Gorman; 2, Fellows. BRIT. C.M.: 1, Brown; 2, James; 3, vhc, Gibb; hc, Firth. C.M.: 1, 2, Gibb. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Firth.—Will H. Gibb, sec.

CUISBOROUGH (Priory) C.B.S.

Table show. Not a large entry, but a few nice birds turned up. Mr. C. Watson, Middlesbrough, judged, and gave general satisfaction. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, W. Wilson; 2, Cook; 3, Graham. BUFF: 1, Hood; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Graham. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, c, Wilson; 2, vhc, hc, Barker. HEN: 1, vhc, Barker; 2, Cook; 3, Wilson; hc, Graham. NOR. YELL.: 1, Hood; 2, Mays; 3, Cook. BUFF: 1, Mays; 2, Cook. UNFLIG.: 1, Hood. HEN: 1, Mays. NOV. YELL. NOR.: 1, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Atkinson. UNFLIG.: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Readman. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Knaggs; vhc, hc, Readman. BORDER YELL. CK.: 1, Campbell; 2, Atkinson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, 3, Campbell; vhc, Atkinson. UNFLIG. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Campbell. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Campbell; vhc, Atkinson. GOLD.: 1, vhc, Jobling; 2, 3, Mays. BULLF.: 1, Mays; 2, Wilson; 3, Readman; vhc, hc, Jobling. LINNET: 1, 2, Jobling; 3, Mays; vhc, Cook. A.O. BRIT.: 1, c, Atkinson; 2, vhc, Jobling; 3, Readman; c, Atkinson.—A. Knagga, hon. sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Inter-club show, Wakefield, and East Ardsley, at Wakefield, Nov. 11; 76 birds staged, and there was very keen competition amongst the British, which contained about 50 entries, amongst them some very good specimens. Mr. H. Clegg, Dewsbury, judged. YORKS. HEN: 1, 3, c, Holroyd; 2, vhc, Cousins; hc, Rollings, 4th, Hayley. CK.: 1, 2, Hayley; 3, Rollings; 4, vhc, hc, Cousins. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Hough. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Hough; 3, 4, Thorpe. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, Bedford; 3, 4, Bedford; 2, Burnell. GOLDF. AND BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Alexandra; 4, Burnell; vhc, hc, Bedford; c, Waind. LINNET (a very fine class of 12 good birds): 1, 4, Alexandra; 2, Walton; 3, Burnell; vhc, Isherwood; hc, Widgley; c, Hough. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, 2, hc, c, Alexandra; 3, Summers; 4, Bedford; vhc, Waind. A.O. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 3, hc, Alexandra; 4, Summers; c, Isherwood. GREENF.: 1, Walton; 2, Burnell; 3, Boocock. Hough won spl. best Nor.; Alexandra best Linnet: Bedford best Hawfinch. T. Alexandra also won special most points at the two inter-club shows.—J. Isherwood, sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

First old bird show, Nov. 4; Mr. J. Lunn judged, and gave entire satisfaction; 115 birds staged. Class 1: 1, Dibb; 2, 3, Long and Fawcett; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Wheatley and Son. Class 2: 1, Brown; 2, Dibb; 3, Webster; vhc, Long and Fawcett; hc, Wheatley and Son; c, Cawood. Class 3: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, c, Webster; 3, hc, Brown; vhc, Long and Fawcett. Class 4: 1, Dibb; 2, Long and Fawcett; 3, c, Brown; vhc, Myers and Thornton; hc, Fenwick. Class 5: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, vhc, Wheatley and Son; 3, hc, Long and Fawcett; c, Fenwick. Class 6: 1, Dibb; 2, 3, Myers and Thornton; vhc, Long and Fawcett; hc, Fenwick; c, Cawood. Class 7: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, Brown; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Wheatley and Son; hc, Dibb; c, Scott. Class 8: 1, c, Myers and Thornton; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, Scott; hc, Long and Fawcett. Class 10: 1, 2, 3, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Brown; hc, Scott. Class 11: 1, 3, Myers and Thornton; 2, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Hardaker; hc, c, Brown. Class 12: 1, Wheatley and Son; 2, 3, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Scott; hc, Bunting and Son. Points for Belgian Cup champions: Myers and Thornton 47, Long and Fawcett 30, Brown 28, Dibb 23, Andrews 19, Hardaker 7. Novices: Wheatley and Son 21, Scott 21, Fenwick 14, Webster 10, Bateson 6, Cawood 2, Bunting and Son 1.—M. Scott, Sec. (Please see notice above.—Ed.)

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Thirteenth annual show, Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, Nov. 4, and it was most successful; 69 classes contained 333 entries, many being heavily filled, and the Norwich section was particularly good There were entries from all parts of the county. Pool winners were: Nor., Lindsay; Yorks., Bates; Bord., Lowerson; Brit., Young. The judges were Mr. J. Risborough, Sunderland, and Mr. J. Hands, Ryton. The show manager was Mr. W. Forster, and sec., Mr. J. Stanger. A gift class in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, realised £4 3s. NOR. YELL.: 1, Gowland; 2, 3, Bailes. BUFF: 1, Forster; 2, Bates; 3, Harrison. YELL. HEN: 1, Forster; 2, Lindsay; 3, Elliott. BUFF: 1, Gowland; 2, Makepiece; 3, Ward. 1916 YELL. CK.: 1, Page; 2, Bailes; 3, Bates. BUFF: 1, Lindsay; 2, Young; 3, Bates. YELL. HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, Stanger; 3, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Page; 2, Stanger; 3, Gowland. NOV.: 1, 2, Makepeace; 3, Whyatt. NAT. COL.: 1, Elliott; 2, Elliott; 3, Clarkson. CINN.: 1, 3, Stanger; 2, Mowbray. CREST OR C.B. CK.: 1, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, Forster. HEN: 1, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, Forster. CK. OR HEN: 1, Stanger; 2, Bewick; 3, Coates. CK. 1916: 1, Stanger; 2, Bewick. CREST HEN AND CREST CK., 1916: 1, 2, Forster; 3, Bewick. C.B. CK. 1916: 1, Stanger; 2, Bewick. CREST OR C.B. YELL.: 1, Bewick; 2, Coates; 3, Stanger. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Ward; 2, Gowland. BUFF: 1, Stobbs; 2, Stanger; 3, Elliott. HEN: 1, Stanger; 2, Gowland; 3, Ward. YELL. CK., 1916: 1, 2, 3, Bates. BUFF: 1, Whyatt; 2, Robson; 3, J. Stanger. HEN, 1916: 1, Towers; 2, Gowland; 3, Stanger. NOV.: 1, Stobbs; 2, 3, Whyatt. NAT. COL.: 1, Elliott; 2, Stanger. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Lowerson; 2, Towers. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Lowerson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Lowerson. HEN: 1, 3, Lowerson; 2, Dawson. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, Towers; 2, Elliott; 3, Lowerson. BUFF CK.: 1, Towers; 2, Elliott. YELL. OR BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Elliott; 3, Stanger. NOV.: 1, Stobbs; 2, 3, Clarkson. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Elliott; 3, Dawson. A.O.V.: 1, Elliott; 2, Lindsay; 3, Stanger. LIGHT OR VARIEG. MULE OR HYB.: 1, A. Appleton; Page; 3, Boyd. DARK: 1, Appleton; 2, Elliott; 3, Boyd. LINNET: 1, Young; 2, 3, Boyd. GREENF.: 1, Boyd; 2, Page; 3, York. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Lindsay; 2, Ward; 3, Towers. HEN: 1, Boyd; 2, 3, Lindsay. COLOUR OR BULLF.: 1, Boyd; 2, 3, Lindsay. BRAMBLEF. OR CHAFFINCH: 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, Boyd. BUNTING OR HARDBILL: 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, Boyd SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Lindsay. FOR: 1, Lindsay; 2, Bates. Sell. (10/-): 1, Page; 2, York; 3, Stanger. (20/-): 1, Coates; 2, Stanger; 3, Forster. GIFT: 1, Stanger; 2, Forster; 3, Curry.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., B.W.B.

Nov. 18-20.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)

Nov. 22.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) J. R.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(J. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.B.

Dec. 6-7—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.

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Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Aberaychau, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 29.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding, Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)

Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton). A.A., W.G., F.R., W.S.C., W.P.C., A.C.

Dec. 15-16.—**Larkhall C.B.A.**—(T. McGregor, 48, Saralsville Crescent.)

Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

1917.
Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Ruthergien.).

Wales.

Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.) J.B.P., E.J.D.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)

1917.
Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Earnshaw, Nelson, Lancs., writes that he has removed from 51, Rook St. to 33, Charles St., Nelson.

In Sheffield show report A.O.V. dark Mule should read: 3, Twine, not Livine, as stated, and Mr. E. C. Green won 1st in F.M. Linnets, not Davies.

Mr. H. H. Towers, Keighley, writes that he has removed to Ivy House, Station Road, Crosshills, near Keighley.

My son has joined me in partnership, writes Mr. J. Hicks, and in future we shall exhibit as Hicks and Son, Holsworthy and Wadebridge.

Messrs. Smith and Lees write that three special prizes, 5s. most points in open classes, 3s. second, and 2s. third, were omitted from the schedule of the Codnor Park and Eastwood Show.

The hon secretary of the Guiseley Yeadon C.B.S. having been called up, all correspondence on society matters should be addressed to Mr. M. Scott, 4, Derby Road, Rawdon, near Leeds.

The show of the Cumnock C.B.S., is fixed for Nov. 25, writes Mr. A. Wyper, hon. sec., Manchline Road, Auchinleck, and the Scotch Fancy section will be open to Ayrshire. Schedules will be sent on application.

East Ham C.B.S. Annual Show, postponed from Oct. 28, writes Mr. F. Onslow, hon. sec., will be held in the East Ham Liberal Club (opposite Town Hall) Nov. 25. Mr. J. Robson judge. Schedules have been posted to members.

Schedules for the Provincial Roller Open Singing Contest, Dec. 1 and 2, have been posted to all known exhibitors, writes Mr. J. T. Smith, 11, Disley Street, Sudden, Rochdale. Anyone overlooked can have one on application.

There is a good classification for Reading show, Nov. 22. Details are given in an advertisement in our "Shows" columns, and entries may be made from the particulars stated. The hon. sec. is Mr. O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St., Reading.

I beg to thank you on behalf of our members for the splendid report of our show, writes Mr. H. Fry, hon. sec., Landore, and Plasmarl C.B.S., and also to thank outside exhibitors for their splendid support. We trust for a continuance of same, as we intend to make vast alterations in our show room for the next venture.

We hear from Mr. F. C. Knight, hon. sec. of the Highgate Hampstead C.B.S., that among the exhibits will be some White Canaries, the property of a lady exhibitor, Miss Dora Sulman. Intending visitors to the show, which opened yesterday, Friday, and remains open to-day, should book to Tufnell Park Tube Station.

We regret to hear from Mr. E. C. Last, Purley, that his son is seriously ill with appendicitis, and has just undergone a severe operation. Mr. Last says that the operation has been successfully performed, but that for the present he is entirely unable to give attention to any enquiries. We are sure that all who know Mr. Last will join with us in the hope of a speedy recovery for his son.

Entries Extended.

I will accept entries up till Monday morning, Nov. 20, writes Mr. P. H. Morris, Sec., Aberavon, Port Talbot B.F.A., 20, Arthur St., Aberavon, Port Talbot. We have at present only one entry in the cage birds section.

A Fancier Honoured.

I am pleased to inform the many friends of "Jamie" Mair, the jovial member of Cumnock C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Wyper, hon. sec., that he has been granted the Military Medal for resource and bravery. He is now in his second year of service, and his friends all hope that his luck may continue.

Extra Specials at Cardiff.

After our schedules, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Sec., Cardiff C.B.S., were printed I received the following specials from Mr. Alf Shellam, 2s. 6d. cash in each of the six Mule and Hybrid classes, 5s. for the best Mule or Hybrid in the show, and 10s. 6d. for most points in the Mule and Hybrid section. I trust exhibitors will appreciate the generosity of Mr. Shellam by giving us a bumping entry, as our show is run for charity. Last year we sent 40 parcels to prisoners of war, and this year we hope to do better.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to chronicle the death in action of Thomas Lambie, on 3rd Oct., at the Somme. He was the second son of Bailie Lambie, Whitburn, and came over to this country with the Canadians, and was in his 23rd year. To Bailie Lambie and his wife, along with the other members of the family our sympathy goes out. The Bailie is known all over Scotland as a keen member of the fancy, and his son, who has paid the supreme sacrifice, was also greatly interested in bird-keeping.

Birds Missing from East Lothian Show.

Two birds are missing from the East Lothian C.B.S. Red Cross Show on Saturday, one belonging to Mr. H. Bennet Kelso, class 10, No. 1, and one to Mr. W. S. Lambie, Whitburn, class 13, No. 1. If anyone has taken them in mistake will they please send them on to their owners to save further trouble, and also inform me, writes Mr. J. Fairgrieve, secretary, 10, Hope Park, Haddington.

How Good Things May be Missed.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for a long time now, writes Mr. J. T. Logan, Govan, and would not miss it for anything, it is so interesting. One does not require to get it weekly for long before CAGE BIRDS puts you on the right track with one's birds. I have told many a novice like myself not to miss CAGE BIRDS weekly. They soon found that out to be good advice, for if they got it one week and missed the next it so happened that the very thing they wanted to know about was in the issue they missed.

Charity Show at Bristol.

The show of the Bristol F.A., Dec. 2, 4, is in aid of the "Harrison Fund," a subscription on behalf of the six young children of the late Inspector Harrison, who are now left motherless and fatherless. Mr. Harrison was an inspector in the Fire Brigade, and lost his life in the execution of his duty through the collapse of a burning building. It is to be hoped that a substantial sum will be raised in such a worthy object. There are several shows closely following Bristol, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, Gen. Sec., and if exhibitors would like to have their exhibits sent on direct to later shows, we shall be pleased to do what is necessary, if they will state on entry that this is required, and send the necessary labels in good time. In such cases it might be well also to mark the return side of our own label with the name of the show to be sent on to, with class number.

Mr. Geo. Johnson, 6, Brunswick Terrace, Stacksteads, Bacup, writes that he will send on application a schedule of the Bacup Roller C.C. contest, Nov. 24-25, to anyone who has been overlooked.

My winning unflighted Yellow Norwich Cock at Glasgow and District Show, Nov. 10 and 11, writes Mr. J. Cuthbertson, Stonehouse, was claimed at catalogue price, £20 10s. by a well-known Scotch fancier. I wish both him and CAGE BIRDS continued success.

The following judges have been appointed for Hamilton show, Dec. 9:—Scotch Fancies, A. Allardice, Overtown; Norwich, Wm. Grewar, Lochgelly. Borders, T. Ritchie, Lesmahagow; W. S. Clark, Irvine. British, W. P. Campbell, Larkhall; A. Crawford, Cambuslang.

The show of the S.W. London C.B.S. will be held Dec. 2, at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. 37 classes are provided, see advt. under Norwich Canaries. Local fanciers who would like to join the society should write to the hon. secs., Messrs. Lilley and Nason, 19, Mysore Rd., Lavender Hill, S.W.

Prize Money Paid.

We learn that prize money in respect of the following shows has been paid. If any exhibitor has been overlooked he should apply to the secretary concerned:—Leicester Hand in Hand, Clapham C.B.A., and Leeds Roller C.C.

"Cage Birds" in the Dutch West Indies.

We have received from Messrs. R. D. Galbraith and Co., East India merchants, Billiter Square, London, a cutting from CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 12 last, with a request from a reader in the Dutch West Indies for further information on the methods of dealing with mice in the bird room, which were at the time the subject of letters in our columns. Of course, we have had pleasure in sending the full correspondence on the matter, and also a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1916, which contains an illustrated article on the same subject.

AFTER THE SHOW.

A Musical Evening at Sheffield.

"Life at the best is a great adventure, and only to those who venture most and fear least will it yield of its best."

"To fight for things, and to win them; that is success."

"Work never killed anybody; failure only kills, if we let it."

The officials of the Sheffield O.S. appear absolutely to stand by the above quotations, for who would ever have imagined that after all birds had been dispatched safely on their return journey on Saturday night, a "high-class" concert could have taken place?

After the strenuous days and nights passed at the show one would have thought all would have felt too weary to have participated in a "sing-song," but Sheffield stamina is great.

The pianist was an expert from Dewsbury, songs by "stars" from Keighley way, "Little Mary," etc. We heard that a doctor was in attendance in case of any "mishap" that might take place.

The ante-room close by was a popular venue, and all was merry and bright until "skedaddles" we made to catch the last cars home.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Annual Singing Contest, Park Hotel, Nov. 24-25. Judges, G. Wareing, J. Netherwood, J. T. Johnson, 4 Ch.; Champ. Young, Nov. Young, Champ. Any Age, Novice Ditto. Prizes: Young Birds, 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 4/-, 2/6, 2/-, 1/6; Any Age, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; Cash Specials in all classes. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20. to G. Johnson, 6, Brunswick Terrace, Stacksteads, nr. Bacup.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Cory Hall, Nov. 29-30. Judges, J. H. Payne, H. Norman, H. C. Smith, A. Maggs. 63 classes: Nor. 16 (5 Nov.), Yorks. 17 (6 Nov.), Bord. 8 (2 Nov.), Scil. 3, Mules 6, Brit. 11, Stock 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22 to E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.

TO JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

In View of Our Next Annual.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1917 is now in course of preparation, and in order that our annual list of judges of cage birds should be up to date, and correct in detail, we shall be obliged if judges who wish their names to appear in next year's Directory of Judges will send us on a postcard their present address and the varieties they are prepared to judge, naming, if any, those in which they specialise. No charge whatever is made for the insertion, but only the names of those who send us the particulars desired will be included in the list. A specimen entry (fictitious) is as follows:—

Smith, J. A., 175, Doncaster Street, Edinburgh.—A.V., Spl., H.B. and F.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest Nov. 12, Woodman Inn, Horsefair; 24 birds entered. 1 and 2, Jones; 3, Williams.—P. Wilson, Assist. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Nov. 12; 18 birds. Very good singing was heard.

1, Marshall; 2, 3, shared Wigfield and Binns. Judge, T. C. Summers; timekeeper, Dobson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Nov. 12; 23 birds sang. 1, Marshall; 2, Oliver; 3, Newsome (dead heat); 4, Watson. Judges, W. Lacy, S. Butt. Roller Canary contest Nov. 12; 14 birds sang. 1, Hirst; 2, Butler; 3, Shaw. Judges, C. Bibs, T. Howarth. Open Canary contest Nov. 19.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Nov. 11; 9 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2 and 3 shared, Condliffe and Chippindale. Judges, Sissons and Naylor. Also Linnet contest Nov. 12; 18 birds sang. 1, Jim Chippindale; 2, T. Ward; 3 and 4, J. Sellers. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Grant. Also a Roller contest, Nov. 12; 10 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, Condliffe, 3, Chippindale. Judges, Naylor and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Nov. 6, Mr. D. Brown chair. Sec. read all correspondence, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair. Next meeting Dec. 4.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Headquarters, Oct. 26, Mr. Eckersley chair. Arrangements were completed for the members' show, Dec. 2, in the Blue Bell Sale Rooms. Mr. A. Wellings was appointed to judge. Classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 10 (4 greens), Bord. 8, Brit. and Mules 9, scil. 3, gift 1. Specials best bird and for 1st and 2nd most points will be given in each section. Entries close next meeting, Nov. 30.—H. Warburton.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting Nov. 11, Prince of Wales Hotel, Mr. Jos. Partitt presiding over a good number. We had a very nice meeting and things are looking favourable for a strong society.

The principal item was our last open show. Everything has proved satisfactory, and we hope in a week or so to hand over a nice little sum to the penny fund. Wm. Briscoe was elected a member. Decided to have a washing exhibition at next meeting, when Mr. Newell will wash six birds and try to give a few useful hints to novices.—Wm. Newell, sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting Nov. 7, Mr. W. J. White chair. A fair number of members attended, considering the very heavy rain. New member elected, Mr. E. Baker, Cowes. A fine photographic group from India was on view, containing several members of the society. Final arrangements made for annual show (members only, again), Messrs. Chandler, Doyle, Methnish and Gentry being elected stewards, with Mr. Washer as judge's steward. The gift of a few more half-crowns brought the total of special prizes up to 21, which with the six cups should ensure a good entry.—G. J. Slade.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting held at the Llwyncelyn Hotel, Porth, Nov. 9, Mr. T. James chair. Assist. Sec. received specials for open show Dec. 14, and a goodly number came in. Mr. Legg urged the members present to give as many of CAGE BIRDS books as possible to the novice classes, and the novices will be well looked after in this respect. Whilst the meeting was proceeding Mr. Hollingshead (of Hollingshead and Edwards), Penygraig, gave a washing exhibition, putting a few birds through their bath in good style, every member watching with the keenest interest. Mr. Bevan also promised to give a washing exhibition, but was unable to turn up as promised. If members not present at the meeting wish to give specials in the shape of CAGE BIRDS books or any other way, or any outside fancier, I will be pleased to receive them.—A. H. C. Legg, Assist. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A "Novice" Exhibitor Disqualified.

Well-attended meeting, Nov. 7. Secretary read a letter from Mr. R. J. Burt, protesting against Mr. J. B. Kerr showing as a novice Canary fancier, and alleging that Mr. Kerr had shown and won over several years at Holborn Hall, Barnet, Potter's Bar, Enfield, and other places. The sec. also read a letter from Mr. Kerr questioning the accuracy of some of Mr. Burt's allegations, and contending that some of the shows mentioned were not open shows. After careful consideration of the evidence the meeting decided that, judged by the rules of this association, Mr. Kerr must be considered a champion exhibitor, and his prize-money forfeited, although there was not the slightest suggestion of bad faith on the part of Mr. Kerr.

Sec. reported that he had paid out £44 18s. 9d. in prize-money for the recent open show, and that he hoped to produce the balance sheet for the show at the next meeting. Mr. G. H. Pickard was nominated for membership. Chairman handed over the prize-money won at the open show to winners present.—A. R. Coe.

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CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Continued from page 668.)

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

YET the proportion of this ash to the whole amount would afford a basis for calculating the quantity of useless matter in the seed, because a relative quantity of material would pass through the bird without yielding any nourishment, and if the quantity of ash were large it would be seen at once that the seed from which it was taken was not suitable, or not rich enough in nourishment.

But fanciers generally cannot be expected to fully interest themselves in such details, and are mostly satisfied to base their estimate of the food value of any seed, salad, or soft-food on the manner in which their birds thrive and keep in condition on any given material.

Seeds, Their Qualities and Their Uses.

Still we look upon it as part of our work to acquaint fanciers with seeds or foods that are valuable, and warn them against relying on such as have no natural worth, as well as against those that had it, but through one way or another have lost it.

It must also be noted that there is a difference between the food suitable for one season and that of another season. There can be no doubt that in the wild state all the Finches, and other birds, are guided in the selection of their food by inherent instinct, picking up the single grains here, and flying there for more, exercising in the meantime all their capacities of wings and eyes.

Although in confinement these faculties are to some extent dwarfed or undeveloped, yet their tastes are radically the same, except that when in cages they have not the facilities for leaving any kind they might not want, and seeking others that they did.

The food each tribe would select would be that most suitable for repairing wasted tissue of body and for strengthening exhausted energy, and it must be the aim of aviculturists to keep the supply up to normal pitch. It is quite possible that in past times this has been done and even exceeded, and may be one of the many causes that led to variation and ultimate establishment of the sectional classes as we see them in exhibitions to-day.

Speaking broadly, it may be said that canary seed is the "Staff of Life" to Canaries, rape seed is the Finches' "meat," and hemp-seed the "fat" of the strenuous workers. They must all have bread—canary seed. Some get mostly all meat—the rape seed; while the extra richness of such fatty seed as hemp has its constant use in such small quantities at ordinary time, and in full measure at periods of breeding, rearing and moulting.

Seeds for Occasional Use.

Other seeds that are in use are millet, niger and linseed. The former has very poor feeding properties and should not be used except as a diluent in those cases wherever plain canary seed is found to be too fattening, but in the form of millet sprays it may be given to Canaries as a means of employment and amusement.

Niger seed is obtained from a yellow-petalled daisy-shaped flower, very much like a diminutive sunflower, and belonging to the same natural order of plants. This order is remarkably free from poisonous properties, and we have never known anything but good results accrue from its moderate use, when in a fresh and sweet state, but like most seeds belonging to flowers of its class it contains a good percentage of fat, which, of course, if gone rancid, may become injurious, just as any other rancid fat might, such as pure olive oil, or butter, or neat-oil.

As for linseed, or flax-seed, we have never found Canaries care for it very much. Linnets, Goldfinches, and their Canary Mules like it better, and it is a useful seed to give in small quantities at the finishing of the moult for the purpose of giving the final touch to the polish of feather so indicative of high condition in show birds.

There is considerable difference in the quality of canary seed, so there is of hemp seed, and as to the variety in quality and colour, and size of grain in different samples of seed sold as "rape," there is no end to it.

As a rule the largest seeds in canary and hemp, supposing they are plump, are the best, That which is called "Spanish canary seed" is much better in appearance than the small sort known as "Turkey seed," but as the price of the latter is considerably less when compared to Spanish, there is no reason why it should not be used, providing always that it is sweet in odour and free from unpleasant flavour; in fact, it is chiefly the show birds that live on the large-sized Spanish canary and bold hemp.

The small red German summer rape seed is much to be preferred to any other. It is very mild and sweet in flavour, while much of the dark, large rape seed is strong and acrid, much too coarse in quality for delicately constituted cage birds, although for wild birds or occupants of spacious aviaries it might be serviceable.

(To be continued.)

THE JAY AS A PET BIRD.

By E. B.

Telling how to feed and house a beautiful British bird which makes a most intelligent pet.

WITH its fawn-coloured plumage, black and white markings on wings and head, and patch of bright blue on its wings, the Jay is decidedly a handsome bird; and, as it is also very intelligent, it makes a most interesting pet.

Though few of these birds learn to talk really well they are all good mimics. It is quite a mistake to suppose that their talking will be improved by splitting the tongue—this is a useless as well as a very cruel practice, for birds speak from the throat, and not with the tongue, and the idea that their talking powers are improved by such a brutal proceeding has long been exploded.

When at liberty Jays generally live in the woods, where their harsh voice and light colour make them very conspicuous. They are inquisitive and garrulous (hence their name *Garrulus glandarius*), and yet by their great wariness many of them escape the keepers' guns, and in some districts they are quite common.

The Fate of the Wild Jays.

These birds, though generally so noisy, become perfectly silent in the nesting season; probably it is owing to this that the nests escape the sharp eyes of the gamekeeper, who, if he be ignorant of their habits, thinks, no doubt, that all the Jays have left his woods. When he finds them within shot he shows no mercy, knowing their predilection for eggs and young birds; and many a Jay helps to decorate the "keepers' larder"; but as a rule they are too cunning to be easily stalked.

It is strange that such a common bird as the Jay, and one so frequently kept as a pet, should be so little understood; and yet there are probably few birds so woefully mismanaged. Many of those who wish to keep them think that all they need is a small cage, in which they can hardly turn round, and in which they certainly cannot expand their wings, a diet of bread, hemp seed and acorns, with an occasional lump of raw meat, and more or less dirty water to drink.

In spite of all that has been written on the subject there are still, unfortunately, many who labour under the delusion that any bird, from Wren to a Raven, will live on "soaked bread and hemp seed," and when the unlucky birds die, as die they do, their owner simply says, "It must have been hurt before," and cannot see that any responsibility for its death rests with him.

When a Jay has been kept for a few weeks under these conditions what a miserable plight the poor bird is in! Its plumage rough and dirty, wings and tail broken and frayed, and feathers puffed out—even if it escapes dying in a fit, it cannot be a pleasure either to itself or to its owner. And yet by the exercise of a little thought and common sense this bird might easily have been kept for years in absolutely perfect health and plumage.

How to Feed a Jay.

In a wild state the Jay finds food in many forms, and few things come amiss to him in confinement. He will eat spiders, worms, cockchafers and other insects, fruit, beech-mast, acorns, frogs, mice, eggs, young birds, and small reptiles, and he will appreciate any of these as an addition to his diet in captivity; and they will greatly improve his health and plumage.

A good principal food for a caged jay may be made from barley meal mixed with raw hen's eggs until just crumbly moist, with ants' eggs added; or hard-boiled egg and stale bread-crumbs mixed with a good insectivorous food and a few ants' eggs.

If meat is given it must be used very sparingly and finely chopped, or cramp and fits may follow; but perhaps the best way is to give the bird a bone to pick, thus providing amusement and food at the same time.

Young birds can be hand-reared on these artificial foods with a very little finely-chopped lean beef added, but they must be carefully and regularly fed and not crammed, or they will be weedy and never make large and vigorous birds. It is well worth while to take this trouble, as hand-reared birds are so much tamer than those which are wild caught, and young ones learn so much quicker than old ones. Young birds which have left the nest may be distinguished by the iris, which is pale blue, while in adults it is brown. It changes colour at the first moult.

The Jay is such a large bird that it is necessary to give it plenty of room, or it cannot be kept in good plumage. It will look very handsome in an aviary, or may be allowed the run of the house and garden if sufficiently tame; but if kept in a cage, this should be large enough to allow it to open its wings when hopping from perch to perch, as this helps to expand its wings and keep it in good health.

The Proper Cage Described.

The cage should be five or six feet long, two feet wide, and three feet high. It will look well with the inside enamelled pale green (three thin coats), and the outside either painted with brunswick black or stained and varnished. Enamel answers much better than whitewash, as it can be washed with soap and water, and the pale green tint shows up the delicate colours in the bird's plumage.

The cage should have three fairly thick perches running from front to back, two above and one in the middle of the cage rather lower. It should have a door in the wire front large enough to admit the hand and arm, or a better arrangement still would be to have the whole front removable for cleaning and painting.

A deep zinc tray answers better than a wooden one, which is liable to warp, and it should be thickly covered with sand, bran, or fine peat moss litter. The food should be put in china drawers slipped in from the front of the cage, the holes they pass through being too small to allow the bird to escape when they are removed.

Jays are very fond of bathing, and their bath should be large and shallow enough for them to get right in; an enamel dish or large garden saucer is suitable, but it must be remembered that some of the latter are porous, and it is very unhealthy for any bird to have his cage always wet.

Jays have nested several times in garden aviaries, but the young birds are not always reared, probably owing to the lack of insect food. Many birds besides Jays might safely be let out when their young ones hatch to find their natural food, and they would then probably rear their brood. When the young were fledged they would be more likely to live on the artificial food, and before they left the nest the old ones could be shut in again.

As an example of the powers of mimicry possessed by the Jay a recent letter to "Country Life" may be quoted. In this the writer, Mr. R. Chislett, says: "Two of the three birds which I once rescued from the hands of a keeper, and which I brought home and reared successfully, made very amusing pets for several years. Every sound they heard with any frequency was mimicked. The Jays would bark like a dog, or howl and spit so successfully that we often imagined a cat to be in the aviary. They also learned several combinations of whistling notes with which they were greeted at feeding times, and a double-toned school bell, which regularly tolled in their hearing, was imitated to perfection, including the "ring" of the metal. Mice and sparrows which came to share the food of the Jays were often seized and eaten, one of the most comical recollections I have of them being the mental picture of the larger one, crest erected, hopping from perch to perch, uttering the double bell note, with a long, thin tail in his beak which, together with a small piece of skin, was all that remained of a mouse."

A Day with a Bird-Catcher Friend.

By W. LIDGETT.
Hon. Sec., Newark C.B.S.

ALWAYS fascinated with everything appertaining to birds, either in their wild state or in captivity, I was persuaded when purchasing some birds from a catcher friend to have a day with him and his nets, and see some of the haunts of the Linnet and Goldfinch, of which there are several within a few miles of the writer's home.

Shortly after six o'clock on the morning appointed my friend arrived to meet me, and although it was hardly daylight he looked, if equipment had anything to do with it, as though he had been up some hours before to get ready, although he assured me it only took him a very few minutes to get his pack ready. Off we started, my friend looking like a pedlar more than anything else I could think of, a large bag upon his back, well covered from sight as to the contents inside, and, except for an occasional twitter, he might have been going on any errand whatever.

Making Ready.

After a cycle ride of about eight or nine miles we came to a place where he had previously caught both Goldies and Linnets on different occasions; this time, however, Goldfinches were his game. I intently watched him unpack his nets and birds, and, being an amateur where bird catching is concerned, I was content to stand aside and let him do his business himself, as unskilled help is more often in the way than otherwise.

His nets set to his satisfaction, about 15 yards from the side of the hedge, and about 30 yards from a large patch of thistles, and his call birds in position, we retired to the shade of the hedge, well under cover. I lighted a cigarette and waited side by side with the professional catcher for the first flight of birds to come over. It was rather a dull morning at first, but the sky was clearing, and gave promise of being fine ere long.

After about an hour's waiting no Goldies had come into sight, so I suggested I should have a stroll round. "Well, if you must straighten your legs," he said, "keep well to the hedgeside, for if any birds come in sight and you are walking in the centre of the fields they will go over."

A Novice's Indiscretion.

I had strolled about for a quarter of an hour or so, and was thinking of returning to see how things were getting along, when I heard the well-known note of the Goldfinch. I looked up, and could discern about nine or ten finches flying above the thistles. Now this is where I should have kept still, laid down on the grass, and waited.

Instead, I shouted to warn my friend that Goldies were coming over, and no sooner had my voice been raised than the finches also did likewise. Up they flew with a few merry twitters, and off they went.

I returned to the bird catcher's side and bewailed our ill-luck. "What on earth did you kick up a row like that for?" he asked. "Those birds were just dropping for a feed, and now perhaps we shall never see another all day." I was sorry I had spoilt the game with my thoughtlessness, but it was done, and there was no good in crying over spilt milk, so I sat down, and pulled out of my pocket two or three old copies of CAGE BIRDS which I had taken with me to pass away the time if it hung heavy, for an hour waiting for anything is like an age if one has nothing to do.

A Second Chance Accepted.

My friend sat rather gloomy, thinking, perhaps, he would have done better not to have invited me with him, as I certainly seemed to have proved something of a spoil sport. But the day was young yet, and before another hour had passed again the call of finches was heard. Then he touched my arm as a warning lest I should again get excited.

I had, however, learned my lesson for that day, and was as keen to see him get a catch as he was himself. His call birds, hearing the wild ones about, started singing, and an old mule he had with him fairly beat anything I had heard in the field for song and voice; he fairly stood upon his toes to make himself heard above the two Goldies which had also been brought.

The birds came well over the bed of thistles, and I thought they were going to settle in the hedge where we were sheltering, but with a quick turn they were over the nets. They seemed to remain stationary in the air for just a few seconds, and then five of them dropped right into the space where our nets were spread.

A quick pull of the line, and before I had time to rise to my feet my pal was almost up to his nets. Five birds were soon taken out and transferred to the store cage, and the nets were re-set.

We went back again to our shelter and examined the catch. Four Greypates and an old hen. The hen was immediately set at liberty. "It is no use to me, and she will probably breed another season if let go," was his comment. Twice more before noon were the nets pulled, and eleven Goldies in all taken. Then we packed up the traps and made for home. I shall record this as another day well spent in the haunts of the wild birds, and it will live in memory, as do other enjoyable days I have spent in the open with nature, for when I can spare a short time from business and my birds at home nothing pleases me more than to get away to the fields and enjoy nature in its wild state.

Correspondence.

Printed "Hints" Cards for Dealers.

SIR,—I noticed Mr. MacMillan's suggestion that bird dealers should give printed cards with directions concerning the feeding of Canaries. May I suggest, through CAGE BIRDS that the same should be done for British birds. I am sure no bird is worse treated than the Linnet. It is shut up in one of those wretched "back cages," far too small for any bird to live in, and it is very often given mixed seed bought from a small grocer, who has little sale for it, and it in consequence goes stale. A bath is a necessity which should not be omitted. I wish CAGE BIRDS the best of luck.

K. C. WARRAND.

Golden Pheasants for a Public Park.

A Generous Offer from Dr. Lovell Kays.

SIR,—In the summer time a Mr. Simpson (now Gunner Simpson) came to see my birds, and I promised him some Golden Pheasants for a public park, I am inclined to think it was Preston (Lanes). If you would kindly insert this letter in your valued periodical, CAGE BIRDS, it may chance to meet his or his friend's eye; unfortunately I have mislaid his letters. I shall be very happy to send a couple of cocks to any public collection if somebody in charge will communicate with me. I am joining up on the 17th, but I will leave instructions at home for the birds to be sent off provided we can find a suitable receptacle.

(DR.) L. LOVELL KEAYS.

Park Lodge, East Hoathley.

Birds Stolen on Rail.

Another One Missing.

SIR,—I despatched three birds to a Darlington fancier on Friday last, Nov. 10th, by the 9.45 p.m. boat (L.N.W.R.) from North Wall, Dublin. I have received a letter this morning, Nov. 12th, acknowledging the receipt of two birds only. The third, a clear yellow hen, had been stolen en route, as it was quite impossible for it to escape from the box.

I read in this week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. J. O. Williams's Machynlleth Goldfinch was stolen on the way home from Manchester. Possibly the same "gentleman" helped himself to both, and I will be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who can give information concerning it, and I would suitably reward anyone who can lead to the conviction of the thief.

HUGH WILLIAMS.

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg.

An Oliver Twist.

SIR,—I am keenly interested in the above correspondence, and I thank the gentlemen who have replied to the first querist. I think "Tom Tits" receipt all right, only I was wondering if the meal goes sour, as I know nothing about meals. I had the previous correspondence on the subject some years ago cut out for reference, but unfortunately it got destroyed. I myself have used nothing but egg and biscuit or bread for years, and my results have been very unsatisfactory, so I am determined to give a trial to something else next season. Now is the time to discuss these things, as if breeders want to produce young birds cheaply the price of eggs next season, if this one was any criterion, will put them out of all bounds. I hope to see a few more answers on this interesting subject.

C. C. DAVIDSON.

A Veteran Chaffinch.

Its Record Doubted.

SIR,—Where your reporter of Sheffield Show, got his information I don't know, but with all respect to the owner and the bird, someone is a long way out in the calculations as it is not 12 years since Mr. Walsh benched his first bird, the 3rd Skylark at Ecclesfield Show. I can give day, month, and year. He then got a few softbilled British, and it was some considerable time after this that he bought the Chaffinch with a few more; I can give all details it necessary. Where was the first show it won at for Mr. Walsh? It was in show condition when he got it, and had been successfully shown, but which are the leading shows at which it has won? I don't think it has been at a hundred shows, and certainly has not won every time out by a long way. Give us facts when records get in print. Why I write is on account of a little argument, and we want proof.

R. D. PARLETT.

An Egg-laying Parrot.

Been Reading "Eggs Wanted," Perhaps!

SIR,—I have a Parrot which has laid six eggs this year—June 3, June 7, Aug. 4, Aug. 8, Oct. 28, and Oct. 31. She is 18 years of age, and in good condition. I have kept Parrots over 40 years, and never experienced this before. I should very much like to know if this is a record.

MATTHEW WILSON.

Clashing of Show Dates.

The Proposed Meeting at Cardiff.

SIR,—Seeing so much in your valuable paper about calling a meeting of Welsh secretaries at Cardiff show on Nov. 30, re clashing of show dates, I may tell you we discussed this matter at our last meeting, and I was selected to represent Abertillery C.B.S. It would be a wise thing if Mr. Banks, Cardiff, could arrange a meeting on that date and let each secretary represent his own society and thoroughly discuss this problem, for much could be done at a meeting of this kind. Personally I think every society should keep its own date, holding its show a bit later in the year if possible.

WM. NEWELL.
Sec., Abertillery C.B.S.

Fresh Fields for Fanciers.

Why Not Cage-bred Greenfinches?

SIR,—I heartily agree with all M. R. T. has to say on the subject of cage-bred Greenfinches. I have a friend who a few years ago had a pair of Greenfinches which brought up some Canaries, but unhappily fell victims to a cat. As I am going to make an outdoor aviary in the country, I shall try in the spring to breed some aviary-bred Greenfinches.

W. L. PARSONS.

Immense Possibilities Outlined.

SIR,—I was much interested in the letter signed M. R. T., under the heading "Fresh Fields for Fanciers," and your footnote to same. I have often thought what a pity it was that some of our native Finches could not be brought into a state of complete domestication, in the same way as the Canary has been.

The difficulty of accomplishing this would seem to lie in the matter of organisation, as it is evident that the co-operation of a considerable number of breeders would be necessary. It seems to me, however, that if a feasible scheme of co-operation could be thought out, and set working, the domestication of many of our more easily managed species would advance rapidly.

I would like to ask the opinion of the readers of CAGE BIRDS as to the following idea: Would it not be possible to start a register of the names and addresses of all who were sufficiently interested in the subject to make a definite attempt in the direction of domestication? It might be called the "Domestic British bird breeders' register," or some less cumbrous title conveying a similar meaning. The first year's register would require nothing more than the following particulars, which could be sent in on a post card.

(1) Name and address of intending breeder; (2) The species he proposes to attempt breeding; (3) A brief statement as to the objective he would set himself to breed for, whether (a) the production of higher class show specimens of the species he was working with, but still birds conforming to the recognised standard of that species, or (b) the encouragement of divergence from the normal type in any given direction, such as albinism, cinnamon colouring, longer tails, improved song, etc., etc., with a view to starting new domestic "breeds" of the original species.

The organiser of the register could collect the cards sent in up to an arranged date, then make a printed list from them, and furnish each of the breeders in this list with a copy of same. I should imagine that a very small subscription from each proposing breeder (say 6d. each) would furnish funds for doing this.

I have no doubt that the main work of such a register or association, if it came to be formed, would be centred around one or two popular and easily bred species; probably the Greenfinch and the Goldfinch would be favourites, especially the first named, but there could be no harm in giving people who preferred other species the chance of ascertaining, through the register, whether they could find a sufficient number of sympathisers to make it worth their while to commence experiments.

Siskins, Redpolls, and Bullfinches can all be bred tolerably easily in captivity, whilst if the Linnet were to become a subject of experiment, this species would seem a likely one for development in the direction of superior song, after the pattern of the Roller Canary.

My idea of how the thing would work after the register had been started is something after this fashion—each individual breeder would start in quite a small way, say with from one to three pairs, with a few of the best specimens of his chosen species that he could procure. For the first few seasons there would probably be little to be gained, in fact, rather the reverse, from much interchanging of stock. The better plan would probably be for each breeder to in-breed considerably from his own original stock, but later, when he began to think that his in-breeding had reached such a limit that fresh blood was a necessity, he would then, instead of having recourse to wild blood, look up, through the register, some other breeder of the same species who had been working along the same lines as himself, and purchase or exchange a bird with him. Both strains would have commenced a tendency towards domestication.

The same idea, carried further as time went on, would bring more and more breeders together. Breeders under section (a), those trying to produce extra good typical birds, would probably see no harm in taking an occasional dip back into the wild blood when they came across an exceptionally good wild-caught specimen to breed from, but even they would be well advised to avoid this as much as possible, as there is little douht that birds with a pedigree of domestication behind them would become much more plastic, and be easier to breed towards desired show points than those closely descended from wild stock.

On the other hand, breeders in section (b), those anxious to produce really domestic "breeds," should, after the first start, sedulously avoid a wild cross. Those desiring changes of plumage might well try to commence with white, cinnamon, or pied specimens, and, at the beginning, in-breed strongly to these birds. I hope I have succeeded in making my idea clear, and will conclude by saying that if your readers should think there is anything in it there is ample time to prepare such a register before next breeding season.

E. D. H. D.

A Reader from No. 1.

SIR,—I thank you for the honour you have done me in placing my Yellow Norwich cock on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. In looking through some books I came across CAGE BIRDS No. 1 issue. At that time we bird fanciers were very proud to have a paper provided for us entirely for cage birds, but when we think of what that paper was at that time we must acknowledge our baby has grown to a marvellous size now. It becomes more interesting and helpful to all fanciers every week. The correspondence columns are very helpful, and the oldest as well as the youngest fanciers can learn a great deal from those pages, and if we do sometimes stray just a little from the subject in discussion, we have our Editor holding the reins just to pull us in a bit.

G. W. SAUNDERS.

Norwich Canaries at Manchester.

Are Norwich Plainheads Deteriorating?

SIR,—I am sure all Plainhead fanciers will appreciate the chatty news submitted by "Sub Rosa," particularly those who hitherto have regularly visited some of the leading shows, but who now, by stress of the unusual circumstances, only get there in imagination. The Welshmen from the little village he mentions will hardly bless him for giving away their place of origin, and, of course, I ought to say something seeing he has raked into the light again a matter that concerns "more dark than light"; in fact, I say even now that it cannot be kept too dark, and is one of those birds that need not be clear down to the skin.

However, if nothing else, the incident will serve very nicely to scourge some everlasting grumblers who say "present-day Norwich do not wear well." It was in February, 1915, when I handled the chest-marked buff cock, the property of Mr. W. Crawshaw, and gave him what he deserved. To-day he still makes good; and "Sub Rosa" says that even Solomon as a show bird would not be in it; at least, that is what I gather, and I am sure he is about right. Anyhow, I hope "Sub Rosa" will oblige with more of this news, which reinforce the show reports very nicely, not that I am grumbling at the latter's weakness in any way, for I realise that in the space at the time at command, even a "Thomas Curtin," or a "Beach Thomas" even were they "inbred," could not serve up the bill of fare better than a CAGE BIRDS report.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

The Famine in Canaries.

How Non-Fanciers May be Made Fanciers.

SIR,—Having for the last two years become a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I have noticed with special interest the comments in your paper concerning the scarcity of Canaries. I should like to see some of the prominent and well-to-do men in the fancy come forward, and encourage the working-man to devote his spare time to the breeding of our valuable songsters.

For instance, in the district (Barking) in which I am living there is never a show of birds of any description, yet the residents are mostly working men, who no doubt would enter the fancy with enthusiasm if only given a helping hand by someone of distinction in the cage bird world.

Why not form clubs with the idea of instructing novices, and assisting those of limited means? Let some large breeder offer as prizes one or two pairs of good class birds, or some useful necessity in the breeding of birds. Such prizes I believe would be greatly appreciated by the fancier whose capital is limited by these terrible times, and at the same time would be a first class advertisement for the donor, and give the working man an opportunity of getting a good strain of birds, to compete in the business of Canary breeding.

F. COLLARD.

£40 Worth Sold from One Advertisement.

SIR,—I am pleased to see your correspondence re "Famine in Canaries" kept alive in CAGE BIRDS, and I should like to add my recent experience. There is undoubtedly a famine in Canaries, both for song birds and exhibition stock. Within six days of the issue of CAGE BIRDS containing my advert. of Norwich on Oct. 28, I had sold over £40 worth of birds, and had I had more of the quality birds enquired for there would hardly have been a limit to what I could have sold. I have also been visited by dealers in want of songsters, and they tell me the demand is greater than the supply.

H. W. VALENTINE.

Do Dealers Offer Fair Prices?

SIR,—Allow me to thank the correspondents who replied to my letter, "Do Dealers Offer Unfair Prices?" in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 4. I think Mr. Mitchelmore's advice as to the best way to dispose of my birds is a little late, seeing that I have been a breeder and a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS for eight years, and have also advertised through its columns with satisfactory results. I am also aware of the ways and means dealers have to dispose of their stock, and of knowing their customers, and I know it is not done for nothing, but the point I contend and stick to is this: If the prices of Canaries are gradually rising as stated in the article on "Famine in Canaries," and as "London Dealer" states in his letter, there are still some fair dealers (which I will grant) then we hope they will raise their prices in proportion, and so give our wounded soldiers who are broke in the war a cheerful heart to start in the Fancy; otherwise I am afraid the cry will go out: "Why is the Canary Fancy Dying Out?"

H. O. CORBETT.

The Lie Direct.

SIR,—Firstly, in answer to Mr. Howard's question, as to how long I have been in the Canary trade? About three years, and during that short time I have handled more Canaries than Mr. Howard or any other English dealer has in ten years. Respecting your article "The Famine in Canaries," I take very great exception to the statement therein—as follows.—

"It is true that many of these were Rollers of Continental origin, merely passing through the hands of the dealer as part of the consignment."

This is a lie from beginning to end. Every Canary in that 4,000 odd consignment was bought and paid for, and I feel sure none were of Continental origin. Such a statement must have emanated from one with a fervid imagination and a disordered brain.

JOHN D. HAMLYN.

[We have allowed Mr. Hamlyn to use his own language in stigmatising a fair remark as being a lie from beginning to end. Among the consignment of Canaries which was sent to New York per s.s. "Manchuria" were many Roller Canaries. If Mr. Hamlyn says that all these birds were English bred we must, of course, accept his statement, but we certainly thought we knew a Continental Roller when we saw and heard him in his hundreds. We may perhaps be permitted to say that in "feeling sure that none of these birds were of Continental origin," Mr. Hamlyn displays more credulity than we have ever given him credit for during some twenty years of acquaintance with him. —Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

ROUND THE BIRD SHOWS.

SUCCESS AT ARDWICK.

Great Show of Yorkshires and Norwich—820 Entries.

Manchester's stripling is forging ahead. Its three years' record reads: 1914, 480; 1915, 549; 1916, 819. A wonderful tale of progress, and one of which its executive need well be proud. At Ardwick the Rector, Rev. C. E. Gaul, is the president; the Rev. J. W. Wragg, the curate, is chairman of the committee, and that they are no mere ornamental figureheads is shown by the way in which they helped in the unpacking, staging, and general stewarding on Saturday last; Ardwick is happy in having two such leaders. Other members of the executive who worked with zeal and enthusiasm were Messrs. J. Robinson, A. E. Long, F. Moss, D. Fletcher, T. Peters, S. T. Oldham, G. Chilton, T. Lane, A. Blinston, T. Warburton, F. Taylor, F. Walshaw, E. Redditt, C. H. Strafford, and J. Schofield. Mr. A. E. Thorpe, the secretary, and Mr. J. Spencer, the treasurer, acted as show managers, and everything moved with an ease and celerity which spoke much for the careful thought they had given to the organisation beforehand, whilst their urbanity and courteousness to all who had to come in contact with them did much to ensure that success which was so well deserved and so worthily achieved.

The entry was testimony to the confidence with which the Ardwick executive have inspired the Fancy, and together with the splendid attendance should mean that the committee will be able to make a by no means negligible contribution to the Blind Soldiers' Fund.

To the magnificent total of 819 the open Yorkshires and Norwich contributed no less than 402, and these, with Borders and A.O.V., made Mr. House's little lot up to 506, but he got through them in good time, and then took the Members' Yorkshires to assist Mr. Beswick.

The Yorkshires were a wonderful lot, and, when one considers that the classificatiou was somewhat old-fashioned, the entry was astonishing. Present-day exhibitors are so liberally catered for that they generally light shy of shows where clears, ticks, and marks, all compete together, as they did here, both in Yorkshires and Norwich. In the champion Yorks, the competition was very keen, and little indeed divided one bird from another. Mr. Dykes' brace of winners were gems indeed. Dr. Craig's famous yellow, which suffered the fortunes of war at Sheffield, was on top again here, but his famous Cinn.-mkd. hen had to go down before a trio of very smart dames. Mr. Hartley's young buff, and Mr. Radley's young hen are birds that look capable of notching many another victory.

The names of S. Cook, Crawshaw, Hirst, and Kaberry are sufficient guarantee that the quality was all there in the Norwich, whilst the exhibits from Messrs. Turner, Strafford, Fields, Hartup, J. Cook and Peters made the more famous gallop all the way. Whilst the average merit was good, we must say that a number of Norwich were much too feathery. An ideal Norwich is a fine-feathered bird. Profuse feathering is all right in a C.B., but in a Norwich Plainhead we do not want feathery thighs, and overlapping waistcoats. The clothes of a Norwich should fit like those of a "knut." Borders were a nice little lot; we particularly admired the greens of Mr. Middleton.

In the Amateur section the Yorkshires shown by Messrs. Riley, Drew, Nooman, Radford, Talbot, Wilson, Fletcher, and Farrell were very representative of the breed, and they had not much to spare the one from the other, but amongst the "also rans" were many that were much too large to be considered ideal Yorkshires. Excellent though such be in the stock room, they can hardly be styled exhibition specimens.

The same remark applies to many of the amateur Norwich, yet amongst them were some toppers. Mr. Chippindale's yellow would have been well in the first flight had he been amongst the champions. The worthy president won in adult hens with a most charming yellow, which was followed by a regular wax model of a buff from Mr. Rushton. Mr. Gaul's win here ends his career as an amateur, and he will now have to test his powers against those of his clerical confrere, Mr. Wragg. Some magnificent birds were shown in the Norwich by Messrs. Parrin, Fox, Cleaver, Dean, Crabtree, Mawdsley, Calverley, and Lane, and we shall expect to see some of these gentlemen soon following Mr. Gaul into the champion section. The five amateur Norwich classes had an average of a score a-piece, a fact upon which the N.P.C. is to be congratulated; not that the exhibitors were all members, because there was no competition for one of the club specials, but for the grand field for recruiting.

Lizards were splendid. One of the finest collections we have seen for a few years, far exceeding the club show of last week, and running the great Manchester show a close race. Mr. Beswick handled them very carefully, and his placings left little room for cavilling. The prizes were well scattered. Compared with Manchester and the club show there were some changes in position, but nothing very striking. The most striking feature of the collection was the excellence of the hens. They were indeed beautiful. Special for the best Silver went to Mr. Ollerenshaw's broken cap, a grandly feathered little fellow, with very bold distinct spangling. Mr. Barnes's brace of Gold hens had many admirers. We noticed one or two of these spangled ladies had joined the ranks of the choristers. Lancashires were as moderate as the Lizards were excellent. It is sad to see this grand old breed gradually, but surely, falling away. What are the L.L.P.A. and the L.C.C. doing to stop the rot? Presently it will be too late, and the Lancashire will be classed with those things which have lived on earth, but are now extinct.

British exhibitors did not respond to the appeal of the executive as the generous classification deserved, and four of the classes had only half prize money, whilst three had to be content with the "sliding scale," not reaching the limit of six. Still, if the entry was not all it should have been, there was no mistaking the high degree of excellence to be seen in those exhibits which were on show. Mr. Leadbeater's Goldfinch and Linnet were most beautifully staged and of great merit. Mrs. Dalton's Siskin and Mr. Oldham's Twite made a stern fight, and either could have won. Mr. Caunt's winning Greenfinch was a stormer, whilst his Bullie deserved more competition. "Chick! Chick!!" There was some polish on the half-dozen specimens which came from the city of lace, and they went to the top of their classes deservedly. Mr. Parlett's Sheffield winning jonque Goldfinch Mule headed a good class of Darks. The third in this class was a gem of a Greenie-Canary, only catalogued at £2, and we heard several of the keen-eyed brigade had spotted it. The second was Mr. Oldham's Sheffield winning Siskin-Canary. The quality was hot here. In the Lights Mr. Oldham's famous five-pointed yellow went down before a very nice four-pointed buff of Mrs. Hubbard's. In British Hybrids Mr. Oldham's Linnet-Bullie won hands down, but where were the Hybrids that should have come?

YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Craig, very slim, straight and stylish, grand head, plenty of col. and qual., very fit; 2, Brooks, rather more length, splendid shape and style, not so much col., and a bit open in front; 3, Dykes, wing and cheek mkd., grand shape, length, and feather, loses in position; 4, Hartley, typical and lengthy, but does not handle well, grand feather; vhc, Harrison; hc, Knowles; c, Burke. No. 7a, no name, was soft. BUFF (13): 1, Dykes, variegated, a true Yorkie, wonderful shape, style, and feather, grand flights and tail, very fit; 2, Woodward, grand headed cl., capital wings and tail, rare style; 3, Radley, beautifully modelled variegated, rare head, shoulders, wings and tail, full of qual. and style; 4, Thomas, grand-bodied cl., full of style and qual., but would spread his tail; vhc, Hartley; hc, Craig; c, Wilcock. HEN (18): 1, Knowles, very sweet, slim and stylish cl. Buff, neat head, well balanced wings and tail, fit as a fiddle; 2, Dykes, wing tkd. Yell., a Yorkie all over, full of qual. and style; 3, Midgley, wing tkd. Yell., not quite so long, but beautifully modelled, feathered like wax; 4, Craig, cinn. mkd. Buff, sweet head, wings and tail, full of qual. and style; vhc, Morrison; hc, Taylor; c, Brooks. No. 7, Brown, soft. 1916 YELL. (15): 1, Dykes, neck tkd., very fine head, neck and shoulders, perfectly balanced wings and tail, full of style and qual.; 2, Booley, cl., rather more length, beautiful shape and carr., not so tight; 3, Hartley, lovely cl., quite equal in shape and feather, hardly so steady in pos.; 4, Hirst, neck tkd., lovely shape, style, and feather; vhc, Towers; hc, Wilcock; c, Bulmer. BUFF (15): 1, Hartley, beautifully balanced cl., grand head, wings and tail, full of qual., stands like a guardsman; 2, Holroyd, wing mkd., sweet head and shoulders, grand wings and tail; 3, Craig, head and wing tkd., lovely qual and col., full of style; 4, Wilcock, cap and wing tkd., grand shape and feather; vhc, Thomas; hc, Bulmer; c, Braybrook. HEN (18): 1, Radley, lovely cl. Buff, feathered like a Java, rare shape, full of style, sweet head, grand wings and tail; 2, Hartley, Buff, plenty of length, grand shape, well balanced wings and tail, hardly so slim in waist; 3, Dykes, rare shaped Yell., fine head, shoulders, wings and tail; 4, Thomas, grand topped Yell., rare style, good legs; vhc, c, Brooks; hc, Craig. NOR. YELL. (20): 1, Crawshaw, eye-cheek and wing tkd., gem for col. and qual., rare head and chest, neat wings and tail; 2, Stafford, eye, neck, and wing mkd., lovely col., rare shape; 3, Turner, wing and neck tkd., stout, chubby bird, nice even col.; 4, Wharton, grand shaped cl., rare head and chest, hardly so fit; vhc, Cook; hc, Wragg; c, Thorpe. BUFF (22): 1, 4, Cook, very handsome cl., grand head and chest, capital wings and tail, level col., capital qual., and a good shower; 4th, full of type, col. and qual., neat and smart, hardly so full of bloom; 2, Kaberry, grizzled head and neck, capital col., shape and qual.; 3, Jones and Chester, model for type, feathered like wax, rare style, paler in col.; vhc, Hartupp; hc, Smith; c, Crawshaw. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, Hirst, rattling good cl., shapely skull, good full chest, capital wings and tail, very level in col., and full of qual.; 2, Fildes, wing tkd., very shapely and compact, grandly feathered on body, hardly so smooth on cheeks; 3, Thorpe, variegated, splendid shape and feather, rare wings and tail; 4, Crawshaw, grizzled tail, not one of the largest, but a gem for qual and col.; vhc, Stafford; hc, Thomas; c, Roby. No. 12, Hirst, was soft. BUFF (16): 1, Hirst, lovely col., grand qual., rare wing and tail carr., beautifully shown, full of type and style; 2, Kaberry, better in shape and carries more meal, hardly so rich in col. and not quite so fit; 3, Hartupp, spl. best 3rd, very shapely cap and wing mkd., grand carr., full of qual.; 4, Peters, gem for silkiness of feather, good even col., not quite so chubby; vhc, spl. best; vhc, Cook; hc, Fields; c, Crawshaw. No. 11, Cook, lovely hen, but soft. No. 11, Brade, had been washing. 1916 YELL. (16): 1, Fielding, mkd. head and neck, beautiful shape, short and compact, excellent wing and tail carr., lovely col. and feather; 2, Cook, spl best 2nd, a gem for type, very rich and level in col., rare style; 3, Crawshaw, grand shapely body, rare col. and qual.; 4, Peters, bit narrow in front of skull, grand body and carr., beautiful col. and feather; vhc, Jones and Chester; hc, Smith; c, Lingard. No. 16, Chilton, had been washing. BUFF (18): 1, Braybrook, grizzled tail, grand shaped body, neat head, splendid wing and tail carr., capital col. and qual.; 2, hc, Hirst, bonnie cl., beautiful type, nice carr., good col.; 3, Peters, cl., grand shape, good col., not quite so steady on perch; 4, Crawshaw, eye, neck and wing mkd., level col. and qual.; vhc, Jones and Chester; c, Steel. No. 9, Fielding, had been washing. HEN (21): 1, 4, Crawshaw, eye and wing mkd. Buff, a real beauty, short and cobby, lovely col. and qual., beautifully frosted, a gem; 4, spl. best 4th, stout, shapely variegated Buff, full of col. and qual; 2, Cook, grizzle capped Buff, rare shape and col., not quite so silky in feather; 3, Peters, smart shapely Yell., sound even col., beautiful silky feather, good carr.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hirst; c, Spencer. BORD. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Wilson, very smart eye and wing mkd., lovely outline and pose, nice even col., full of qual. and style; 3rd, very smart, shapely, good pos., had been washing; 2, Nelson, cl., smart and shapely, grand pose and feather; 4, Hesketh, cl., grand headed, rare wings and tail; vhc, Bennett; hc, Newton; c, Shackley. Wrong class, Cooper, Colley, both Buffs. BUFF (16): 1, Nelson, a regular picture, as light as wax, steady as a soldier, lovely qual and finish of wings and tail; 2, Tranter, another gem, wonderful pose, but soiled wings and tail; 3, 4, Bennett, grand head, wings and tail, rare feather and style; 4th grand shape and feather, capital wings and tail, not quite so steady; vhc, Wilson; hc, Nelson; c, Newton. HEN (18): 1, Nelson, cl. Buff, sweet little thing, full of style, grand feathered and finished right through; 2, Johnson, 3-pt. Yell., very neat head, grand feather and style; 3, Garbutt, cl. Yell., grand body, good wings and qual.; 4, Tranter, sweet little Buff, lovely feather and style; vhc, Bennett; hc, Wilson; c, Espie. CINN. OR GREEN YELL. (11): 1, 2, hc, Middleton, beautiful grass green col., lovely shape and style, full of qual., grand wings and tail; 2nd, beautifully feathered Cinn., same grand shape, feather and style; 3, c, Coldbeck, very shapely stylish green; 4, Clears, nice coloured Cinn., good style; vhc, Shackley. BUFF (4): 1, Nicholas, Cinn., nice sound col., good feather and style, neat wings and tail; 2, Coldbeck, good headed green, rare shape and style, bit bumpy on wing; 3, Render, stout green, good col., stands well up; 4, Clears, nice shapely Cinn., fair col. and qual. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Middleton, neat stylish Yell., lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail, beautiful pose, very fit; 2, c, Render, Yell., grand feather, not quite so slim; 3, 4, Nicholas, very sweet Yell. Cinn., lovely col. and qual., nice style; 4th, splendid Green, typical and smart, but tail not down; hc, Coldbeck. A.O.V. (4): 1, Hartupp, very handsome buff Cinn., lovely col. and qual., grand shape and size; 2, Sykes, heavily feathered massive skulled green C.B.; 3, Fields; 4, Johnson. SELL. (20/-) (19): 1, Taylor, 2, Collinge; 3, Fildes; 4, hc, Hyson; vhc, Byles; c, Cartlidge. (12/6) (10): 1, Collinge; 2, Barnes; 3, Radley; 4, Wallwork; vhc, Lees; hc, Burston; c, Mitchell.

AMONG THE AMATEURS' BIRDS.

AMATEURS' YORKS YELL (18): 1, Riley, long slashing cl., rare wings and tail, plenty of style, grand qual.; 2, Drew, much hotter, not quite so long, capital shape and size; 3, Farrell, long, shapely, cheek-ticked, good style; 4, Howarth, hot enough for a Nor., grand shape and style, open in front; vhc, Johnson; hc, Bottomley; c, Talbot. BUFF (21): 1, Noonan, rare shapely cl., plenty of length, full of style, nice col. and qual., plenty of leg; 2, Radford, cl., rare body, plenty of length, not so clever with wings; 3, Fletcher, shapely and stylish, good wings and tail; 4, Barnes, plenty of style and length, but more bulk; vhc, Smith; hc, Nixon; c, Bradburn. HEN (24): 1, Talbot, grizzle checked yell., wonderful shape and style, beautiful feather, wings and tail; 2, vhc, Snow, slashing cl. yell., full of style, rare shape, splendid qual.; 3, Holroyd, long stylish cl. buff, nice wings and tail; 4, Green, neat shapely buff, lovely style and feather; hc, Drew; c, Miss Cobley. BRED 1916 (23): 1, 2, Wilson, slim raking variegated, yell., neat head, grand wings and tail, full of style, 2nd pretty cl. buff, stands up well, good wing and tail carr.; 3, Allen, wing tkd. yell, just a shade flat on head, good body and style; 4, Francis, buff, neat shape, well feathered, stylish; vhc, Holroyd; hc, Pye; c, Morton. NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Chippindale, a bold, full-chest, lovely even col., beautiful feather, rare wings and tail; 2, Rushton, grizzled neck, capital shape and col.; 3, Parrin, fine shapely cl., grand wings and tail; 4, Robinson, cl., bold chest, nice feather and col.; vhc, c, Gaul; hc, Hales. BUF (20): 1, Fox, gaud bodied variegated, beautiful chest, back, and shoulders, grand col. and qual.; 2, Cleaver, a grand body, full of col., rare wings and tail; 3, Parrins, variegated, shapely, nice col. and qual.; 4, Walbrook, shapely cl., good col. and qual.; vhc, Wareing; hc, Lane; c, Mawdsley. HEN (17): 1, c, Gaul, very handsome yel., lovely even tone, grand silky feather, rare shape, splendid carr.; 2, Dean, rare shaped buff, nicely mealed, good style and qual., bit pale in col.; 3, Fox, buff, shapely, good wings and tail; 4, Hughes, yell., shapely, bold chest, nice col. and feather, but drops tail; vhc, Stansfield; hc, Woods. BRED 1916 (28): 1, Dean, neck tkd. yell., grand shaped head and chest, neat wings and tail, nice col. and qual.; 2, Gaul, grand shaped buff, neat wings and tail, nice col., meal, and qual.; 3, Calverley, rae shaped variegated, yell; 4, Hughes, spl. best 4th, good bodied cl., nice col. and qual., also fails in wing carr.; vhc, hc, Rushton; c, Lane. HEN (18): 1, c, Mawdsley, grizzle headed buff, beautiful feather and meal, rare chest, wings and tail; 2, 4, Crabtree, yell., shapely, nice qual., good col., 4th grand type and style, good wings and tail; 3, Lane, variegated buff, wonderful feather, not quite so deep in chest; vhc, Twells; hc, Cuttiford.

MR. J. BESWICK'S CLASSES.

GOLDF. (9): 1, Leadbeater, beautiful rich face, bright tan, lovely bars and buttons, in rare form; 2, Oldham, bonny Finch, grand face, bars and buttons, not quite so fit; 3, Alexander, nice chest and collar, good back and chest, not quite up in blaze; 4, Fairhurst, lovely little Finch, full of qual., but hardly the size; vhc, Parlett; hc, Houghton.; c, Eckersley. LINNET (13): 1, Leadbeater, big bonneing bird, grandly mkd. on good nutty ground, splendid qual.; 2, c, Parlett, plenty of size, nice shape, hardly so rich a brown, rare feather; 3, 4, Oldham, bonny birds, very nicely mkd., splendid shape, in nice form; vhc, Gommersall; hc, Alexander. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Mrs. Dalton, beautifully-feathered Siskin, rare col., nicely laced, grand carr., in the pink, 3rd Redpoll, shapely, well mkd., good col. and feather; 2, 4, c, Oldham, Twite, smart, stylish, and shapely, lovely col. and qual., 4th beautiful little Siskin, grand col. and marks, hardly so large; vhc, Newton; hc, Stafford. GREENF. (9): 1, Caunt, slashing good body, rare shape and size, feathered like wax, beautiful col., bars and tail; 2, Oldham, tip-top buff for col., qual., and marks, not quite so large; 3, Fairhurst, hardly so chubby in shape, rare col., feather, and marks; 4, Parlett, fine shapely Finch, rare style, good col., bars and tail; vhc, Morrell; hc, Mrs. Dalton; c, Fletcher. BULLF. (6): 1, Caunt, grand stout body, rich breast, beautiful back and bars, fine glossy cap, in the pink; 2, Parlett, magnificent Finch, rare cap and back, good bars, not so neat in waist; 3, Gomersall, good col., bars, and feather; 4, Morrell, shapely, good feather, nice bars; vhc, Leadbeater; hc, Meetham. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Chick, very rich lustrous Bramble, beautifully spangled, grand head and chest, very fit; 2nd big shapely Chaffinch, grand head, chest, wings and rump, full of qual.; 3, Strafford, well spangled Bramble, rare col. and qual., not so large; 4, Hubbard, shapely, well mkd. Chaffinch; vhc, c, Oldham; hc, Newton. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Chick, magnificent Hawfinch, very rich col., grand cap and bib, good wings and tail, 2nd one of the best Corn Buntings we have ever seen, wonderful col., marks, and feather; 3, Oldham, beautifully mkd. Yellow Bunting, rich col., nice feather; 4, Rukin, nice col. Hawfinch, well mkd., not quite so large; vhc, Johnson. SOFT-BILL, LARGE (4): 1, A. and O. Welling, fine Chough, rich lustrous col., grand bill and legs, very fit; 2, 3, Wilkins, handsomely mounted Thrush, rich col., good shape and size, 3rd rich-coloured Wax wing, not in the best of form; Hammond Bros., Cirl Bunting, wrong class. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Chick, large shapely Wheatear, splendid head, chest, and back, in rare form; 2nd well marked Redstart, lovely cap and breast, very smart and fit; 3, Robertson, beautifully mkd. Nuthatch, rare col. and feather, a gem; absent (2), Darlow. MULES, DARK (15): 1, Parlett, very rich, lustrous-faced jonque Goldie, grand wings and tail, very smart and fit; 2, 4, vhc, Oldham, Siskin-Cans., very smart, shapely, well mkd., rich col., in nice form; 3 Cartledge, slashing big Greenie-Can., one of the best we have seen, smartly claimed; hc, Bamford; c, Ridley. LIGHT, ETC. (11): 1, 4, hc, Hubbard, very smart 4-pt. buff, rare face, bars and tail, evenly balanced, 4th another good 4-pt. buff, full of col. and qual., not so level on eyes; 2, Oldham, 5-pt. yell., rare col., grand face and bars, very neat and smart; wrong class, 10, Jones, nice dark Linnet-Can. HYB. (4): 1, Oldham, fine shaped Linnet-Bullf., lovely feather, marks, and col., a fine bird, deserving more competition; 2, Hubbard, Greenf. Redpoll, rich col., nice feather; 3, Mrs. Burgess, Goldf.-Greenf., shapely, well feathered; abs. (3), Oldham. FOR. INSECTIV. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Burgess, very large, shapely long-tailed Glossy Starling, a rich beauty leading. SEED EATERS (6): 1, 3, 4, Hubbard, Long-tailed Whydah, grandly mkd., rich col., splendid cond., 3rd very handsome pair of Red-headed Lovebirds, beautiful faces and plumage, 4th very smart little Steel Finch, capital feather and col.; 2, vhc, Mrs. Burgess, very handsome Blue Thrush, grand col. and feather. LIZARD, CL. CAP GOLD (8): 1, vhc, Rukin, beautiful rich col., grand shape and style, neat cap, beautifully rowed, bold spangles; 2, Hardy, lovely back and cap, nice shape and qual., good col., hardly so well crecled on sides; 3, Hampshire, smart, shapely, good col. and spangle, hardly so fit; 4, c, Barnes, cl., bold spangling, nice shape and style; hc, Hamer. SILVER (9): 1, 2, Hamer, grand shape and style, lovely spangle, neat cap, good wings and tail, in nice form, 2nd hardly so rich in ground col., grand spangle, shape, and style; 3, Barnes, very shapely, good size, nice spangle; 4, Hardy, very nice back and sides, good cap, not so neat in throat; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Clark; c, Rukin. BROKEN CAP, GOLD (8): 1, Hamer, upstanding bold, regular rowing, grand wings and tail, rich col.; 2, c, Rukin, very firm shape and size, plenty of col., beautifully spangled; 3, Barnes, nice shape and size, good regular back, not so sound on shoulders; 4, Hampshire, bold cl. spangling, but not quite so regular, nice shape and feather; vhc, Ridgard; hc, Ford. SILVER (10): 1, spl, Ollerenshaw, rare shape and size, very compact silky feather, lovely col., bold distinct spangle, well crecled on sides; 2, Hamer, hardly so tight in feather, beautiful shape, size and col., very cl. spangle; 3, Hampshire, not so much size, nice shape, capital col., feather and spangle; 4, Barnes, bold shapely bird, well spangled, hardly so rich in col.; vhc, Rukin; hc, Clegg; c, Clark. HEN GOLD (13): 1, 2, spl, Barnes, very nice cl. cap, rare shape and size, grand col., feather and spangle, 2nd not quite so bold in carr. or spangle, but a rare good hen; 3, Hamer, nicely spangled cl. cap, full of col., capital shape and qual.; 4, Rukin, good rich ground col. and plenty of spangle, shapely and neat; vhc, Hardy; hc, Clark; c, Mrs. Burgess. SILVER (12): 1, Hardy, fine bold shapely hen, full of style, capital col. and spangle, nice wings and tail; 2, Ollerenshaw, plenty of spangle, not quite so regular in rowing, rare col. and qual.; 3, Hampshire, capital ground col., very nicely spangled; 4, Barnes, neat, shapely nice spangling, hardly so rich in col.; vhc, Hamer; hc, Ford; c, Mrs. Burgess. SELL. (4): 1, 3, Hampshire; 2, Rukin; 4, Hardy. LANCS. COPPY YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Collinge, good centre and spread, nicely finished at back, good shape, length, and style of body; 2, 3, Fuller, very neatly shaped coppy, good centre and spread, not so massive, 3rd nice length and style, well centred coppy; 4, Stansfield, showy, but not enough of it. BUFF (4): 1, 2 Fuller, neatly centred, well spread, shapely front, nicely finished back, good shape, style and feather, 2nd not so good in frontal coppy, neat back, good shape and style, needs subs.; 3, Ridgard, not so stout in body; 4, Stansfield, shapely, but small. PLAINHEAD YELL. (2): 1, Stansfield, fair shape and length, nice style, well feathered, but needs subs.; 2, Oldham. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Collinge, nice front and shape of skull, well lashed, plenty of body feather and good style, 4th nice body, feather, and carr., not so massive in skull; 2, 3, c, Fuller, nice shape, good length and carr.; vhc, Oldham; hc, Stansfield.

Members' classes made a nice show, quite a number of the winning birds being fit to give an account of themselves in the open classes. The principal winners amongst the amateurs were Messrs. Norman, Lane, Gilbert, Fletcher, Radford, Johnstone (Yorks); Spencer, Richards, Warcing, Warburton, Barber, Lane, Hughes, Sykes, Garbutt, Chippindale, Crabtree (Norwich). Amongst the novices the honours fell to Messrs. Johnstone, Blinston, Redditt, Akitt (Yorks); Walshaw, Blinston, Taylor, Moss, Thomas (Norwich). The winners in British were Messrs. Hurst, Lane (Goldf.); Fletcher, Blinston, Wareing, Williams (Linnet); Fletcher, Hurst (Siskin, etc.); Fletcher (Chaffinch); Austin, Fletcher, Hurst, Blinston (A.O.V.); and Robinson (Foreign).

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SHOWS

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CHELTENHAM.

A Fine Entry, Fine Gate, and a Fine Sales

Cheltenham C.B.S. held its annual open show on Wednesday and Thursday Nov. 1st and 2nd, at the Fine Art Rooms, High Street. The two rooms utilised were entirely free from draught, spacious and lofty, and with a good top light so that every bird could be seen to advantage. Entries came up well, upwards of 700, Crests, Norwich, Yorkshires and British, being extra good classes. Foreign were disappointing in numbers, but the quality right throughout the show was A1.

Mrs. Montague Scott, London, sent a strong team of Crests and Crestbreds, and carried off most of the spoils, and Messrs. Houghton, Tristem, Stubbs and Spillman were well represented in the Norwich classes. Yorkshires were a level lot, and classes were well filled, but some of the birds seemed somewhat lacking in style and swagger. Borders averaged thirteen per class and contained some grand specimens, Mr. Madagan, the local enthusiast, playing a strong hand, his winning yellow cock and yellow and buff hens being much admired. Some grand British were staged, Mrs. Dalton's Redpoll, Mr. Chick's Hawfinch, Mr. Jeffrey's Linnet, and Mr. Poole's Bullfinch all being of outstanding merit, and the Hybrid classes contained some gems. Sales were good and there was plenty of money about for the right stuff, Mr. Tristem alone having no less than four claimed at ten pounds each, and Mr. Bastock's eye ticked Mule and some of the winning Crests changed hands at long prices. Who said the Fancy was dead?

Of the management we have many times in previous years had nothing but praise, and this year was no exception. Mr. A. J. Treasure held the secretarial reins and was supported by a good working band of stewards, with Mr. J. Madagan as show manager, so both exhibits and exhibitors had everything they desired for their comfort and well-being.

Mr. John Robson judged Crests, Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. H. Payne and H. W. Battye taking alternate classes of the Canaries other than Crests. An early start was made, and cards were up sharply after slips were handed in.

Specials winners: Crested C.C. (confined to members), best old Crest cock, Mrs. Montague Scott; hen, Miss Onslow; C.B. Ck., Smith; Hen, Evins Bros.; Crest, 1916, Mrs. Scott; C.B., Bewick; Yell. Crest, Evins Bros.; C.B. Smith. Best Nor. Cock, open, Houghton; Unflg., Houghton; Hen, Tristem.

THE CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

BUFF CREST, CL. BODY: 1, Mrs. Montague Scott, grizzle crest, good droop, thick frontal, neat centre; 2, Evins Bros., shapely crest of nice quality, not so dense as leader; 3, 4, King, neat centre and radiation, not so expansive; vhc, Steel. BUFF A.O.V. (10) Grand lot: 1, Mrs. Montague Scott, wing mkd. D.C., grand expansive crest, lovely droop and texture, small, well filled centre, rare frontal and droop, a gem; 2, Smith, Green, nice droop and radiation, broad leafy feather of nice quality, not yet at its best; 3, Miss Onslow, light tail Green, not so expansive, still worth its place; 4, vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, King; c, Kilminster. BUFF CREST HEN: 1, 3, Mrs. Scott, two grand hens, lovely qual., former excels in density and length of frontal; 2, Miss Onslow, nice shape and qual., neat centre and droop; 4, Bewick; vhc, hc, Evins Bros.; c, King. BUFF C.B. CK. (13): 1, 4, hc, Mrs. Scott, lovely trio, real topper leading, rare width of skull, well clothed with an abundance of broad leafy feather of nice qual., wins well; 2, sp, Smith, grand exhibit, one to be proud of, will lead his class before long; 3, vhc, Evins Bros., nice qual., hardly the width of so well packed; hc, King. C.B. HEN (10): 1, 3, Mrs. Scott, another brace of beauties, heavy mkd. feading, grand entrance, massive skull; 3rd, good head, not quite so long in head feather and lash; 2, Kilminster, Green, good entrance and lash, nice qual.; 4, Smith, about the widest entrance in the class, must have shown badly at judging to have kept it back; vhc, c, Evins Bros.; hc, Miss Onslow. YELL. CREST (5): 1, 3, Evins Bros., nice texture and droop, trifle thin over beak, not ready; 2, Mrs. Scott, longer frontal, not so dense or so expansive; 4, King. YELL. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Evins Bros., nice skull and qual. of feather, good back; 2, King, Green, better entrance, nice qual., close up. HEN: 1, Mrs. Scott, lovely cushion-shaped skull, rising well over beak, abundance of feather for a yell., wins; 2, Smith, similar, nice qual., hardly so wide back skull; 3, Steel; 4, Broad. BUFF CREST, 1916 (3): 1, Mrs. Scott, thick frontal, neat centre, open trifle left side; 2, Miss Onslow, broad leafy feather, good back crest, not so well packed; 3, Evins Bros., nice shape and feather, lacks density; 4, King; vhc, King; hc, Onslow; c, Kilminster. BUFF C.B., 1916 (9): 1, Vernon, rare cushioned skull, nice rise over beak, good back, wins well in a good class; 2, Mrs. Scott, another gem, nice feather, skull hardly so massive; 3, Bewick, nice skull and lash; 4, Evins Bros.; vhc, King; hc, Miss Onslow; c, Kilminster. YELL. CREST, 1916 (2): 1, Broad; 2, Smith. C.B. (2): 1, Smith; 2, Broad. CINN. (2): 1, 2, King. NDY. CREST (4): 1, Mrs. Madagan Hart; 2, 3, Steel; 4, Classey. C.B. (3): 1, Classey; 2, 3, Steel.

MR. H. W. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

NOR. CL. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Houghton, beauties, the old champion in his usual place, his sixth win at this fixture, we believe; 2nd runs very close, in fact some preferred, just a trifle deeper and rounder in front; 3, Stubbs, bold shape, well packed flights, nice feather, not quite so full in head; 4, Collings, neat head and neck, good wing carr.; vhc, Redwood; hc, Bridgwater; c, Williams. TKD., ETC., BUFF (11): 1, Stubbs Bros., plenty of subs., nice feather, wings well braced, bit too upright in build; 2, James and Wells, saddle mkd., nice front, good back and wings, not so neat in head; 3, Collings, grizzle head, good back, nice wing carr.; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Houghton, thick set Green, had been washing when judged or must have run the winners close; hc, Broome Bros.; c, Emerson and Winston. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Tristem, head, wing and chest mkd., good head and neck, short flights, closely packed, clean front, nice feather and qual.; 2, Stubbs, grizzle neck, shapely head and back, good wing carr., not so clean cut out under; 3, Norris, heavy mkd., neat head and neck, bold front, nice feather; 4, Rippon, eye and wing mkd., bold shape, not the feather; vhc, Houghton; hc, Crawford; c, Amp[illegible]. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Tristem, lovely damsel, feather of the best and fits like a glove, 2, Rippon, shade larger, neat head, good back and wing carr.; 3, 4, Houghton, shapely pair, good heads and necks, close feather; vhc, Collings; hc, Greenslade; c, Smith. NOV., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, Cannon, neat shape, good back and wings, nice col. and feather; 2, Gordon-Stewart, nice head and back, close compact feather; 4, Hall; vhc, Kerr; hc, James; c, Gordon-Stewart. HEN (14): 1, Dr. Peterson Weekes, nice size and shape, good wing carr., feather of lovely texture; 2, Matthews, good head and neck, clean front, nice feather; 3, Gordon-Stewart, shapely hen, nice qual., well up in subs., not the finish or so compact; 4, Hill; vhc, Miller; hc, Smith; c, Larner. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Ellis, rare length, neat head, well filled neck, close compact flights and tail, nice pos.; 2, Holliday, stronger build, good length of side, nice feather; 3, Jones, warm col., good pos. and style, well up on leg, close up; 4, Davis, stylish, neat shape, nice wings and tail; vhc, Ellis; hc, Greenslade; c, King. MKD. or VARIEG. (12): 1, Bale, head and wing mkd. yell., rare length of side, wings well braced, clean front, nice col. and feather; 2, Pritchard, eye and wing mkd. buff, good length, straight as a rush, stands like a guardsman, close up; 3, Thomson, head tick yell., nice pos. and style, neat shape and qual.; 4, Gregory, nice length, neat head and neck, fails wing carr.; vhc, King; hc, Fulford; c, Holliday. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Bale, rare shape and qual., neat head and neck, nice col. and feather; 2nd not so neat in wing carr.; 3, Lane, good length of side, flights well packed, nice feather; 4, Ellis; vhc, Fulford; hc, Thomson; c, Watkins. NOV. CK. (18) 1, Watts, smart shape, good back and wings, well up on leg, nice style and qual.; 2, Linnell, neat head and back, good wing carr.; 3, Charles, warm color yell., neat head and neck, well filled in, good back and wing, nice feather, lacks finish, still nice exhibit; 4, Bevan; vhc, Garland; hc, Cox; c, Davitt. BORD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, 2, Madagan, typical examples of the "Wee Gems," grand feather, warm col., neat shape, jaunty carr., won well in a good class; 3, Elston, bonny exhibit, close on the heels of leaders; 4, c, Pratt; vhc, Owen; hc, Cooper. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Madagan, smart shape, neat head, back and wing carr., one of the best; 2, Cooper, trifle longer, nice col. and feather; 3, Owen, stylish pos., neat shape, nice wings and tail; vhc, Higgins; hc, Pratt; c, Messer. VARIEG. (16): 1, 2, Elston, head and left wing mkd. yell. and wing mkd. buff, grand feather, neat shape, jaunty style and carr., fine cond.; 3, Messrs, eye and wing mkd. yell., smart and stylish, nice feather; 4, Hughes; vhc, Last; hc, Pratt; c, Edgar. NOV. YELL. CK (15): 1, Rogerson; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Williams; 4, Pattinson; vhc, Elston; hc, c, Morgan. HEN (10): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Daniels; 3, Rogerson; 4, Thomas, vhc, Williams; hc, Bowen. SELL., 30s. (9): 1, Steel; 2, Read; 3, Stephenson; 4, Treasure; vhc, King; hc, Cannon; c, Peterson Weekes. 10s. (5): 1, Steel; 2, Higgins; 3, Robinson; 4, Stevens; vhc, Stephenson.

MEMBERS, C.B.: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Mrs. Madagan. NOR. (6): 1, 3, Pounsett; 2, Wilson; 4, Williams; vhc, Hayling; hc, Treasure. PAIRS (5): 1, Pounsett; 2, Wilson; 3, Hayling; 4, Treasure; vhc, Pounsett. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, Treasure; 3, 4, Cox. BORD. BUFF (5): 1, 3, vhc, Madagan; 2, Rogerson; hc, Elston. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, 2, Brown. GREENF.: 1, Elston; 2, Brown. NOV. YORKS.: 1, 2, Mason; 3, Cox.

MR. PAYNE'S CLASSES.

NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. (8): 1, Spillman, plenty of subs., full head, neck and chest, deep solid col., good flights and tail, nice feather; 2, Houghton, full of qual., good back, nice feather, not so full fronted, not quite fit; 3, Tristem, good unflighted, splendid feather and rich col., good head and neck, short compact flights and tail; 4, Stubbs Bros., nice qual. of feather, neat head, good shape, fails in flights; vhc, James and Wells; hc, Emerson and Winstone; c, Buckmaster. TKD., ETC., GREEN YELL. (12): 1, hc, wing mkd., extra good in qual., nice shape, grand back, head and chest, rich solid col., capital style, takes sp. best Nor.; 2, Spillman, saddle mkd., good shape and subs., short tail and flights, good back, loses on breast and depth of col.; 3, Pupps, nearly green, beautiful shape, grand qual. of feather, well braced, short wings and tail, nice head and neck; 4, Stubbs Bros., neck tkd., lovely qual., nice level col., not quite so chubby; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; c, James and Wells. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, sp. best unflig., Houghton, lovely qual. of feather, good col. and shape, well packed short flights and tail, in full bloom; 2, hc, Stubbs Bros., grand shape and full of col., nice feather, good head and neck, short wings and tail; 3, hc, Gwilliam, neck tkd., lovely feather and qual., nice shape, grand wings and tail; 4, Tristem, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape and col., good back, neat feather, not quite so short; vhc, Rippon; c, Collier. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hopwood and Hampton, wonderful col., good shape and subs., nice head, neck and back, short flights and tail, easy winner; 2, Tristem, nice qual. of feather, full head and neck, nice back, not so cobby; 3, Stubbs Bros., nice shape and feather, pale col.; 4, Gwilliam, nice shape and feather, neat tail and wings, beaten col.; vhc, Spillman; hc, Houghton; c, Williams. UNFLIG. HEN (18): 1, sp. best hen, Tristem, eye mkd. yell., grand shape and size, beautifully feathered, nice col., good head, neck, and back, capital tail and wings, a good one, in the pink; 2, Stubbs Bros., varieg. buff, rare size and shape, full front, good head and neck, nice feather, neat wings and tail, a valuable asset in a breeding room; 3, vhc, Houghton, tkd. eyed buff, lovely shape, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, loses head and neck; 4, Gordon-Stewart, variegated, yellow, grandly feathered, good shape, full of qual. in colour, close up; hc, Spillman; c, Collinge. NOV. NOR., BUFF CK. (14): 1, Wilson, cl., nice shape, col., and feather; 2, Gordon-Stewart, varieg., good shape, nice flight and tail; 3, Dr. Weekes, cap and wing mkd., grand col., nice shape, good head and back; 4, Lewis, nice shaped cl., good col.; vhc, Godwin; hc, c, Cannon. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Canuon, wing tkd. buff, lovely qual., nice shape, neat tail and wings; 2, Godwin, hot col., wing tkd. yell., grand feather, on the small side; 3, Larner, wing tkd. buff, grand col., nice shape and feather; 4, Pounsett, buff, nice shape and qual., not quite fit; vhc, James; hc, Kerr; c, Gordon-Stewart. YORKS., BUFF, CL. OR TKD., CK. (11): 1, 2, Greenslade, grand feather, stands well up, straight as a rush, nice pipe tail, and well packed flights; 2, slim built, good pos., nice col. and feather, close up; 3, Lane, tkd. on shoulder, grand pos., nice back, wings, and tail, not quite so finely drawn; 4, Beaumont, wing tkd., nice feather and col., good neck and back; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Davis; c, Ellis. UNFLIG. (17): 1, 2, Greenslade, yellows, two gems, grand pos., col., and qual., nice wings and tail, and well on leg, winner scores in closeness of feather; 3, Jones, varieg. buff, nice length and pos., good feather, piped tail; 4, hc, King, mkd eyes, cheeks, and wings, yell., splendid feather, nice style and pos., neat wings and tail; vhc, Davis; c, Gibbons. BUFF HEN (15): 1, Fulford, cl., beautiful feather, and pos., straight as a gun barrel, well up on leg, pipe tail, and well packed flights; 2, Bale, mkd. wings and cheeks, another good one, feather of the best, grand style and pos., close run; 3, 4, Lane, cl., stands well, lovely feather; 4, lovely feathered cl., nice pos., just beaten in length; vhc, Fry; hc, Ellis; c, Greenslade. NOV. HEN (9): 1, Blackmore; 2, hc, Bevan; 3, Sheldon; 4, Kerwood; vhc, Watkins; c, Rosser. BORD., BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (17): 1, sp. best Bord., Bacon and Hewitt, feathered like wax, grand shape and jaunty action, wings and tail, well packed, neat head and well filled neck; 2, Davies, D.H., sweet shape, grandly feathered, neat wings and tail, nice head and neck; 3, vhc, Madagan, grand shape, nice col., feather, and qual., neat tail, wings and head; 4, Owen, good shape and feather, jaunty carr., neat tail and wings; hc, Last; c, Pratt, a grand class. BUFF HEN (12): 1, hc, Madagan, a gem, beautiful shape, feathered to perfection, full of style, best of wings, and tail, very fit; 2, Owen, lovely feather, shape and style, nice head, tail, and wings; 3, Bobbett, nice shape, beautifully feathered, neat tail and good carr.; 4, Lapworth, nice shape, feather, neat head and tail; vhc, Denyard. GREEN. OR CINN. (10): 1, 3, Nicholas, buff cinn., feathered like a Java, sweet shape, good head, wings and tail, sound col.; 3, yell cinn., good shape and feather, nice col.; 2, Bacon and Hewett, grand col. yell. green, nice shape, feather, and carr.; 4, Pratt, good yell. green, close up; vhc, Bowen; hc, Bobbett; c, James. NOV. BUFF CK. (19): 1, 2, Edginton, good shape, beautifully feathered, well up in col., neat wings and tail, well put down; 3, Watts, nice shape and feather; 4, Morgau, cl., good feather, shapely; vhc, Elston; hc, c, Daniels. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, vhc, c, Gatehouse, White, very pure in col., good feather and shapely; 2, 3, Burgess, cl. cap Silver Liz., and broken cap Gold, nice ground col., well rowed; 4, Marsh, buff Scotch Fancy, good length, well cleaned out; hc, Treasure. SELL., £2: 1, 4, Steel; 2, Dr. Weekes; 3, Cannon; vhc, Bevan; hc, Miss Onslow; c, Vernon. £1: 1, Stephenson; 2, Miss Onslow; 3, Collings; 4, hc, Vernon; vhc, Treasure; c, Steel. MEMBERS, NOR., CL. BUFF (2): 1, Williams; 2, Hayling. HEN (7): 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Hayling; 4, Treasure; vhc, Potts; hc, Wilsou; c, Williams. YORKS., YELL. (3): 1, 3, Treasure; 2, Cox. BORD., YELL. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Madagan; 3, Mrs. Rogerson;; 4, no name; hc, Elston; c, Treasure. NOV., MEMBERS, BORD.: 1, 3, Miss Dent; 3, Elston.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS.
Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

GOLDF. (9): 1, Mortimer, nice blaze and tanning, good wings, feather, and cond; 2, Davies, good size and shape, clean cut blaze, not so forward; 3, Camm, nice feather and cond.; 4, Wren, good body col., neat blaze, not so expansive; vhc, Wren; hc, Watkins; c, Halliday. BULLF. (13): 1, Poole, fine size and shape, nice cap and bars, rare depth of breast col., carried well down flanks, lovely feather and bloom; 2, Lucas Bros., thick-set body, good cap, feather, and coud., Aberthiery and Landore winner; 3, Bird, rare good Budle, clean cut cap and wing bars, nice shape and subs.; 4, Hapwood and Hampton, neat cap and bars, nice feather and cond., will improve; vhc, Osborne; hc, Biden; c, Halliday. GREENF. (6): 1, Davies, neat shape, close compact feathe., nice col. and cond.; 2, Mrs. Dalton, larger, nice col., steady and well put down; 3, Osborne, smart and snapely, in fine form, well staged; 4, Jeffries; vhc, Biden; hc, Emerson and Winstone. LINNET (9): 1, Jeffries, grand size and shape, lovely col. and feather, peculed to perfection, and shown for all he's worth; 2, Nicholas, close up, fine shapo and subs., well laced, hardly so distinct as leader, still a good one; 3, Pitt, good shape and qual., not so rich or deep in col.; 4, Halliday, nice feather and bloom, neat shape, fails markings; vhc, Watkins; hc, Bastock, c, Moreton. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Dalton, smashing Lesser Redpoll, thick set body, fine col., well laced sides, lovely feather and polish; 2, Evans, Twite, fine sizo and shape, nice depth of col., steady, and well shown; 3, Tonks, smart Siskin, good cap, feather, and col.; 4, Davies, Lesser Redpoll, nice feather and cond.; vhc, Emerson and Winstone, hc, Lucas Bros.; c, Jeffries. A.O. HARDBILL. 1, 3, Chick, Hawfinch and Corn Bunting, well known winners, in the pink; 2, Collins, rattling good Yellow Bunting, fine shape and subs., very steady, nice feather and bloom; 4, Camm, bouncing Hawfinch, larger than leader, good bib and bars, not so shapely or so well cut away under; vhc, Lucas; hc, Baseley; c, Poole. HEN (10): 1, 2, Chick, close feathered, shapely Hawfinch, leading; 2, well mkd. Corn Bunting, both nice cond; 3, Collins, equally good Yellow Bunting, little to choose; 4, Mrs. Dalton, smart Siskin, nice markings, feather, and cond.; vhc, Collins; hc, Wren; c, Davies. CLEAR, ETC. MULE (13): 1, Bastock, well krown eye tick, rare subs. and shape, close, compact feather, in fine order; 2, Gilbert, Grizzled wing, warm col., lovely shape and qual., hardly the subs. of winner, which just about did the trick; 3, Lamb, eye and tail mkd., lovely feather and cond., neat shape, nice wing carr.; 4, Jeffreys, nice shape and feather, pale col.; vhc, Collins; hc, Jeffreys; c, Bevan. DARK GREENF., ETC. (8): 1, Tonks, fine Yell. Siskin, good size, nice feather and col.; 2, 3, Gilbert, Redpoll and Greenf., well up in subs., nice feather and cond.; 4, Collins, Twite, good size and shape, nice cond., trifle unsteady; vhc, Emerson; hc, Jeffreys; c, Emerson. DARK GOLDF. OR LINNET (4): 1, 2, Jeffreys, Goldie and Linnet; 3, Lamb, Goldie; 4, Moreton. A.O.V. (7): 1, Lamb, clinking Redpoll-Bullie, good col. and shape, well up in subs., nice feather and bloom; 2, Collins, Goldie-Bullie, fine size and shape, good blaze and wing bars; 3, 4, Gilbert, Greenf.-Bullf., and Chaffinch-Bramble., former lovely size and col., latter one of the best of his cross on the bench to-day, and both shown at their best; vhc, Lamb, Goldie-Bullie., beaten blaze to-day; hc, Gorton; c, Burrows. BUDGERIGARS (3): 1, 2, Treasure; 3, Pugh. PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, Miss Jackson; 2, vhc, hc, Piper; 3, Broad; 4, Bellhaworth. CORDON BLEUS, ETC.: 1, 2, Treasure. JAVAS, ETC.: 1, Miss Jackson; 2, Treasure.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand)

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VARIEG., UNFLIG. (14): 1, c, Hathaway, head mkd., beautifully frosted buff, grand shape, well filled in neck and head, good chest, nicely carried wings, wins well; 2, Mrs. Jeacock, very hot col., varieg. yell., lovely body and size, nice feather and cond., grand head, nice qual., in fine trim; 3, Collier, head mkd. buff, large head, nice body and type, very shapely, grand col., nice qual., splendid feather and cond.; vhc, hc, Gravett, birds splendidly shown. GREENS, ETC. (13): 1, Vardy, very hot fed, grand shape and size, splendid qual. and feather, nice wings, neck and tail, rare cond., wins; 2, Cox, Green, nice type and feather, good body, rare shape, nice head and size, well staged, grand feather; 3, Weavy, heavy varieg, very hot fed, grand shape, splendidly staged, nice type, close up; vhc, Houghton; hc, c, Hathaway. YELL., Hen (12): 1, Godley, cl., grand shape, size, feather, and qual., splendid cond., grand head, well carried wings and tail, in fine form; 2, Hathaway, faultlessly shown, cl., good hot col., nice type, rare shape and size, nice qual., good, well carried body, very fit; 3, Growdridge, cl., capital shape, rare size, well filled in head and neck, beautiful feather and cond., close up; vhc, Judd; hc, Elliott; c, Hulse. BUFF HEN (11): 1, c, Houghton, cl., beautiful cond. and qual., lovely type and shape, capital size, well filled in neck and head, splendidly frosted wings, good class; 2, Roberts; cl., paler in col., nice type and shape, good head and neck, nice feather, good wings, rare cond.; 3, Collier, neck tkd., grand even col., beautiful qual., rare shape and type, nice body, rare feather; vhc, Day and Sturgess; hc, Lees. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Royerofts, lovely cl., good shape, size, and body, nice head and neck, grand feather and cond., A1 wings and tail, well across perch, grand cond.; 2, Vardy, lovely cl., grand body, very shapely, rare size, good head and front, splendid qual. and cond., feather grand; 3, Godley, head mkd., nice shape and type, good body, well carried wings and tail, rare size, nice col., qual. and feather, close up; vhc, Elliott; hc, Hulse; c, Lewin. BUFF (17): grand class: 1, Hathaway, large, typical, varieg., grand type and shape, rare body, grand head and neck, nice col. and qual., well carried wings and tail, faultlessly shown; 2, Gough and Loach, cl., beautiful feather, splendid qual., good wings and tail, good body and type, nice shape, fine cond.; 3, Bent, Cl., rare type and shape, good head, with well filled in neck, rare body, crosses wings at Times; vhc, Godley; hc, Tweedale; c, Houghton. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, Cowley, Cl., grand pos., nice qual., rare length, good body, in fine feather, splendidly staged, wins well; 2, c, Frost and Rogers, cl., splendid length, rare pos., and style, nice head, grand qual. and body, good shape, close up; 3, Lenton, cl., very hot col., grand shape and style, nice head, good size, length, in fine feather; vhc, hc, Allen. BUFF (5): 1, Halliday, Cl., splendid style and qual., nice pos., very slim and upstanding, neat head, good neck, rare cond.; 2, Lenton, Cl., nicely frosted, good col. and shape, nice length, good pos., rare qual., nne feather and cond.; 3, Cowley, grand Cl., good col. and qual., nice pos., good shape, very stylish, even wings, good legs, well staged; vhc, hc, Allen. YELL. (BRED 1916) (5): 1, Cowley, Cl., grand shape and style, lovely feather, qual. and pos., rare size and length, good head, in fine form; 2, vhc, Pumpot, Cl., paler in col., nice style and qual., good length and pos., rare shape, very slim, good feather; 3, hc, Allen, very good Cl., nice style, slim and upstanding, grand head, well filled in neck, in rare order. BUFF (11): 1, Frost and Rogers, wing mkd., grand feather and qual., nice shape and style, good pos., rare body, in fine cond., capital wings and tail; 2, Pass, Cl., splendid col. and shape, nice length, grand pos., good qual., rare head, nice well filled in back and neck, close up; 3, Allen, mkd. left wing, good style and length, rare shape and cond., nice size, good legs and head, in fine feather; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Lenton; c, Halliday. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Mills, large good-bodied Dark Crest leading, rare crest, good body and feather, wins; 2nd, large typical Varieg. C.B., plenty of feather and size, nice body and shape, grand cond.; 3, Exton, Yell. Cinn., grand col. and shape, nice head, grand feather and qual., in fine cond.; vhc, Wholton; hc, Gibbons. NOV. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Cheadle, large typical shapely Varieg., grand type and cond., nice large head, good body, rare feather; 2, Jordan, Cl., grand feather, nice shape and size, beautiful cond. and qual., well carried wings and tail, close up; 3, Day and Sturgess, nice Varieg., hot col., grand shape and size, nice qual. of feather, well carried wings and tail, capital head, fit; vhc, Thompson; hc, Copland; c, Bailey. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Feasey, Cl., grand feather, qual. and cond., nice body and shape, good head, rare wings and tail, well staged; 2, Johnson, very typical Cl., grand body, shape and size, nice head and neck, rare feather and qual., faultlessly shown; 3, Day and Sturgess, Varieg, hot col., grand shape and style, nice head, splendidly staged, nice qual. and cond.; hc, Baily; c, Jolley. UNFLIG. (17): Thompson, Cl. Yell., rare shape and size, nice body, grand wings and tail, good head and neck, fine qual., good feather; 2, Harrison, very typical and stylish Cl. Buff, good head, well filled in neck, rare body and shape, nice cond., well shown; 3, Miss Cullwick, tkd. on back, Yell., grand col. and qual., well staged, nice head, well across perch, nice feather and cond; vhc, Johnson, good shaped Cl. Buff in rare order; hc, Hughes; c, Day and Sturgess. HEN: Good class (24): 1, Miss Cullwick, smart shapely Cl. Yell., rare type, body and qual., nice size, capital feather and cond., neat head and neck, good wings; 2, vhc, Day and Sturgess, Cl. Buff, very taking, and pleasing, grand col. and qual., nice well filled in head, rare cond.; 3, c, Tinay, Cl. Yell., rather long in body, nice shape and style, good col. and qual., in rare cond.; hc, Cheadle. SELL. (25s.) (14): 1, 3, hc, Gilbert; 2, Copeland; vhc, Freestone; c, Archer. (15s.) (10): 1, Hathaway; 2, Horwood; 3, Day and Sturgess; vhc, Joliy; hc, Cheadle; c, Nelson.

The Members' Classes.

YELL., ETC., NOVICE (21): 1, Hughes, really good Cl. Yell.; 2, Cayless, typical Cl. Buff; 3, hc, Pearson, Cl. Yell., good stamp; vhc, Layton; c, Knight. HEN (21): 1, Knight, Cl. Yell., very typical and well shown; 2, Preston, capital Cl. Buff; 3, Layton, Cl. Yell., rare shapely bird; vhc, Pearston; hc, Hulbert; c, Cobley. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, 3, hc, Pearson, grand trio; 2, Hulbert, good Cl., very shapely; vhc, Goreham; c, Layton. BUFF (15): 1, Cobley, grand shape and cond.; 2, vhc, Moore, rare shape and col.; 3, Cayless, Varieg., good shape; vhc, Hulbert; c, Pearson. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, West, very large Green; 2, c, Pearson, ditto; 3, Cayless, nice Green; vhc, Bent; hc, Wightman.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

LIGHT CAN. HYB. (8): 1, spl, best in Hybrids and British, Parker, very nice nat. col. Yellow Greenf-Can., nearly, if not quite clear, in very nice feather and cond.; 2, vhc, Jeffreys, almost cl. Goldf-Can., in grand order; 3, Gilbert, nearly cl. buff Goldf-Can., very nice cond.; hc, Stirk; c, Wilmot. DARK (15): Good class: 1, Hayter and Bunn, very large buff Can-Bullf., in grand feather; 2, hc, Jeffreys, very fine Yellow Goldf-Can., splendid col., and cond.; 3, Gilbert, rare good Yellow Greenf-Can., in grand order; 4, Smith, very smart Siskin-Can., in splendid trim; vhc, Dalton; c, Wilson, Yell. Can.-Bullf., soft in condition, when we saw it. A.O. HYBRID (5): 1, 3, Gilbert, fine Greenf-Bullf., and a smart Chaff-Bramble, in fine condition; 2, Jeffreys, very good Linnet-Bullf.; vhc, Wilson, nice Goldie-Siskin; hc, Hayter and Bunn. GOLDF. (13): 1, Jeffreys, best blaze, fine size, tan, moons and bars, good cond.; 2, Leadbeater, grand well-balanced bird, in all colours, fine cond.; 3, vhc,

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

SHOWS.

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Raven, good blaze, nice tan, good moons, bars and cond.; hc, Checksfield; c, Parnell. BULLF. (10): 1, Wilmot, massive bird, in grand feather; 2, Holborrow, well up to winner, grand condition; 3, Wallis, grand bloom, bit paler; vhc, c, Checksfield; hc, Lockley. LINNET (7): 1, Fairhurst, lovely colour, slim, glossy cond.; 2, Leadbeater, stouter, paler, good markings and condition; 3, Raven, like 2nd, in good trim; vhc, Remfry and Mathews; hc, Exton; c, Smith. GREENF. (9): 1, Dalton, very fine bird, in grand condition; 2, Raven, similar, shade smaller; 3, Belcher, good big buff, nice trim; vhc, Hayter and Bunn, smaller; hc, Holborrow; c, Fairhurst. TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, Fairhurst, fine all-round bird, lovely condition; 2, Dalton, very pretty Siskin; 3, vhc, Raven, really smart Redpoll, and nice Twite; hc, Cooper; c, Brooks. BRAMBLE (5): 1, Chick, a real good one in all points; 2, 3, Raven, two smart birds, both in grand condition; vhc, Remfry and Mathews; hc, Price. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, Chick, long, dense colour bird, in fine feather; 2, Exton, well set, paler, good feather and cond.; 3, Tonks, like 2nd, fine condition; vhc, Raven; hc, Remfry and Mathews; c, Brooks. YELL. BUNTING (9): 1, Gilbert, fine bird, rare col., fairly good markings, nice cond.; 2, Holborrow, well up in all points; 3, Tonks, shade smaller only; vhc, hc, Chick, best head markings, smaller, in grand glossy condition; c, Dalton. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (4): 1, 2, 3, Chick, grand Hawfinch, Corn, and Reed Buntings, all in the pink of condition. HEN SEEDEATER (6): 1, 2, hc, Chick, Hawfinch, Corn Bunting, and Bullf., all in grand bloom; 3, Raven, pretty Bramble in A 1 condition; vhc, Holborrow; c, Wilmot. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Chick, grand Wheatear and Redstart.

CAMBUSLANG C.B.A.

Annual club show, Free Gardeners' Hall, Nov. 4. Entries were well up to previous years, quality was excellent, and the gate was good. The hall is very suitable for a cage show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The officers are a hard-working lot, and the show passed off without a hitch. Norwich cup and sp. best young bird was won by Mr. Jenkins with his cap mkd. yel. cock, a bird showing good Norwich properties, the Border cup and B.F.C.C. medal was won by Mr. Flemington with a nice var. yellow hen of nice quality; this bird also won sp. for best novice Border. The Mule cup and badge were won by the Sec., Mr. A. Crawford, with his Dark Goldie Mule, a very nice nat. col. bird, and the British Bird gold medal was won also by the Sec. with a lovely Waxwing. Mr. R. Davidson, Mossend, judged Canaries, and Mr. H. Jamieson, Glasgow, the remainder, and their awards were well received.

YOUNG BIRDS. Nor. Ck., Cl. or Tk. (10): 1, Jenkins, cap mkd. yell., rare size and subs., nice col.; 2, Crawford, cl. buff, nice size, good front, rare head, short wings and tail; 3, Haddow. Hen (9): 1, Jenkins, cl. buff, rare size and subs., grand front, good head, nice feather; 2, Broadfoot, cl. buff, grand size, good head, rare front, nice feather, close up; 3, Shaw. Var. Ck. (8): 1, Crawford, grand buff, rare head, good front, short thick-set body, well put down; 2, Shaw, yell., grand front, rare subs., good head, nice col.; 3, Proudfoot. Hen (2): 1, Crawford, buff, thick-set body, good head and neck, short flights and tail; 2, Proudfoot, yell., grand col. and feather. OLD BIRDS, Non-fed Cock (9): 1, Pierce, cl. yel., nice head and neck, rare subs., grand front, good col. and feather; 2, Green, var. buff, good head and neck, rare front, close up; 3, Haddow. Hen, Non-fed (4): 1, Allan, cl. buff, good head, rare front, nice coupy body, short wings and tail; 2, Haddow, cinn. var. buff, lovely col. and feather; 3, Logan. Cock, Fed (4): 1, Jenkins, cl. buff, good head and neck, thick set body, good front, rare col. and feather; 2, Proudfoot, cl. buff, large body, good subs.; 3, Lloyd. Hen (10): 1, Jenkins, cl. yell., rare size and subs., grand head and neck, good col. and feather, wee bit prominent in chest; 2, Crawford, var. buff, rare head and neck, grand cobby body, full front, well staged; 3, Lloyd, buff green, nice size and subs., grand col. and feather, we liked. Bord., Young, Cl. or Tkd. Ck. (6): 1, Shaw, cl. yell., sweet head, neck, nicely rounded body, well carried wings and tail, lovely col. and feather; 2, Shaw, cl. buff, neat head, nice front, nice col. and feather, nice pose; 3, Brownlee, cl. yell., nice col. and feather, sweetly moulded. Hen (2): 1, Shaw, cl. buff, sweet head, lovely model, level col., neat wings and tail; 2, Shaw, cl. yell., nice head and neck, sweet mould, grand feather and col., close up; 3, Leighton. Var. Cock (6): 1, Brownlee, lovely 4-point yell., grandly balanced markings, neat head, nicely tapered body, wee bit rough at cheeks yet; 2, Brownlee, var. cinn. yell., sweetly moulded, neat head, lovely col. and feather; 3, Flemington. Hen (4): 1, Flemington, lovely var. yell., neat head, good type and qual.; 2, Brownlee, var. cinn. buff, sweet shape, neat head, lovely col. and feather; 3, Proudfoot. Cinn. Cock (2): 1, Leighton, grand buff, rare col. and feather, nicely moulded; 2, Pierce. Hen (5): 1, Pierce, buff, rare col., feather, neat head, nicely moulded, good qual.; 2, Johnston, yell., neat head, rather slim in body, lucky to beat 3rd; Johnston, yell., better shape, neat head and neck, grand col., type and qual. Green (3): 1, Lindsay, buff ben, grand col. and markings, sweet head, nicely moulded body; 2, Pierce, yell. ben, sweet shape, close up; 3, Pierce. Old Cock (7): 1, Johnston, foul buff cinn., sweet shape, neat head, nicely tapered body, grand col. and qual.; 2, Brownlee, var. yell., lovely model, sweet head and neck, nice col. and feather; 3, Pierce, buff cinn., sweet shape, bit pale in col. Hen (10): 1, Pierce, yell. green, nice col. and markings, neat head and neck, good type and qual.; 2, Shaw, cl. yell., too big for our liking; 3, Lindsay, buff green, grand col. and markings, neat head, grand qual. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Logan, Scotch Fancies. Dark Mule, Young (8): 1, 2, Crawford, leader Dark Goldie, nat. col., nice flush, good size, shows nice blend of parentage, wins cup; 2nd Dark Linnet rare size grand col., lovely sheen, grandly mkd., well put down, some preferred 3, Brownlee, Dark Twite, rare size, grandly mkd. Light Mule or Hyb. (1): Shaw, Goldf.-Greenf., nice exhibit. Variег. Mule (2): 1, 2, Allan, Goldies, leader jonque with light ring round neck, nice size and col., grand polish. Goldf. (11): 1, 2, 3, Crawford, leader grand Finch, rare rich scarlet blaze, square cut, neat collar, rich tan, good bars and buttons, steady; 2nd, nice blaze, bars and buttons, not just so rich in tan; 3rd, grand face, nice tan and rare wing bars, neat buttons, bit unsteady. Linnet (8): 1, Crawford, nice size, nice nutty brown col., plenty of markings, solid front, nice shape; 2, Taylor, large nutty brown col., rare markings, fine bold head, just wee bit open in front; 3, Allan, nice size and col., nicely mkd., close up. Greenf. (9): 1, Davidson, grand size, rare head, good col. and shape, steady; 2, 3, Crawford, grand buff, rare size, good head, grand body, nice shade of col.; 3rd, yell. nice head, good col., evvy polish. Bullf. (3): 1, Crawford, jet black cap, rare depth of col., carried well under, nice bars; 2, Taylor, rare breast col., grand shape, close up; 3, Lloyd. Bramble (8): 1, Lindsay, rare size and col., grand spangle; 2, Davidson, good col. and spangle, nice breast, just beaten size; 3, Taylor. Chaffinch (4): 1, Davidson, rare size, grand head, rare breast col., grand polish; 2, Haddow, rare size, grand whites, nice breast col., unsteady; 3, Brownlee. Siskin (1): 1, Logan, nice size, buff, grand lacing on flanks, steady. Mealy Poll or Twite (2): 1, Davidson, rare size, grand col. and marking, nice polish; 2, Taylor. Lesser (7): 1, 2, Lindsay, hard to separate, grand shape, rare col. and lacings, well staged; 3, Green, rare size, lovely col. and lacing, grand bib, close up. Bunting (1): 1, Green, grand Yellowhammer, rare size and col., grandly mkd., will improve. Small Brit. (2): 1, Davidson, grand Bearded Tit; 2, Taylor, lovely Blackcap, some preferred. Muling Hen (10): 1, Crawford, Bramble, grand size, col. and spangling, sweetly steady, well staged; 2, Lloyd, Greenie, grand size, good head, nice col., steady; 3, Green, Bullie, rare size, grand cap, rare breast col., carried well under, lovely wing bars, in the pink, some preferred to 2nd. Large Brit. (3): 1, Crawford, lovely Waxwing, rare size, lovely col. and markings, spotless cond., wins gold medal best Brit.; 2, Ballantyne, Fieldfare, good size, rare cond.; 3, Ballantyne, grand Redwing.

NORTH YORKSHIRE AND DURHAM FEDERATION.

First open show of this Federation of cage bird societies, Nov. 4, St. George's Hall, West Hartlepool. The hall is well lighted and free from draughts. This Federation was formed about four years ago and consists of seven cage bird societies: West Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Shildon, Guisborough, and Redcar. The Sec., Mr. B. Smurthwaite, 4, Harland Place, Norton-on-Tees, would be willing to furnish any information concerning the Federation. The stewards for the judges were Mrs. Wellford and Mr. Stotbard for Norwich, Mrs. Watson and Mr. Pace for Yorks, and Messrs. Gray and Dodsworth for British. The ladies did useful work and seemed to thoroughly enjoy it, and many thanks are due to them for their assistance.

Others who worked hard to make the show a success were Messrs. Robinson (chairman West Hartlepool C.B.S.), Wellford, Heslop, Arnison, Ronald, Hall, and R. D. Wright. The latter, who is only 15 years of age, was of great assistance to the secretaries. Messrs. J. Wright and Watson acted as joint secretaries and did everything possible to make the show a success.

The exhibits numbered 688, which was fairly satisfactory for the first open show. Entries from non-members of the Federation might have been larger, but perhaps many did not know it was open to all. The birds were well staged and well cared for, and everything passed off without a hitch. The judges were: G. Simeson and T. Wright (Canaries), C. Waters (British, Mules and For.), and their awards left very little to complain of. British and Mules were a speciality of the show, both in numbers and quality, the hen British class being exceptionally good.

YORKS YELL. CK. (7): 1, Hutchinson, wing and shoulder mkd., good col., grand length and pos., splendid feather; 2, Wilson, splashed wing, good one, not much to choose; 3, Moffatt, nice col., smaller; 4, Carlisle; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Stothard; c, Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, Moffatt, nice shape, grand length, good col., fine feather and pos.; 2, vhc, Cook and Hood, good one, must have pressed hard; 3, Carlisle, very smart; 4, Smith. HEN (6): 1, March, cl. buff, grand style, good wings and tail; 2, Moffatt, grand yell., smart pos., well braced, some fancied to win; 3, 4, Barker, yell; vhc, Rand; hc, Carlisle. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, 3, Carlisle, nice buff leading, grand pos., good col. and feather, 3rd yell. mkd. neck, grand length, very shapely; 2, Wilson, cl. yell., rich col., pressed leader hard, will do better; 4, March; vhc, hc, Barker; c, Smith. HEN (7): 1, 4, Carlisle, leader cl. buff, rare length, plenty subs., fine style; 2, Hutchinson, yell., head, wing mkd., nice head, good length and col., fails slightly in pos.; 3, Wilson, cinn. mkd., nice feather; vhc, March; hc, Barker. NOV. YELL CK. (8): 1, O'Reilly, cl., good col., nice length, grand wings and tail, very shapely; 2, Boagey, neck and wing mkd., fine upstanding bird, grand length and col.; 3, Wright; 4, Dodsworth, cl., similar to 3rd; vhc, Linfoot; hc, Bell; c, Stephenson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Stainsby, leader cl., nice head and tail, wings well carried, good winner, 3rd fails slightly in carr., grand length, fine feather; 2, O'Reilly, pressed winner, good col., well fed, nice carr.; 4, Linfoot, mkd. head, nice qual., good length and pos.; vhc, Botham; hc, Pace; c, Bell. HEN (10): Good class: 1, 3, Warrington, nice buff, fine style, good head, wings and tail, 3rd yell. variег., good length, nice feather and pos.; 2, 4, Strickland, nice yellows, typical, smart style, not quite so shapely; vhc, Stainsby; hc, Linfoot; c, Dodsworth. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Botham, cl. yell., nice head and tail, grand pos., well up on legs; 2, Warrington, wing mkd., pressed hard, grand length, very shapely and stylish; 3, Linfoot, cl. yell., not much to choose from winners, nice length; 4, Wright; vhc, Arnison; hc, c, Bell. HEN (5): 1, Linfoot, cl. buff, nice col. and cond., neat head, good type; 2, Bell, similar, grand length, shapely, fails head; 3, Botham; 4, Wright; vhc, Henderson. NAT. COL. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Heslop, all nice exhibits, would have stood some competition. NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Rand, variег., lovely col. and qual., nice shape, good head, wins; 2, Mays and Allinson, cl. yell., pressed hard, grand subs., good head, well-filled neck, splendid col. and feather; 3, Ronald, nice cl., fails slightly in shape, nice col. and feather; 4, Jeffries, variег., good type, lovely qual., fancied for 3rd place; vhc, Watson; hc, Mason and Stephenson; c, Shorney. BUFF (5): 1, Mays and Allinson, cl., splendid head, good front, nice wings and tail, very stylish; 2, Lawson, cl., nice pos., good head and neck, fails slightly in cl.; 3, Lowes and Son; 4, Carr; vhc, Jeffries. HEN (8): 1, Lawson, cl. yell., smart, good shape and pos., carries wings well, lovely col. and feather; 2, Carr, cl. buff, similar in shape, pressed hard; 3, Mays and Allinson, cl. buff, grand cond., fails slightly in head, otherwise equal; 4, Shorney; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Rand; c, Watson. UNFLIG. CK (15), a real good class: 1, Watson, yell., mkd. back and rump, very typical, nice round head, lovely pos., splendid col. and feather, 2, 4, Carr, cl. yell. leading, must have pressed hard, bit rough in front, grand type, 4th nice exhibit, good col., shade smaller; 3, Lawson, very nice, good head and front, grand pos.; vhc, Flock; hc, Cook and Hood; c, Bibby. HEN (8): 1, Carr, grand yell., lovely col., good type, deep chest, very shapely, carries wings well; 2, Lawson, wing mkd. buff, neat head, good round chest, neat wings and tail, very stylish; 3, Watson, yell., nice shape and pos., good col., but fails in side, to leaders; 4, hc, Fleck; vhc, Mason and Saunderson; c, Lowes and Son. NOV. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Warrington, cl. yell., fine head, good shape and pos., very stylish, well fed, carries wings well; 2, Atkinson, heavy variег., plenty subs., well filled in at neck, good wings and tail, fails in head to winner; 3, Arnison; 4, Rowan; vhc, Lilburn; hc, Humphrey. BUFF (7): 1, Waraker, variег., nice qual., good pos., well braced wings, good feather; 2, Wilson, cl., close up, good head, wings and tail, very shapely; 3, Atkinson, cl., not strong of leaders, splendid carr.; 4, Firth; vhc, Dodsworth; hc, Ronald; c, Lilburn. HEN (6): 1, Ronald, cl. buff, typical, good round head and chest, lovely feather, wins; 2, Firth, cl. buff, shade smaller, nice shape and pos., good wings and tail; 3, Arnison; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Dodsworth; hc, Waraker. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Warrington, cl. yell., grand youngster, fine type, splendid col. and qual., carr. perfect; 2, Ronald, cl. yell., nice head, sound col., fails slightly in carr.; 3, Waraker, yell. variег., grand pos.; 4, vhc, Arnison; hc, Stephenson; c, Readman. HEN (3): 1, Firth, cl. yell., good col., nice shape; 2, Ronald, cl. buff, lovely feather; 3, Arnison. NAT. COL. (4): 1, 2, Robinson, buff variег., good head, wings, and tail, nice pos., and cl. buff, nice col., well-filled back, fails in head; 3, Ronald; 4, Nelson. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Watson, cl. yell., leader grand type and col., neat size, good carr. and cond., 2nd very similar, hard to separate; 3, Campbell. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Watson, cls., winner fine carr., very neat, good feather and shape, 2nd equal except carr.; 3, Campbell. HEN (6): 1, 2, Watson, buff leading, smart bird, nice shape, lovely cond., and nice yell., good col., grand wing carr.; 3, Hearfield, typical, grand feather and cond.; 4, Laythorpe. GREEN (3): 1, Hearfield, level tone of col., grand shape, very stylish; 2, 3, Laythorpe. MED. CK. (6): 1, 2, Watson, eyes and wing mkd., leader very neat, grand shape, carries wings well, wins, 2nd not quite so stylish, fine qual. feather, very fine type; 3, Hearfield, pressed hard, nice shape and cond.; 4, Campbell; vhc, Lawthorpe; hc, Wright. NOV. YELL. (6): 1, Wellford, neck mkd., nice shape, good cond., fine type and carr.; 2, Bolam, variег., pressed hard, grand type and cond., very stylish; 3, Campbell; 4, Embleton; vhc, Smith, jun. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 4, Canary cup for best team of 3, Wellford, cl. buff leading, splendid shape, a real gem, well forward, 2nd head mkd., hard to separate for shape and cond.; 3, Bolam, cl., real nice bird, fine type, carr. and cond.; vhc, hc, Hearfield; c, Campbel. CRESTS (7): 1, 4, Jeffries, variег. D.C., well rounded, nice centre, 4th green variег.; 2, Taylor, heavy variег., pressed hard, nice flowing crest; 3, hc, Hugill; vhc, c, Gibson. HEN (8): 1, 3, Taylor, variег., grand crests, nicely rounded, 3rd perhaps not so good in radiation; 2, Hugill, nice flowing crest, will do better; 4, hc, Gibson; vhc, Nelson; c, Jeffries. C.B. CK (2): 1, Jeffries, heavy variег., plenty subs., nice feather and cond.; 2, Gibson. HEN (5): 1, Hugill, heavy variег., grand qual. feather, good size and head; 2, 3, Gibson, 2nd pressed hard, good size and feather, not much to choose from winner; 4, Jeffries; vhc, Nelson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Robinson, Goldf.-Bullf., grand bird, could hold its own in higher company, lovely face, splendid col., easy win; 2, Stephenson, even mkd. Goldf.-Can., very sweet, good col., stylish; 3, Humphrey, buff mkd. Goldf.-Can., smaller; 4, vhc, Bearby; hc, Fleck; c, Dr. Wilson. Bramble-Chaff., might have gone 3rd. DARK (3): 1, 4, Wright, Siskin Mule leading, grand bird, good col., nice shape, very smart, 4th Linnet, good col. and size, splendid feather; 2, Hooper, Greenf., good size and head, splendid bars, shows well; 3, Bearby, Goldf., splendid col., nice blaze, pressed hard; vhc, Shorney; hc, Wells; c, Dr. Wilson. GOLDF. (10): 1, vhc, Nicholson, beauty, magnificent blaze, forward cond., grand size and buttons, well tanned, nice bread skull (a good offer was refused for this bird); 2, Almond, good shape, well tanned, blaze not quite up yet, will improve; 3, Mays and Allinson, fair blaze; nice cond., smaller; 4, Jobling; hc, Wright; c, Smurthwaite. BULLF. (8): 1, Smurthwaite, good col., nice broad cap, good wings, wins; 2, 3, Wright, nice size, fails col., good cond., 3rd shade smaller, nice feather, bit narrow in cap; 4, Dr. Wilson, rather unsteady, thin on breast, will improve; vhc, Mays and Allinson; hc, Bell; c, Burnett. GRELNF. (10): 1, 4, Wright, good size and col., nice head and bars, showing age, 4th good col., smaller; 2, Carr, must have pressed hard, rare size and col., good shape; 3, Curry, nice size, col. and cond.; vhc, Gray; hc, Bearby; c, Phillipson. LINNET, H.-M. (12): 1, Stothard, rather light in front, bit rough at neck; 2, 3, Jobling, might have gone up, nice col., rather light in markings, 3rd rather smoky in markings; 4, Gray; vhc, Wright; hc, Coombes; c, Binns. F.-M. (13), much better class: 1, Patterson, good col. and shape and pencilling; 2, 3, hc, Wright, shade smaller, grand col., more work than leader, 3rd similar, will improve; 4, Curry, grand col., well pencilled, good shape, seemed tired; vhc, Coombes; c, Stothard. No. 11, Almond, real nice exhibit, might have got in if not so fat. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, vhc, Wright, nice yell. Siskin, good size, nice bib and cap; 2, Carr, good Twite, might be larger, splendid feather and cond., well mkd.; 3, Nicholson, Redpoll, grand size and col., good head, very stylish, well shown; 4, Fleck, Twite, larger than second, better col., markings not so distinct, a good bird; hc, Jobling; c, Hunt. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (10): 1, Nicholson, noted Chaffinch, all there for size and col., splendid head and shape; 2, Smurthwaite, Bramble, has often run the winner close, grand size and col., good head, well spangled and ticked, very close up; 3, 4, vhc, Wright, Chaffinch leading, good size and col., fails in head, 4th large buff Bramble, well laced and spangled, good feather and cond.; hc, Robinson; c, Hooper. BUNTING (9): 1, Wright, Yellow Bunting, noted winner, grand size and col., distinct head markings, lovely feather and cond.; 2, c, Hooper, Cirl, nice size and col., good head, shows well; 3, Stothard, Corn, fair size, well arrowed, good col. and cond., steady; 4, Phillipson; vhc, Smurthwaite; hc, Dr. Wilson. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 1, Nicholson, nice Hawfinch, good col., nice bib and head; 2, Shorney, pressed hard, not much to choose, grand col., good head, nice cond.; 3, Smurthwaite, Hawfinch, buff, rather out of cond., nice build, may improve. A.O. BRIT. F.-M. (10): 1, Nicholson, fine Goldie, good blaze and tanning, good size, should make a good one; 2, Smurthwaite, Greenf., good size, col. and bars, nice broad skull; 3, Phillipson, Goldie, nice blaze, unsteady yet; 4, Stothard, Bullf., good size and col., nice cap, might have gone up; vhc, Almond; hc, c, Wright. HEN (20), splendid class, ten different species: 1, c, Wright, sweet Linnet, grand shape, lovely markings; 2, Curry, Bullf., good size and col., nice cap; 3, Raistrick, topping Bramble, plenty size, splendid col., [illegible] breast and flank markings close up; 4, [illegible] Thrush, grand bird, lovely mountain in the pink, shows well; vhc, Jobling; hc, Smurthwaite. SOFTBILL (8): 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Wright, a grand team, Redstart leading. Newcastle winner, grand size and col., with frosted. BILL (8) 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Wright, a grand team, Newcastle winner, grand size and col., well frosted, shows well, 4th Gold-crest, wee gem, quite lively; 2, Montague, Clough, fit to win anywhere, well polished, perfect feather and cond.; 3, Nicholson, Waxwing, good size, feathered like boxwood, grand tippings. FOR. LARGE (1): Christer, Ceram Lory, lovely cond., fine feather. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 4, Christer, nice team of Seedeaters, Ruficauda Finches, Scarlet Bishops, and Waxbill, all in the pink of cond.; 3, Petterson, lovely Green Singing Finch, in splendid feather. NOV. BRIT. (7): 1, Rowan; 2, Readman; 3, Tarn; 4, vhc, Hall; hc, Embleton; c, Heslop. SELL. PAIRS (4): 1, Cook and Hood; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Waraker; 4, Ronald. SINGLE (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Fleck; 3, Wilson; 4, Linfoot; vhc, Wells; hc, Cook and Hood; c, Botham. SELL. BRIT. (7): 1, Nicholson; 2, Tarn; 3, Saville; 4, Bearby; vhc, Hunt; hc, Wright; c, Coomber.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Tenth annual show, Trinity Church Schoolrooms, Boar Lane, Leeds, Nov. 3-5. The best show in the history of the Club, both in number and financially. In the early morning there were visitors from Wigan, Accrington, Bolton, and Manchester, and after dinner there were many well-known faces in the Roller Fancy. Perhaps never since Roller shows were started in this country have so many recognised judges met together on one day. Among them were Messrs. Hesling, Rochuck, Olroyd, Wakefield; Massey, Kilshaw, Bolton; Wareing, Tottington; Walton, Leeds; and Tomlinson, Newcastle—truly a formidable combination, and all were lavish in their praise at the arrangements made by the Leeds members for the welfare of the exhibits. The hall, which is one of the best in the country for an exhibition of this kind, well lighted, and kept at a nice heat, was crowded in the afternoon. The delegates from the different clubs were on the scene early, and quickly got to work. Some of the exhibits were sent off by early trains because of the bad service, but later it rained in torrents, and it was decided to keep the rest of the birds over till Monday morning. Any exhibitors who may have been put to any inconvenience through the non-arrival of their exhibits can rest assured it was for their own benefit. Prize money, cards, and specials have been sent. If any exhibitor has been overlooked, kindly notify.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (judge, Mr. J. Tomlinson): 1, Mrs. Johnson, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 3, F. 3, W.G. 2, G.E. 6—total 28 pts.; 2, Rhodes, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 6, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, G.E. 5—total 27; H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.R. 3, G.E. 5—total 26; 3, Montague, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 6, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4—total 27; 5, Heatherley, H.R. 2, H.B. 4, Bass 3, S. 2, F. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.F. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—26 pts., 1 off (25 pts.); 6, Kramer, H.R. 6, H.B. 4, Bass 3, S. 4, W.R. 2, G.E. 4—total 23; 7, Montague, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 2, B.T. 1, G.E. 3—total 22; 8, Williams, H.R. 2, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 1, W.R. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, G.E. 3—total, 22; vhc, R. Bumby (2), J. Tomlinson, Mawhood, Mrs. Johnson, 21 each; hc, Tomkins (2), Best, H. Roebuck, 21 each; c, Best (2), Hunter, Smith, Tomlinson, 20 each. (The birds in this class were backward in song.) NOV. (judge, Mr. T. W. Walton): 1, Farrimond, H.R. 6, Bass 7, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 5, B.T. 2, G.E. 5—total 30 pts.; 2, 3, Woodhall, H.R. 7, Bass 6, S. 4, F. 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, G.E. 4—total 29; H.R. 7, Bass 6, S. 5, F. 1, W.G. 5, G.E. 4—total 28; 4, 5, G. Johnson, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 4, W.G. 3, G.E. 5—total 28; H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 5, G.E. 5—total 27; 6, Harrison, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 2, G.E. 4—total 27; 7, Heaton, H.R. 4, H.B. 2, Bass 6, S. 3, F. 4, W.G. 2, G.E. 5—total 26; 8, Unsworth, H.R. 3, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 3, F. 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, G.E. 4—total 26; vhc, Greenall 25, Weatherill 25, J. Earnshaw 26; hc, Vernon, Unsworth, Scott (2), Tasker, Atkinson, R. Mack, 24 pts. each; c, Bowman, Taylor, Smith, Barnes (24 pts., 1 off), Earnshaw (24, 1 off), 23 pts. each. H. Weatherill wins diploma best Glucke. NOV. ANY AGE (30) (judge, Mr. Wareing): 1, Culsham, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 5, S. 3, G. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 29 pts.; 2, Unsworth, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 2, G. 2, F. 2, W.R. 1, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 27; 3, Kimpton, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 2, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 26; 4, Mather, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 3, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 26; 5, McLean, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, D.B.W.T. 1, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 25; 6, Atkinson, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 2, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 3—total 25; 7, Greenall, H.R. 5, Bass 5, S. 3, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, D.B.W.T. 1, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3—total 25; 8, Kaye, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3—total 24; vhc, Wilson (25 pts., 1 off) McLean (25, 1 off), G. Mills, Cooke, Simpson (25, 1 off), 24 each; hc, Barnett (24 pts., 1 off), Crash (24, 1 off), F. Ward, Thwaites, Harrison, C. Morton 23 pts. each; c, Knapton, Smith, 22 each. CHAMP. (judge, G. Wareing): 1, Best, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 2, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 27 pts.; 2, Lomax, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4—total 26; 3, Heatherley, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 3, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 26; 4, Lyons, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 2, G. 1, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 25; 5, Roebuck, H.R. 4, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 25; 6, Tomlinson, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, D.B. W.T. 1, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3—total 25; vhc, Tomlinson, Best, Wardleworth, 24 each; hc, Walton (25, 1 off), 24 pts.; c, Barnett, Williams 23 each. AMAT. (judge, Mr. G. Wareing): 1, Heatherley, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 3, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. G.E. 4—total 28; 2, 3, Tomlinson, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 3, D.B.W.T. 1, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—27; H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 27; 4, Boyle, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 2, G. 1, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 26; 5, Smith, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 3, S. 3, G. 1, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4—total 25; 6, Kimpton, H.R. 4, H.B. 2, Bass 4, S. 2, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 1, D.B.W.T. 1, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4—total 25; vhc, Hunter 23, Mrs. Johnson, 24; hc, Watson, Tasker, Lipman 23 each; c, Watson, Harvey, 22 each. Winner of Leeds Challenge Cup, H. Best.

(Some Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

Queries Answered

(For Rules see Nov. 4 issue.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A BROKEN LEG.

G. C.—It will be much too late to attempt anything in the way of "setting" the limb by the time this reply can reach you. If you had sent your address with query a reply would have been sent by post, as the case was a very urgent one, but you have first of all allowed a week to elapse before writing, and then omit your address. The best thing you can now do is to keep the bird in a quiet place where it will not be disturbed by persons moving about near it, well strew the cage floor with sawdust to assist in keeping it clean and sweet, place food and water inside where the bird can get it with the minimum of muscular effort, and leave the remedy entirely to Nature. Do not attempt to handle the bird at all, nor flutter it about when attending to its wants, or cleaning out the cage. Leave it entirely to its own designs until you see it resume activity of its own accord. With regard to the long moulting, keep the cage in a fairly comfortable and equable place, and in addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of chemical food every third day for a month. If the moulting has not ceased by the time the bird resumes activity, write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further.

YOUNG CANARIES PANTING.

A. Well-Wisher, D. S.—It would have been better if you had given a few more details as to how you feed and where you keep the birds. Still, the following general treatment should soon set matters right unless there is something radically wrong. Let me give one hint apart from treatment, which is, to avoid frequent handling of the birds with the object of examining them. The sexes should now be kept separate, but several birds of the same sex may be kept in a large cage if more convenient, for the sake of the extra space they have for exercise. Keep them in a bright, healthy position, but see that they are free from cold direct draughts, sudden fluctuations of heat and cold, and fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Keep cages well strewn with clean gritty sand, and offer the bath twice a week, on bright, mild days as far as possible, and always in the early part of the day. In addition to the staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, give about half a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, black rape and broken groats every second day, and on the alternate days give, for each bird, a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a small spray of watercress, or any similar green food, three times a week as long as you can get it in a fit condition to use, and after that substitute a little banana, sweet apple, or carrot. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Continue this treatment for a month, and if birds are not then quite well, write again and repeat particulars.

A LATE CLUTCH.

Reader.—Your best course is to take the eggs away, and keep the hen in a good-sized flight or aviary where she can get plenty of vigorous exercise through the winter months, and if out of sight and earshot of the cocks so much the better. Feed on a staple diet of plain canary seed only, keep all nesting receptacles and materials out of her sight, and limit her allowance of "extras" to a small teaspoonful of mixed seed once a week, and ditto of egg food, or any substitute you prefer. Give a morsel of green salad, when in season, four times a week, and at other times substitute a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or raw or boiled carrot. It is quite possible that she may continue laying casual eggs now and again during the winter, but there will be no need to worry about this. If it happens, throw the eggs away and mate her up as usual at the proper time next spring if she is still in good health and condition. As regards her not moulting, if she has hitherto been in a fairly comfortable room move her for a week or two to a decidedly colder one, but see that it is free from cold draughts and damp, and if that does not start the moult I would advise you to leave it to Nature, when it will probably come about early in the spring.

THE COLONY SYSTEM.

Ginner.—The so-called colony system of breeding Canaries refers to the method of turning a group—say, for example, two cocks and eight hens—into a room or some enclosed space where they are allowed to fly at liberty and mate up and breed according to their own designs; the place, of course, having been first fitted up with all the necessary conveniences as suggested in the reply to which you refer. In that reply the more general details only were given, the minutiæ being very variable in order to adapt the method to all the varying needs of each particular case, which may only present themselves to anyone on the spot. We do not publish a book dealing solely with this system, but the general management of the birds does not necessarily differ in any material way from what you will find given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and as regards details of fitting up such rooms you will find much information and also illustrations in "Our Canaries," which would be an invaluable work for you. Rollers would succeed well under this treatment, and are as good a variety as any to begin with. The proximity of the stables is no real bar to breeding birds in an adjoining building, especially if they are kept in a sanitary condition, but they may increase the chances of mice becoming a nuisance. This, however, may be combated by treating the places to a course of the "Virus" remedy occasionally, keeping all foods and seeds in tin canisters or boxes, and the food and seed vessels in use on a raised pedestal or table, the legs of which are protected by a thin sheet of tin or zinc nailed closely around them six inches above the floor, so that mice cannot possibly climb them to get to the food on the table. If there is any particular point you are in doubt about, or do not understand, don't hesitate to write again and state your difficulty, and if you could enclose a rough plan or diagram of the room, showing position of windows and door, I may be able to give more definite details suited to your own case.

NO FEATHERS ON HEAD.

Bald Head.—If the hen is really a 1915 hatched one, it looks almost as if the baldness were inherited, or, rather, the tendency towards it, and if this were so the wiser course would be to reject the bird entirely as a stock bird. Try the following course of treatment for a month, which should set matters right if the complaint is not incorrigible. Keep in a fairly warm temperature, and see that the bird is not exposed to rapid extremes of heat and cold, and offer the bath in the early part of each bright, mild day. In addition to the staple seed diet give separately every third day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with maw seed. On the following day add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and next day give a morsel of banana and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. For local treatment well mix 20 drops of glacial acetic acid in a teaspoonful of glycerine and slightly moisten the bare place with a tip of a small feather dipped in this twice a week until the quills are showing well through the skin. Use it sparingly so as not to daub the surrounding feathers unnecessarily, and do not get it near the eyes.

TROUBLED WITH VERMIN.

K. M.—I take it that the vermin are the little dark red insects which we know as red-mites. Keating's is of very little use for them, as they harbour in cracks and crevices in or about the cage by day, and only come out to torment the bird at night. It is quite possible that they may be indirectly responsible for the protracted moulting, and you cannot expect the bird to resume its song until the effect of the moult is quite recovered from. To exterminate the mites dissolve half an ounce of camphor in a teacupful of paraffin. Then well clean out the cage, probing any cracks about which you see any white powdery substance adhering with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, and at once burn the debris. Then paint the cage all over inside and out with a small brush dipped in the prepared paraffin, working the fluid well into any cracks or open joints. Stand aside to dry, and repeat the operations next day, and again on the following day. Then, when quite dry, re-distemper and varnish, if necessary, and when quite dry after this the bird may be returned, as it will, of course, have been transferred to a temporary cage whilst these operations were being carried out. If no spare cage is available the cage may even, with care, be treated without removing the bird, except for the painting and varnishing, which must not be attempted without removing the bird. When dealing with the cage do not omit treating all fittings and appliances, and the place where the cage has hung in the same way at the same time. To help the moulting give in addition to the usual seed diet half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternating days add to the water 20 drops of chemical food.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BOOK ON CATCHING.

Constant Reader.—I do not know of any book dealing exclusively with the catching of wild birds. From time to time we have had some useful articles in CAGE BIRDS, with illustrations, written by men who have had experience. These are just what you require. If you have back numbers I would advise you to look them up. Our Nutshell booklets on the Goldfinch and Linnet also contain useful information upon catching. You can procure these from this office, post free at 2½d. each.

KEEPING A BLUE TIT.

Bird Lover.—I am glad you appreciate the weekly contents of CAGE BIRDS. You will not find the Blue Tit a difficult bird to keep in captivity. The size of cage is immaterial so long as it is roomy. The one you mention would do admirably, only see that the wires and feeding holes are not wide enough to allow him to get through. Do not attempt to keep more than one in a cage, as they do not agree. The water vessel can be hung outside. As to perches, for Tits I have always found a forked branch from a tree answer admirably. Fasten it in the cage so that the bird takes exercise when passing from one perch to another. Feed on a good brand of insectile mixture as a staple food (the one you mention will do nicely); in addition to this give hemp seed, poppy or maw, sunflower, smashed or cracked nuts, mutton fat or suet. Do not offer all these at once—ring the changes on them, giving a little at a time. You can also offer a piece of apple or other fruit. Any kind of small insects will be acceptable and of course, mealworms, grubs, gentles, and any other creepy things. If earth worms are offered they must be very small, and used sparingly.

PART-FEATHERED BIRDS.

W. P. Cullingford.—The cause of birds having white or pied plumage is the total or partial absence of pigment in the feathers and other parts. These birds are not Hybrids but pure species. Occasionally they resume their proper plumage during a subsequent moult. On the other hand a normally-coloured specimen will sometimes moult out partly white. This is generally caused through ill-health and lack of richness of colouring matter in the blood vessels. We have had instances lately of birds in captivity moulting out with light plumage after receiving a severe fright. As a rule the companions of light-coloured birds do not molest them, but I can easily understand the Jackdaws objecting to their fawn-coloured brother. There is something "uncanny" about 'Daws. They are not easily deceived and do not accept everything as quite all right in the same manner as other birds would. I fancy to them, the fawn-coloured companion would be looked upon with suspicion.

TRAINING BUDGIES.

Lover of Budgells.—Budgells can be taught several tricks. A favourite one is to haul up their seed and water. To teach them is not a difficult matter to any patient owner, but great care must be taken that the birds do not suffer from the want of food while learning. The manner of training is fully dealt with in our Nutshell booklet on the Sicklin Budgell and Twite, post free 2½d. from this office. There is not the space to spare to give you full particulars, so I would advise you to get the little book. The sample of seed sent is advisable, and the bird should do well on it with a little green food two or three times a week.

TREATMENT OF BULLFINCH.

Male Tear.—You appear to be feeding your bird correctly. Of course, when the privet berries are gone, you must offer fruit to take their place. I gather that your bird is not yet quite through the moult, and you will find as time goes on that the breast colour will become redder and brighter. When in captivity birds seldom come through the moult quite so rich in colour as in the open. Give a few sunflower seeds daily. These are better for the bird than much hemp. Your bird is too tame, which accounts for his showing "temper." If you could let him have a fly in a large aviary it would possibly cure him. Get our Nutshell on the Bullfinch; it will help you in your treatment.

BREEDING MULES AND HYBRIDS.

E. Goodwin.—To breed Mules and Hybrids from the same Goldfinch would require careful management, and you could not do it in one cage. Put the hens in different cages, then in the spring run the Finch with the Canary, and when she has gone to nest put him in with the Greenie. Do not hurry to get your Finch into condition. Let him come on gradually. Use the following staple food: Teazle 4 parts, canary 3 parts, hemp 2 parts, linseed, rape, sunflower, ½ part each. Get our Nutshell booklet on the Goldfinch, post free 2½d. It will give you many hints on feeding and management.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

ZEBRA FINCHES IN OUTDOOR CAGE.

C. W.—To winter birds successfully in outdoor cages needs much care and protection. There is a wide difference between outdoor cages and aviaries. In the latter, providing the shelter is weatherproof, they can be wintered without difficulty, but the former is a very different proposition. Cages so easily get saturated with wet from driving rain and sleet, and in consequence are more or less damp all the year round. I know one lady in the North who successfully keeps them in outdoor cages, but the latter are specially made, have hinged tops with wire netting beneath, so that in hot weather the roof can be raised and the birds enjoy light and air in suitable weather; the cages are deep from front to back, providing both retirement and shelter, and there is a sliding glass front, so that driving rain, sleet and wind can be kept out both in summer and winter. I rather gather from your query that your birds are feeling the wet, damp weather we have been passing through recently, and you would be well advised to give them a roomy cage in some cold room for their first winter. Put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into th drinking water (one fluid ounce) twice a week, and on intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Continue this treatment for a couple of months, when the birds should be toned up. Your dietary is about right, if it includes grit and cuttlebone.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC.

E. T.—The breeding season extends from April 1 to end of October, but of course all will depend upon the birds; they may not be ready before July, and in that case, if you let them, they may go on breeding to a later period. Young birds reared during the winter are not always robust. The only way to check breeding is to separate the sexes. You would do well to get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," it will tell you all about the general management of these charming little Parrakeets. Pekin Nightingales sing most lustily during the nesting season, but they do not sing a great deal at other periods, though they utter their call note very frequently. Individual specimens vary considerably as to power of song; a good one is a treat—your suggestion as to a pair should secure best results. I think a Shama would suit you best, as it meets your requirements exactly, but of course you would not hang your cages outside in the winter. A Shama can easily be trained to fly about the room, and will return to its cage to rest when inclined to, putting a mealworm in its cage will secure its return whenever wanted. A Shama soon becomes tame and confiding, and soon learns to take a mealworm from the fingers even when flying loose about the room. A Gold-fronted Finch sucker would also "fill the bill," and its characteristics are similar to the above as to tameness, etc. It is also a good mimic of the songs of other birds.

AILING AMAZON.

A. J. R.—This bird will need care and attention all through the cold weather. Keep it in a fairly warm room, but not one where the temperature touches two extremes once or twice a day, owing to cooking, etc. Also there is generally a stuffy (stagnant) corner in most rooms, the Parrot must not occupy it. It must have warmth, ventilation and light, without either draught or stuffiness. I am pleased to note the considerable improvement, but you must persevere with the treatment, complete cure will be a work of time. Continue the fluid magnesia and cod-liver oil emulsion regularly, and in addition, say, for a couple of months, give the bird a little honey and borax daily; either thinly spread it on a piece of biscuit, or give it direct to the mouth from the end of a piece of stick or feather (only a clean utensil must be put into the box of mixture on each occasion); this will ensure the bird a clean mouth and throat. Diet as usual. Unless there should be other unfavourable developements, in which case write at once, report progress in a couple of months.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s 6d each bird; for reply direct, 2s 6d.; analysis, 2s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

REPORT OF MEETING AT LEEDS.

A. E. M.—If you will kindly authenticate your report with your name and address, we shall be pleased to insert it—that is unless we receive in the meantime an official report from the hon. sec., as is usual.

THE SELLING CLAUSE IN SCHEDULES.

Novice (N. Wales).—The meaning of the selling clause in schedules is that exhibitors should state on the entry forms the price at which they are prepared to part with their birds. Of course, having stated their own price, they are bound to sell the bird if the price named is offered. An exhibitor may "reserve his birds from being sold at all" either by omitting to state the price or by expressly stating that they are not for sale. Another method is to quote the bird at £1,000, and then you would probably get a notice in the local paper that a bird "worth £1,000" was shown in such and such a class. In the latter case, however, if someone came along and claimed your bird at £1,000, you would have to lose it (not the thousand pounds but the bird).

"AUSTRALIAN GREY PARROT."

F. Pain.—Your bird is a Rose-breasted Cockatoo, an article on which appeared in our issue of last week. There is no such thing as an Australian Grey Parrot. The Grey Parrot, the bird which makes such a delightful pet and accomplished talker, is a native of South Africa, and articles on this bird also have appeared in our issues of the past few weeks. If you can get a Roseate Cockatoo to talk you will be lucky. An occasional specimen will pick up a word or two, but generally their vocal accomplishments consist in making the most horrible screams.

BIRD-CATCHING IN SHROPSHIRE.

J. Boothwood.—The Bullfinch is not named in the schedule of the Wild Birds Act of 1880 nor is it in the additions to the schedule made under the County of Salop order of 1904. Unless, therefore, the bird has been specially protected since the 1904 order you can take Bullfinches anywhere in your county. The Goldfinch on the contrary, is in the 1880 schedule, and is also in the list of birds protected throughout the year in your county. This means that no one can stop you taking a Bullfinch, but that you would be liable to prosecution if you were to catch a Goldfinch.

AN ALLEGATION OF DISHONESTY.

J. Crow.—Do you know that there is a law styled the Law of Libel? It would be a most dangerous matter to publish a statement imputing actual dishonesty against a person named, and surely you do not think we should take such a responsibility upon the authority of a letter sent without the writer's address. If you will authenticate your letter with your proper name and address, and send the fee as stimulated in our rules, we will write to the person named, but more than this we are quite unable to do.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Nov. 21, St. Thomas' School, 8. Clearing up open show business.—A. E. Thorpe.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 21, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Final arrangements for open show and members' show Nov. 29.—J. Spencer.

Burnley O.S.—Nov. 21, Star Inn, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show.—J. Rushton.

Border Fancy C.C.—Nov. 18, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 7. Replies from judges; estimates for printing; prize cards and lists with specials.—W. B. Smart.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.—Nov. 21, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Washing competition, champions and novices. Sat., Nov. 18, annual show, Co-op. Hall, Grange Road.—A. E. Lloyd.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Godfrey Dining Rooms, 8. Arrangements for open show; entries can be made at the meeting.—E. Thomas.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 22, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8.—J. Kent.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Club Hall, 6.30. Show business, etc.—W. H. Christer.

Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn.—Nov. 18, Union Hall, 7.30. Final meeting before show.—D. Aitken.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 25. Show business.—W. Curry.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Entries for annual show, and other important business.—R. H. Dixon.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Nov. 22, St. George's Hall, 7.30. Important, re Fed. show.—Wright and Watson.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Nov. 17 and 18, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. 9th annual show, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—F. C. Knight.

Idle C.B.A.—Nov. 18, Springfield Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Entries day of show. Judge, J. Bailey.—J. Chippindale.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Entries close finally 9 p.m. for old show.—R. Charleson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 18, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7. Open and confined show business; important.—T. J. McGregor.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Nov. 21, White Swan Hotel, 8. First night show. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen, do. Buff Hen (old birds), same classes Novices, A.O.V. Goldf.—Day and Roberts.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Distribution of prize-money and special prize arrangement for Nov. 18 will be postponed until Nov. 25 on account of Highgate and Hampstead autumn show being held on that date.—W. Gilbert.

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 18, headquarters, 2. Members' show; entries Friday night.—H. Grange.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Nov. 25. Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7. Paper on the Exhibition of Cage Birds.—O. Cozens.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Nov. 19, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Syllabus for next year, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Nov. 22, Shields Cafe, 7.30. Table show; 3 classes Champ., 3 Novice.—R. Havis.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 21, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Entries for show. Amalgamated show business.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Room, back of stage Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Gen. business, stewards, amal. show, important.—A. W. Newton.

Pontynool C.B.S.—Nov. 18, headquarters, 6.30. Show business, placing specials, etc.—W. D. Lewis.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Nov. 21, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Show report; members kindly return ticket money and unpaid subs.—W. A. Dyer.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Nov. 23. Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Prize distribution. A paper "Hints to the Novice," read by Mr. F. Eaton. Fanciers and others welcome.—W. R. Beasant.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 18. Members' show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Windhill.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Nov. 21, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Show business report from judges, etc.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 18, Crown and Anchor, 7.15. Arrangements for members' show Dec. 2.—J. Isherwood.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 18. Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for show.—J. McAndrew.

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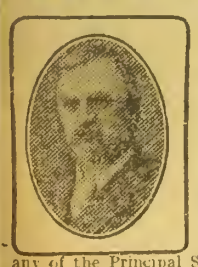
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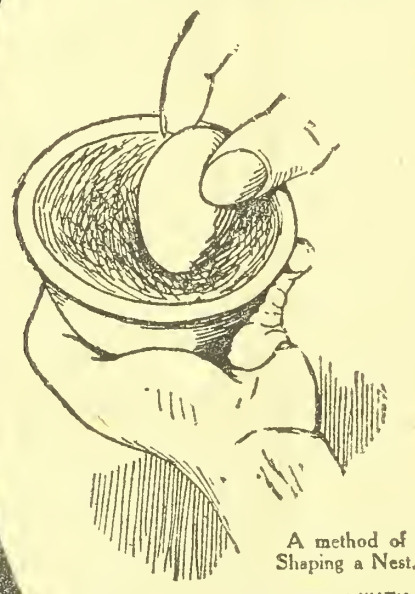
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The largest stock in the North. Cock Goldfinches, real English Peartree birds, every bird a giant and clean through moult, all on song, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, and a grand lot of extra giants, with deep square cut blaze, broad heads, richly tanned, no smokey little rubbish, 4/6, 5/6; gem, 7/6; and one of the best under wires, 10/6; every Goldfinch I offer is guaranteed English and caught from the orchard. Cock Bullfinch, the best F.M. alive, 12/6; monster cock Greenfinches, real gems, 2/6, 3/6 each; Chaffinches, real gems, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6; Lesser Redpolls, can win, 2/6 each; Norwich type cock Linnets, well pencilled, good rich colour, real giants, steady as rocks, ready to win, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; house-moulted prize-winners, can win under any judge, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; cock Linnets, learnt under my undefeated champion cup winner, quality songsters, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each; also a grand lot of free songsters, suitable for time singing, or call-birds, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; good call Linnet and call-cage, 3/- lot; house-moulted contest Linnets, will sing at anything, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; cock Canaries, on Linnet song, learnt under my champion Linnet, and helped along with my own Linnet whistling ("Cage Birds" has described me as the human Linnet). I guarantee these Canaries to be in the correct tone, and able to make two, three, and four ways of scraping, can run, reeing, chattering, whinnying and preing, 10/6, 15/6, 20/- each, and one the best I ever heard, 40/-; Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch notes, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; Goldfinch Mules, on Canary song, 8/6, 10/6; cock Goldfinch, H.M., father of above Mules, 20/-, he will sing anywhere. I have some of the finest and largest Norwich in the country, 20/- pair (ten pairs to dispose of), all colour-fed and can win. Cock Canaries, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; Yellow Budgerigars, 8/- pair; Cockatoo, talking, 35/-; Rock Parrots, 7/6, 10/6 each. Harry Allen's Linnet Booklet, 6d.; Linnet and Roller whistles, no others made to whistle like them, 6d.; try a bag of my Secret Mixture, it will make your birds sing at one another, used by all leading contest singers, 1/3, post free. Please read what others say:—"Mr. Squires, Concord St., Ottawa, Canada, writes:—Parrots and Linnets arrived safe." "Mr. Betts, Curie St., Cwm:—Quite satisfied with birds." "Mr. Jones, 34, Tonna Road, Caeran:—Birds arrived safe and in good condition." "Mr. Barlby, Cromwell St., Peterboro':—The 12 birds arrived safe; quite satisfied." "Mr. Bosworth, Montpelier Rd., Old Lenton:—Goldfinch arrived safe; he is a beauty." "Mr. White, High St., Wallsend:—I am quite satisfied with Goldfinches; Linnet got v.h.c. at Leicester show, thanks; you are the first bird dealer who has acted honestly with me.—W.M. (original letter and address can be seen here)." "Mr. Shepherd, Hebburn:—Birds arrived safe and sound, quite satisfied." The above with many more were received here all in the same day. I have thousands to read. Write me at once if you want honesty and value. My birds speak for themselves, moreover, they are all on seven days' approval for cash with order, or deposit with Editor. Write your requirements, gentlemen, and I will please you.

FRED ALLEN,
ENGLAND'S LEADING SPECIALIST,
156, PORTER STREET AVIARIES, HULL.

Softbills.

MAGPIE, good condition, commenced chattering, 5/-: F. Ibbott, Sutton, nr. Ely, Cambs. (679)

THRUSHES, Blackbirds, cocks, warranted thoroughly tamed, healthy, singing, 3/6: Crisp, Southmill, Bishop's Stortford. (622)

TWO loud-singing cock Skylarks, splendid attractions, 5/- each, with cages: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (676)

HAND-REARED cock Thrush and Blackbird, beautifully tame, sing anywhere, warranted genuine; 10/6: Crisp, Southmill, Bishop's Stortford. (668)

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6, 3/6 each; hens, 1/- each, 10/- dozen: Rowley, Elston, Crediton. (677)

SPLENDID cock Lesser Whitethroat, hand-reared, the first time shown, 3/6: Mrs. Green, 11, Coombe-rd., Sydenham. (678)

DUNSTABLE cock Skylarks, 4/6 dozen; extra large cocks, like Thrushes, 6/- dozen; same address 30 years: Woods, 117, West-st., Dunstable. (678)

HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard 200 yards, sacrifice, 5/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable. (682)

HANDSOME hand-reared cock Jay, splendid plumage, make good talker; approval, deposit: William Owen, 43, Church-st., Woolwich, London, S.E.

GRAND, upstanding cock Skylark, measures 14 inches from tip to tip, splendid songster, 2/-; approval: Landlord, Rifle Volunteer, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire. (682)

COMPULSORY sale, Blackcap Warblers, C.M.; 2 fine specimens, singing, 20/- and 15/- each; Lesser Whitethroat, ditto, 10/-; approval: Simmonds, 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (678)

THOSE requiring a genuine singing cock Skylark, cock Thrush, cock Blackbird, or cock Linnet on approval, cheap, send me your address; I will send to you by return: Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable. (676)

NOTICE, contest singers and others, I have a champion singing cock Skylark, pure wild note, as large as a Thrush, day and gaslight songster, sacrifice 2/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable. (682)

BEAUTIFUL tame Starling, commenced chattering; most amusing; more interesting than a Parrot; excellent plumage; fit for exhibition, 2/-; also hand-reared black and white hen Blackbird, 5/-; approval: Proprietress, Lamb Hotel, Dunstable. (678)

NOTICE, Skylark fanciers, two handsome, very large upstanding, real Dunstable bred cock Skylarks, champion songsters, pure wild notes, fine show specimens, grand contest birds; sacrifice, 1/6 each, 2/6 two; approval, money returned if not satisfied: Dixon, Old New Inn, Dunstable. (682)

LARK fanciers; I have a few genuine hand-reared cock Larks; these birds were rung in their nest when five days old with a closed ring, price with bow-fronted cages, 5/- each; catalogue containing over 100 different traps, snares, and nets, penny stamp: G. Ashton, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (678)

SOFTBILL keepers, take expert advice before proceeding to buy and keep the larger species of Insectivorous birds. You will then have no trouble in keeping your pets in the best of health. This advice is offered in "Nutshell No. 26," by H. J. Fulljames. It is a wonderful little work, dealing with most varieties in a highly interesting and instructive manner. Foods and their preparation, and the various styles of cages also receive full attention. Can you breed Mealworms? This booklet tells you how. Post free, 2½d. from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. Look at our list of agents; call on the nearest and get it for 2d.

LADY offers two beautiful singing cock Skylarks, like Thrushes; one in full song, 2/6; the other just commenced singing, 2/-, or 3/6 the two; approval willingly: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeny Cottage, Dunstable. (542)

ON receipt of 1s. 6d. will send securely packed the loudest singing cock Skylark ever heard, measuring 14ins. from tip to tip; also my method of feeding, which keeps them in full song nine months out of twelve; free: Gale, 118, West-st., Dunstable. (678)

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Miscellaneous.

FOR British birds send for price list: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (678)

WANTED, winning British for leading shows; cheap: C. A. S. Thornton, c/o G.P.O., Leicester.

FEW selected British, some winners; state wants; stamp reply: Stothard, 8, St. Paul's-st., Stockton-on-Tees. (679)

BEAUTIFUL tame Barn Owl, also fine Sparrow Hawk, both clean and healthy; offers: Benson, Dalbeattie. (680)

EIGHT Norwich show cage fronts for cock Goldfinch; yours first: R. Leighton, Chevington-drift, Acklington. (680)

BIRDCATCHERS; wanted weekly supply Redpolls, Linnets, Finches, rabbits: Aviaries, Hermit-rd., Canning Town, E. (677)

CHAMPION cock Linnets, Chaffinches, Blackbrds, Thrushes, Pipits, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-: Watson, School-lane, Earith, Hunts. (681)

WELL-MARKED Corn Bunting, 10/-; Blackbird, with show cage, £1; Lesser Redpoll, with show cage, 6/-; inspection invited: Pettet, 8, Etchingham-rd., Leyton. (678)

GRAND lot of moulted British and Mules, for exhibition and muling, some tip-top specimens, can win in keenest competition; special list and particulars on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (681)

WANTED exhibition Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, or Twite; will give Norwich pair to value, or purchase; no rubbish offered or wanted: Butler and Barlow, 53, Woodhead's-yard, Blackwell-rd., Huthwaite, Notts. (679)

EXHIBITION hybrids; Goldfinch-Redpoll, 50/-; hen ditto, 5/-; parents of above, 15/-; Siberian Goldfinch-Greenfinch, 20/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch, hen Greenfinch, 15/-; approval, deposit: William Melvin, Carnethan-st., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire. (680)

GRAND big cock Linnet, vhc., 7/6; another good one, 5/-; H.M. Linnet, hc, 6/6; cock Greenfinch, muler, 2/-, also grand hen 2/-; Reed Bunting, 1/6; H.M. hen Chaffinch, 1/6; two cock Linnet Mules, 7/6 each; one hen 2/-: D. Coombes, Stockton-st., West Hartlepool. (680)

WARRANTED cock Skylarks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 2/- dozen; mixed seed birds, 2/- dozen: Blackbirds, Missel Thrushes, Song Thrushes, cocks 9/- dozen; selected songsters, 1/6 each; Redwings, Fieldfares, selected, 2/- each; Robins, Bluetits, Reed buntings, Yellowhammers, Corn-buntings, 1/6 pair, Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Skylarks, 1/- pair; exchange: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs. (676)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

BIG value in choicest Borders; list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

TYPICAL Borders, 7/6, 10/-; choice Cinnamon hens: Hislop, 114, Baker-st., Stirling. (640)

WANTED Borders, will give 7s. 6d. to 10s. pair: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (655)

BORDER Fancies wanted; exchange second-hand boots or shoes: Bowes, High-st., St. Thomas, Oxford.

BORDER Cinnamons, 2 grand buff cocks, bred from Barrow winner: Newby, 8, Catherine-st., Kendal. (679)

NOTICE, grand lot Borders, show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (638)

SIX 1916 Border cocks, Yellows, Buff, and slightly marked; grand songsters, 6/- each; P. Florence, Cluny-st., Banff. (673)

GRAND lot of Border 1916 cocks and hens, splendid birds, cocks 7/6 and 6/- each, hens from 3/-: Hodgson, Bagshawe Hill, Bakewell. (675)

TEN Border hens, 8 yellow variegated and 2 buff variegated, 3/- each; or the best offer for lot: W. Brownlie, 18, Lowpatrick-st., Hamilton. (679)

HIGH class Borders; buff hen 7/6, buff var. hen 7/6, 2 buff var., 1 yellow var. hens, 5/- each; must clear; approval: Irons, Park-place, Brechin. (680)

HIGH-CLASS Borders for sale, eight in all; mostly hens, Yellows and Buffs, cocks 12/6, 15/-; hens, 7/6, 10/-: Davies, 24, College Hill, Llanelly. (672)

EXHIBITORS, I have a few winners for sale, green and cinnamon Borders, from 10/-, bred from cup winners: Bacon, Chairman-rd., Redhill. (681)

WANTED, good buff cock and hen; must be toppers; will give good price for good birds; on approb.: R. Fry, 54, Trafalgar-terr., Swansea. (676)

HIGH-CLASS Borders at moderate prices, cocks from 7/6 to 10/6, hens from 3/- to 5/-; stock limited: Bevan, Pontypridd-rd., Porth, Glam. (681)

W. ATKINSON, Border breeder and exhibitor, has a few grand young birds for sale; state wants; stamp reply; approval: 39, North-rd., Preston. (675)

WANTED, Border Fancy Canaries, also Yorkshire and Norwich (must be healthy). Good prices given for good birds: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (680)

BORDERS, clear yellow and buff cocks, ditto hens, also self cinnamon cocks and hens, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval: Lyall, Society Buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (679)

BORDERS: Cinnamons yellow cock, 2 yellow hens, bred from hen 2nd Barrow; three buff hens, including the Barrow; cock 20/-, hens 10/-: Robt. Houston, 80, Portland-place, Hamilton. (680)

WINNERS for sale; buff cock, medal Barrow, 50/-; buff cock, special best Border, Clapham, 40/-; grand selection yellows and buffs from 10/-; stamp: George Bennet, Bowmont Villa, Kelso. (679)

CHAMPION Borders; see winnings at Swansea in this issue; yellow and buff hens from 7/6 to 12/6; also yellow and buff green cocks and hens from 10/-: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (675)

BORDERS; wanted any quantity of Border Canaries; will give from 5/- to 7/6 each for cocks; 7/6 to 10/6 pairs; highest prices for good bred birds; send your offers along immediately, we are prepared to pay the highest prices: G. B. Chapman, 25 and 26, High-st., Birmingham. 'Phone, "Central 659"; telegrams, "Parrakeet."

WINNING Borders at South London show, 4 firsts, 4 seconds, 3 spls., and winner of silver cup best bird for 1916; 20 pairs and few odd birds cheap; state wants: Williams, 116, Lee-rd., Blackheath, S.E. (676)

BORDERS, 1916, eight cocks, and ten hens; also three cocks, four hens, 1915, clean, healthy birds, cold room bred; cocks, 9/6, singing; hens, 3/6: F. Leece, Gledholt, 68, Orchard-rd., St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs. (673)

PRIZE-BRED Borders for quick disposal, no time for exhibiting; 10 cocks, 15 hens, all colours, healthy cocks, 7/6 to £1; hens, 3/6 to 15/-, or best offer for lot; approval, deposit: Welsh, Police Station, New Galloway. (679)

BORDERS for sale; see Hartlepool report (Nov.); clear buff cock, c Newcastle, 12/6; clear buff cock, 8/6; clear buff cock, 2nd Blaydon N.F., 7/6; marked buff hen, he Clapham, 7/6; approval: Bolam, Heddon House, Wylam-on-Tyne. (677)

PRIZE Borders: Clear Buff cocks, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 25/-, 20/-, 15/-; Clear Buff hens, 1st, 5th, 6th, 20/-, 10/-, 7/6; Var. Buff cock (even marked), 3rd, 17/6; Var. Yellow hen, 4th, 10/-; Clear Yellow cock, 6th, 12/6; cards as above, Leith O.S. Show, 11th Nov.; approval; cards with birds: J. A. Muir, 224, Eastern-rd., Leith, N.B. (673)

Belgians.

BELGIANS, owing to death of wife, must sell all my stock of birds, 16 in number, of good high shoulder, typical birds, 30 years a breeder; approval, deposit with Editor: Bennett, Little Herton, Sticklepath, Barnstaple. (678)

Cinnamons.

GRAND Cinnamon Norwich cock, 6/- Hodgson, Bagshawe Hill, Bakewell. (675)

THREE buff cinnamons, hens, large, 28/- lot, or would exchange: Hodgetts, Middle Row, Grabella Pit, Newsham.

E. GODLEY has few choice Norwich, single or pairs; also few Cinnamons; approval, stamp reply: 89, Knowles-st., Rishton, nr. Blackburn. (667)

WILL exchange a smooth fox-terrier bitch, prize-winner, for three Cinnamon Yellow Norwich hens and one cock; approval both ways; or offers: Underhill, 51, Manor-st., Port Talbot. (673)

BROWN'S Champion Cinnamons from 10/6; state wants; stamped addressed envelope for reply: 35, Mutley Plain, Plymouth. (662)

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTS and Crested bred of good value; see my list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS adult and young birds, noted strains, moderate prices: Bush, Keynsham. (680)

MRS. MONTAGU SCOTT has a few Crests and Crestbreds for sale: 6, Staple-inn, London, W.C.

JIM TAYLOR can spare few Crests, best blood, same strain as winners; stamp: Robson-st., Shildon. (676)

FEW good Crests and Crestbreds, reasonable, on approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (643)

T. J. KING, 3, Columbia-place, Cheltenham, has a fine lot of Crests, pairs or singly; state wants; inspection invited. (681)

CLEAR body dark Crested cock, 1915, winner in good company; £5; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (679)

CLEAR body dark Crested cock, 35/-; variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; dark Crested hen, 27/6: P. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

SMART, "Ivybank," Carmyle, near Glasgow; 30 typical young Crests, Norwich, and cinnamon Borders; cold-room bred; inspection invited. (686)

NOTICE, grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (635)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold, grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham. (664)

CRESTS and Cresthreds; best blood; can now spare a few pairs and single cocks, from £3 per pair; state price; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (653)

EVINS BROTHERS offer healthy 1916 Crested cocks, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each, top value to clear this week; try one; you will be pleased: 259, High st, Exeter. (681)

THOS. BEWICK, 30, Nursery-lane, Windy Nook, Gateshead, has a few Crest and Crestbred cocks to part with, same strain as his winners at Newcastle, Wallsend, South Shileds. (680)

CREST cock, 1915 Crest bred cock, 1916, King's strain, 45/-; also 1916 variegated buff cock, 17/6; 1915 clear buff cock, 17/6; offer for lot: H. Wilson, 96, Macoma-rd., Plumstead, Kent. (677)

CREST and C.B. of best blood in the north, make grand stock birds; £1 upwards, on approval; a few winning Yorkshire cocks: James Stanger, 59, Grange-terr., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. (675)

NOTICE. Two smart Crestbred hens, 1 clear, 1 variegated, buff Norwich songster, cock, 1916 birds; P.O. for 21/- receives the lot; others for sale: Bracher, Fore-st., Buckfastleigh, Devon. (674)

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, offers massive dark Crested hen, £10; large grey crested hen, £3; green crest bred cock, £3; also few well matched pairs at reasonable prices.

MASSIVE variegated Crested cock, 1915, cheap, 15/-; Green Crested 1915 cock, 10/6; 1914 hen, dark crest and wing, 10/-; grand lightly variegated double Crested cock, 1914, 55/-; big bodied cock, dark crest, wings and tail, 1916, 10/6; good 1916 double Crested cock, dark crest, wing and tail, 15/6: buffs; approval: William Stevens, 9, Colvile-st., Derby.

Onslow, Ingleby, Bournemouth. (664)

CHAMPION Crest blood, chance for good stuff, young Crested green cock, 60/-; another marked, 45/-; another Grizzle, nearly clear, 55/-; another 50/-; two young Crestbred cocks, clear, one nearly clear, good heads, 50/- and 45/-; beauties; others, prices on application; approval, stamp: Edwards Tailor, Leominster (666)

Greens

NORWICH Greens, Yellows, and Buffs, from 10/- each; approval: Jenkins, 52, Church-st., Widnes.

YORKSHIRES and Borders, Greens 14/- and 12/- per pair; stamp: S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd., Widnes. (680)

NORWICH, bronze and cinnamon greens, large healthy typical, for colour producing; large 1915 buff cock, 22/6; 1916 yellow cinnamon green cock, 20/-; 1916 broken cinnamon cock, 15/-; some unflighted cinnamon green hens, ideal for mating, 7/6, 8/6; cold-room bred; stamp; approval: Robinson, 232, Bamford Lane, Ipswich. (679)

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens; state requirements, with stamped envelope: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

Lancashires.

BARRASS' strain, cocks, yell. and buff Coppies and Plainhead hens, all birds bred by the late Mr. Barrass and related to his best birds; 30 year old strain, prices reasonable: Blincoe, 179, Drake-st., Rochdale. (680)

Lizards.

NICE Lizard 1916 cocks, 6/- and 7/6 each; hens from 3/-: Hodgson, Bagshawe Hill, Bakewell. (675)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

F. J. LACCOHEE, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich; reliable birds from 10/6; approval: 92, St. George's-st., Norwich. (593)

J. C. BARNES, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high class Norwich, well-known strain, winner of numerous challenge cups, trophies, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

W. G. FELLOWS, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of over three hundred prizes, challenge cups, etc.; reliable birds from £1 to £5 per pair; enquiries, stamp reply; all birds on approval: 44, Hill-lane, Southampton. (629)

J. HODDER, Breeder of high class Norwich, winner of championships. Few nice pairs, also buff cocks and hens, reasonable; no odd yellows; approval, stamp; seen by appointment: 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, London.

N. LESSE, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Norwich, winners at Palace, Manchester, Burton, and all the leading shows, winner of cage bird diploma, L.C.B.A. diploma, also silver cups, gold medals, etc.; few cocks from 10/6 upwards; on approval: 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

EDWARD FOX, Breeder and Exhibitor high-class Norwich, winner Crystal Palace and all leading shows; good birds for sale from 10/-, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (671)

NORWICH buff and yellow cocks from 10/-: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (680)

CLINKING buff Norwich cock, club winner, 25/6; bot fed: Morris, Fancier, Ryde. (176)

NORWICH cock Canaries, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (655)

THREE typical hens, variegated and buff, 12/6, 5/- each: Murray, Burnside, Dingwall. (674)

GIVING up, good Norwich from 15/- pair, approval: E. Butcher, 41, Eastover, Bridgwater. (672)

GRAND singing Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6: Standard Aviaries, Newton Heath, Manchester.

GOOD typical Norwich, reasonable, satisfaction guaranteed: Black, 3, Westbourne Terrace, Hove, Sus ex. (665)

TWO buff marked Norwich hens, 12/-, or will exchange: Hodgetts, Middle Row, Isabella Pit, Newsham. (678)

FIVE pairs Norwich at 12/6 pair, 2 pairs at 15/-, 4 odd hens at 10/-: James McQueen, 21, Bog-lane, Arbroath (681)

PAIR big Norwich, 15/-; two green marked hens, 5/6 each; cash, approval: L Broad, Bittaford, Ivybridge, Devon. (673)

PRIZE-BRED Clear and Variegated Buff cocks, Clear Yellow hens, large birds: Elrick, 58, School-st., Fraserburgh. (672)

TWO unflighted buff hens, short flights and tail, thick-set; to clear 6/- each, cash: Batten, Rosenean-rd., Penzance. (681)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (628)

FEW exceptionally good birds to dispose of; come and inspect them; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (682)

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks from 7s. 6d., hens 4s. upwards; seen any time: J. F. Mitchell, 724, Oldham-rd., Failsworth, Manchester.

GRAND clear yellow cock, unflighted, colour-fed, good size, splendid carriage, 20/-; bargain: Watson, 33, Fearon-st., Loughborough. (678)

GOOD typical Norwich, winners, cocks from 20/- to 30/-, hens from 10/-; seen any time: Carr, 59, Black Lion-lane, Hammersmith. (674)

ONE 1915 typical well-bred yellow hen, 10/-; two variegated 1915 yellow hens, 6/6 each; 21/- lot: Walsh, 38, Lydia-st., Accrington. (680)

NORWICH; will give £1 for large unflighted clear typical buff cock with good head; deposit Editor: Livingston, Langside-rd., Bothwell. (676)

T. SMITH, 5, King-st., Ilkeston, can spare a few grand unflighted Norwich yellows and buffs, cocks or hens; can be seen at any time. (673)

SIX Norwich Canaries, 1916; four variegated, two yellow, first P.O. for £1 gets the lot, a bargain: Misseldine, 75, Hollis-rd., Coventry. (672)

LADY, living alone, would board a few birds; guaranteed every care: Miss Campbell-Taylor, 211, Camberwell Road, Camberwell, London. (675)

THREE high-class Norwich cocks, Yellow Greens, for sale; 2 high-class Yorkshires, Buff, for sale: Apply Jones, 64, Brook-st., Kennington-rd. (674)

YELLOW hen, 8/-, good colour, would change for good buff; 4 buff hens 5/- each, 18/- the 4, from good stock: Jennings, Newbold Inn, Leamington. (679)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, three pairs, 17/6, 21/-, 25/- pair; few yellow and buff cocks, 6/6 to 10/6; approval: Ward, 104, Collingdon-st., Luton, Beds. (677)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, breeder 35 years, best blood; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham.

TWO large typical 1916 yellow cocks, 25/- each; two grand buff hens, 7s. 6d. each; from grand stock, cash or deposit: Harpham, Printer, Spilsby, Lincs.

F. BENNETT has a few good Norwich for sale, own breeding, cocks from 12/6, hens 7/6; approval, cash, or deposit; stamp: 34, Bersham-rd., Wrexham.

GOOD Norwich for sale, pairs, 16/-; two yellow cocks, 10/- each: hens, 6/- and 10/-; none better at price: Blythe Park Avenue, Mansfield, Woodhouse, Notts. (675)

LARGE clear yellow cock, £1; large clear buff cock, 15/-; 1916 variegated buff cock, 15/-; 2 yellow hens, 7/6 each; 1 buff hen, 5/-: Taylor, 105, Parliament-st., Burnley. (673)

THREE yellow cocks, 2 buff cocks, 2 hens, buff and yellow; no old birds, mostly unflighted, colour-fed; what offers the lot: Watson, 6, Kirkgate, Burnley. (676)

NORWICH, 16 entries, 5 shows, only two birds without cards; several same blood for disposal from 10/-; approval, deposit: Garbutt, 25, Regent-rd., Stockport. (677)

TWO buff cocks, one clear, other cap marked, 20/- and 25/-; also a few unflighted buff hens, cheap to clear: Edward Holliday, 51, Bolton Drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow. (679)

LARGE unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, red hot colour, good quality, can win, 25/6; also buff cock, 20/-; offers songsters invited: Priest, 45, Goldsworth-rd, Woking. (674)

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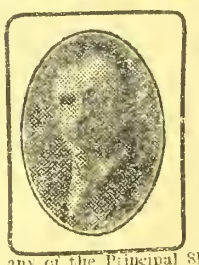
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Good classification. Will fanciers please note alteration of date, and give us a good entry to help us to keep the Fancy going in this district. Thanking you for past support. Schedules may be had from Sec., J. Turner, 62, Derby Road, Draycott, near Derby.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

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C.B.S. ANNUAL SHOW,

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th & 7th.

JUDGES: J. H. ROE, Esq., and H. NORMAN, Esq.
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DECEMBER 2nd & 4th.

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157.—Yellow Cock.
158.—Buff Cock.
159.—Hen.
160.—Bred 1916.
161.—Novice (exhibitors who have never won a 1st in open competiton).
162.—Natural Colour.
163.—Selling, 21/-.

YORKSHIRES.

164.—Yellow Cock.
165.—Buff Cock.
166.—Yellow Hen.
167.—Buff Hen.
168.—Bred 1916, must be bred by exhibitor; "Bristol Bowl" class; £10 10/-. Challenge Bowl open to all.
169.—Novice Cock.
170.—Novice Hen.
171.—Natural Colour.
172.—Selling, 21/-.
173.—Border Fancy, Yellow.
174.—Border Fancy, Buff.
175.—Canary, A.O.V.
176.—Mule.
177.—Hybrid (Brit. birds, including Canary-Bullie).
178.—Goldfinch, Brit.
179.—Bullfinch, Brit.
180.—Linnet.
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DEC. 16. 3 classes Yorks., 2 Nor., 2 Border, 6 British. Judge, W. J. Harry, Esq.—Thomas J. Davies, Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly.

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEY

C.B. Society

2nd ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

Held at LLWYNCELYN HOTEL, on

Thursday, Dec. 14th 1916.

London Judges: Canaries, J. Robson, Esq.; British S. J. Nicholls, Esq., Swansea.
Schedules from—Sec., JOHN CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth, Glam., S.W.
ENTRIES CLOSE DEC. 10.

IPSWICH

Eastern Counties Cage Bird Society. RED CROSS SHOW, on Saturday, DEC. 9, 1916, at the Art Gallery, High Street, Ipswich. Six open classes for Norwich Plainheads. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Entries close Dec. 3 positively. Judge, John Robson, Esq., London. Schedules from—W. Barritt, Hon. Sec., 47, York Road, Ipswich.

BURNLEY

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ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29, 1916.
All entries to—James Rushton, 204, Howard St., Burnley. (673)

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C.B.A. (under N.P.C. and B.F.C.C. patronage) 2nd Annual Open Show, in aid of Red Cross Funds.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

15th and 16th December.

71 CLASSES. POPULAR JUDGES.

ENTRIES CLOSE LAST POST, MONDAY, DEC. 11.
Schedules from—Thos. J. McGregor, Sec., 48, Sarahville Crescent, Larkhall.

SHETTLESTON

and Dis. C.B.S. 9th Annual Show, DEC. 9, in Hill Street Hall, Shettleston. Doors open 2 p.m. Admission 4d.—S. F. Wood, Sec., 4, Tollcross Road, Parkhead, Glasgow.

Club Reports.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Mr. Jones, chair. Mr. Tow gave a washing exhibition, and went through the ordeal in fine style, but unfortunately the bird was not dry when it left the room, so not seen at its best. The attendance was a good one, and items of interest were discussed. Mr. Malpass elected a member. Next meeting, election of officials and final table show.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting Nov. 9, Red Lion, York Street, St. James, Mr. Robson in chair, and a good attendance. After general business, birds were staged for table show, a splendid entry facing the judge, Mr. Robson. Previous to judge placing the awards a judging competition was held, which proved the keen interest taken by the members, as only one point divided the winner from the runner-up, Mr. P. Johnston. Special, best bird, was won by Mr. Watcham, with a lovely Crest; 2, Johnston, a charming Yorks.; 3, Underhay, Norwich. Vote of thanks to the judge, and members for the grand total of entries ended a very instructive evening.—A. Wallington.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Nov. 14, Cock and Lion Hotel, 69, Wigmore Street; chairman, Mr. F. E. Fisher. After minutes had been read, the birds, of which there were a goodly number, were opened, their song being ably commented upon as usual by the chairman. We had a good exhibition of tours from some young Glucke songsters, and also a little Roller in one or two Glucke roll birds. It is not easy yet to discover this tour, it being so little known and birds are very shy with it. Two fine well-known specimens of hollow roll were also brought, which were a delight to us all, and a surprise to those new to the Roller song. Several fresh visitors came in, and as the large room was placed at our disposal, everyone, including the birds, felt more at ease. Sec. reported the addition of five more members. At the next meeting birds will again be shown, and the usual welcome is proffered to all interested.—Hy. W. Gutierrez, Reporter.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

CHARITY SHOW TO BE HELD.

We have again been invited to organise a show in conjunction with the Mayor's Charities Winter Garden on Nov. 30, an effort to provide funds for the North Staffs. Infirmary.

The show is open to a radius of 10 miles and I make an appeal to all fanciers within the radius to support it. At the present time all eyes are on societies and organisations of all sorts to see whether they justify their existence. The show is in aid of the North Staffs Infirmary, which is in great need, and to make it a success it is necessary for everyone to make as many entries as possible and to advertise the show in all possible ways. I trust that fanciers will rally up and show that we are not only doing our bit as far as North Staffs is concerned, but we are prepared to keep

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Very interesting meeting, headquarters, Nov. 6; Mr. P. Rorke, chair. Letters were read from Messrs. Hobden, Francis, Runchman, Coombs and Marriott. Mr. G. Oswin was elected a member, and Mr. G. Montague nominated Decided to hold annual show in January, and Sec. announced that he had received, or had promised, specials from Rev. H. A. Soames, Messrs. Francis, J. A. Oswin, and Faulkner and Co. The compiling of the schedule was left to the Committee, to be submitted to the December meeting for approval. The event of the evening was a table show and judging competition, final judge Mr. P. Rorke. A splendid class of Norwich faced the judge, who found some difficulty in separating the seventeen birds, for there was not a bad bird among them, the judge saying that it was the finest class of Norwich he had seen at Wimbledon. British, too, were an extremely level lot, thirteen birds being staged, and altogether the first table show of the season was a pronounced success. Nor.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Jay; 2, Nash; 3, Birch; c, Randall. Brit.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Farley; c, Collins. Members gaining points in the judging competition were: Nash 15, Collins 14, Jay 11, Farley 9, Birch and Oswin 6 each, Randall 2. Table show next meeting, for Yorks, Bord. and Hyb. Entry fee 3d. per cage, with special to each section. Messrs. Rorke and Birch kindly offered to supply the special in the Mule class. A vote of thanks to Mr. Rorke for filling the chair closed the meeting.—G. Griffiths, Hon. Sec.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show, Nov. 11; Judge, W. A. Cowgill. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Gledhill; 4, Pownall Bros. vhc, c, Swaine. Buff: 1, vhc, hc, Swaine; 2, Gledhill; 3, Hodgson, junr.; 4, Duckworth. Mkd. Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, c, Hodgson, junr.; 3, Pownall Bros.; 4 Duckworth; hc, Swaine. Yell Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc Hodgson, junr.; 4, Gledhill; c, Swaine. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Gledhill. Green Mkd. Hen.: 1, 2, 3, Duckworth. Cinn. Ck.: 1, 2, Duckworth. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pownall Bros.; 4, Swaine. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, Firth. Buff: 1, 2, Firth Green Mkd. Ck.: 1, Booth. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Firth. Buff: 1, 2, Firth. Mkd. Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Booth; vhc, c, Firth.—L. Hodgson, hon. sec.

Please see notice above.—Editor.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Third members' show for the Unflighted Cup, held at headquarters, Nov. 11; 78 birds were entered, all unflighted, all Yorkshires. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged, and gave general satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Smithies; 2, 3, c, Sykes; vhc, Townend; hc, Cheetham. BUFF (16): 1, Whitehead; 2, Bray; 3, Radley; vhc, Smithies; hc, Thorpe; c, Cheetham. MKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Elliott; vhc, Bray; hc, Radley; c, Gledhill. BUFF (4): 1, G. Bray; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Radley; vhc, Skinn. YELL. HEN (18): 1, spl. best bird in show, G. Bray; 2, Skinn; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Radley; hc, A. Radley; c, Whitehead. BUFF (9): 1, C. Bray; 2, Radley; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Sykes; c, A. Radley. CINN. MKD. CK. (2): 1, Wood; 2, Elliott. HEN (5): 1, Sykes; 2, A. Radley; 3, Smithies; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Wood.—A. Lawford, sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

Members' show, Nov. 11. Mr. T. Bennett judged 70 birds staged. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Warburton; 2, Firth; 3, Oldfield; 4, Widdop; vhc, Sharp and Son; hc, Oliver. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Oldfield; 2, 3, vhc, Firth; hc, Sharp and Son; c, Warburton. EVEN, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Bartle; 2, 3, c, Firth; 4, vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Warburton. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, Firth; 2, Warburton; vhc, Bartle, c, Sharp and Son. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. HEN (5): 1, 3, Ackroyd; 2, Oldfield; 4, Widdop; vhc, Warburton. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Firth; 2, 4, Ackroyd; 3, c, Oliver; vhc, Warburton. UNFLIG. CK. (13): 1, 2, 3, Firth; 4, hc, c, Widdop; vhc, Ackroyd. HEN: 1, 4, Firth; 2, vhc, Oldfield; 3, Warburton; hc, Bartle; c, Ackroyd. Most points: Firth 28, Oldfield 21, Warburton 20, Ackroyd 18, Bartle 12, Widdop 11. Points to date for Cup and year's specials: Ackroyd 58, Widdop 56, Firth 55, Warburton 54, Bartle 40, Oldfield 40, Oliver 18, Sharp and Son 17.—A. Firth, sec. Please see notice above.—Ed.

BOLTON C.B.S.

Annual old bird show, Church Inn, Folds Rd., Nov. 18; close on 70 birds staged, amongst them being some that had won in champion competition. The show was well patronised by visitors. Mr. Wilkinson, Newton Heath, judged, and gave satisfaction. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Ralphs; vhc, hc, Barlow; c, Jones. Buff 1, c, Brooks; 2, Morris; 3, Barlow; vhc, Spibey; hc, Ralphs. Yorks. Yell. Hens: 1, Ralphs; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Brooks; c, Spibey. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Brooks; vhc, Spibey; hc, Morris; c, Taylor. Unflig.: 1, vhc, c, Brooks; 2, Spibey; 3, Morris; hc, Ralphs. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Davies; 2, Hales. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Davies; 2, Margerson. Buff Hens: 1, 3, Hales; 2, hc, Margerson; vhc, c, Davies Unflig.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Davies; 3, Margerson; c, Hales. Brit.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Jones. Sell.: 1, Margerson; 2, 3, Davies; vhc, Morris. Special best yell. Yorks., Brooks; buff, Brooks; yell. Nor., Davies; buff, Hales; unflig., Davies; vbc, Davies; vhc Yorks., Spibey. Pts. specials, Brooks 44, Spibey 22, Margerson 15, Ralphs 14.—J. Brooks, Hon. Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Members' show, Victoria Hall, Nov. 11. Owing to many of the members being called to the colours, the entry was poor, only 35 birds being staged. Chief interest was in the Challenge Bowl classes, Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Elliott each having won it twice, one would become the winner outright. After equal points in Yell. and Buff classes, both classes were put together and re-judged, and the Bowl became the property of Mr. Elliott by the narrow margin of 4 points. Mr. Hulse, Leicester, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

Bowl: 1, 2, vhc, Elliott; 3, 4, hc, c, Hathaway. Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, Hathaway; 3, Wood. Buff: 1, Elliott. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hathaway; 2, Wood. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Hathaway; vhc Wood. Green: 1, 2, Hathaway; 3, Lee. Hens, Yell.: 1, 2, Hathaway; 3, Elliott; vhc, Lee; hc, Ford. Buff: 1, vhc, Wood; 2, Ford; 3, Lee. Unflig. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Hathaway; vhc, Lee. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Elliott; 3, Hathaway. Unflig.: 1, 3, Elliott; 2, Hathaway; vhc, Wood. Nat. Col.: Hathaway.—A. Wood, hon. sec.

QUEEN'S PK. (London) DIS. C.B.A.

Twelfth annual show, headquarters, Emanuel Hall. Mr. J. Robson judged and gave every faction. An entry of 111 birds was very good, considering the number of members away serving the colours. Mr. F. W. Ayres won the special best bird (Yorks.), Mr. R. J. Burt best unflig. Nor., and Mr. W. G. Sanders best unflig. Yorks. Mr. W. Clark best Brit. Ch. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Butterfield; 2, 3, Burt. Buff: 1, 2, Burt; 3, Butterfield. Unflig.: 1, Burt; 2, 3, Butterfield. Hen: 1, Bonniwell; 2, 3, Burt. Nov. Nor. Buff Ck.: 1, Wise; 2, Bates. Unflig.: 1, Wise; 2, Bates. Hen: 1, Bates. Ch. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Sanders; 2, Ayres; 3, Lloyd. Buff: 1, Ayres; 2, Sanders; 3, Bonniwell. Unflig.: 1, Sanders; 2, Ayres; 3, Bonniwell. Hen: 1, Ayres; 2, Lloyd; 3, Sanders. Amat. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Hannaford; 2, Birch. Buff Ck.: 1, Hannaford; 2, Birch. Unflig.: 1, Hannaford; 2, Birch. Hen: 1, Hannaford; 2, 3, Birch. Nov. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Eadie; 2, Thornton; 3, Perrett. Buff Ck.: 1, Eadie; 2, Perrett; 3, Hunt. Unflig.: 1, Eadie; 2, Perrett; 3, Mrs. Lingwood. Hen: 1, 2, Perrett; 3, Eadie. Goldf.: 1, 2, Clark. Greenf.: 1, Clark. Chaffinch: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Burcombe. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, Clark.—W. R. Beasant, hon. sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. B. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.H.
Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. Bastock, 75, Springfield Rd., Moseley, Birmingham). H.N., J.H.R.
Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.
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Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Nov. 25.—**Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn** combined.—(D. Aitken, 16, King St., Redding, Muirhead, nr. Falkirk.)
Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton). A.A., W.G., T.R., W.S.C., W.P.C., A.C.
Dec. 15-16.—**Larkhall C.B.A.**—(T. McGregor, 48, Sarahville Crescent.)
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)
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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Nov. 29-30.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.)
Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.** (J. M. Shelby James, 38, Trevor St.) J.H.P., E.J.D.
Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.)
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Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Rushton writes that Mr. R. Braybrook, Sheffield, will judge the open show of the Burnley O.S., Dec. 2.

Mr. J. H. Elliot, sec. Beamish and Dist. C.B.S., writes that he has removed from 3, Jubilee Terrace, Edmondsley, to Stabel House, West Pelton, Beamish S.O.

Mr. A. Wellings has been appointed to judge Leigh show to-day, Saturday; the show closes at 9 p.m. Sunday, and no birds may be moved before that time, writes Mr. R. Charleson, Sec.

The new price list of the Volunteer Wire Works, Cornhill Passage, Longton, is to hand. There seems to be included every kind of appliance needed for the bird-keeper; cages of all sorts, drinkers, food vessels, baths, nest-pans, sprayers, and a hundred and one other things. Bird-keepers should write for a copy.

I wish to thank all exhibitors who exhibited at our open show, writes Mr. G. Broome, sec. Blaenavon C.B.S. The show was a success in every way, and we expect to hand over a good sum to the Red Cross. I have received a number of letters of thanks for the way the birds were packed for return journey, which I cannot answer personally, so I hope the writers will take this as a reply.

Hurry Up with Cardiff Entries.

Will you allow me, through Cage Birds to appeal to all intending exhibitors at the Cardiff Show, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Sec., 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff, to let me have their entries not later than first post Sunday, Nov. 26, as owing to shortage of labour our printer will not accept any copy for the catalogue later than first post on Monday, Nov. 27.

Fanciers Meet at the Front.

Two of my sons, writes Mr. A. Parvin, Selby, are "doing their bit" at the front, and I send Cage Birds to them, for they are both fanciers. One of them writes that he has met in France the son of another old fancier, Mr. Vardy, of Nottingham. It is strange how the birdy men meet one another anywhere. I have been a reader of Cage Birds for many years, and I wish it every good wish.

Proposed Roller Club for Hull.

Anyone interested in the formation of a Roller Club for Hull please communicate with me, writes Mr. A. Baggaley, 18, Somerset St., Hessle Rd., Hull.

"Tempus Fugit."

At Halifax, on Friday, Nov. 17, Mr. C. A. House was celebrating the twenty-ninth anniversary of his first appearance as an All-England judge, he having filled that role at Ryde on November 17, 1887. Time has dealt gently with him; our Idle (?) friend wears well.

A Fine Opportunity for Novice Exhibitors.

Novices are well catered for at the show of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. on Dec. 6 and 7. There are five novice classes for Norwich, five for Yorks., one Crest, one A.O.V. Canary, and one British Hardbill, 13 classes out of a total of 57, so that nearly a quarter of the classes are specially allotted to the novices.

A Song-Thrush and Blackbird Hybrid.

A Scottish Breeder Comes Into His Own.

READERS will remember last year's claim of Mr. T. H. Anderson, of Darvel, to have bred and reared Hybrids between a Song-Thrush and a Blackbird. Unfortunately, the young birds, being, as has subsequently been ascertained, all hens, were not sufficiently dark in plumage to establish beyond doubt their double parentage, and controversy as to their bonafides occupied a considerable amount of our space.

One of the young birds of 1915 was sent to our offices for examination, and the experts to whom it was submitted, being influenced possibly by the transparent sincerity of the evidence offered by the breeder, agreed that it was the produce of a cross between a Song-Thrush and a Blackbird.

Some of our best judges of British birds and Hybrids, however, before whom the birds appeared on the show bench, declined to accept them as Hybrids, and we are free to admit that the birds showed so little of the Blackbird in their character that the judges were perfectly justified in passing them. They had to judge the birds as they appeared before them, and they were certainly not *good* Hybrids; that is, they did not show plainly their double parentage.

This year Mr. Anderson again claimed to have bred Hybrids from the same cross, four in one nest which all died, and three in another which have all been reared.

In a letter to the hon. sec. of the National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. Anderson, as a member of the club, claimed permission to send one of the 1916 birds for inspection by the committee. His request was, of course, granted, and at a well attended special meeting, held Nov. 16, the bird was up for judgment. Mr. J. Robson was in the chair.

After it had been inspected it was moved by our Mr. Fulljames, and seconded by the well-known British bird enthusiast, Mr. W. A. Lott, "That, without reference to the previously alleged Song-Thrush Blackbird Hybrids, the committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club agree that the specimen sent for their inspection is, in their opinion, a genuine Song-Thrush Blackbird Hybrid." This was put to the meeting and carried nem. con., Mr. Robson, as chairman, concurring with the verdict.

So ends an incident which at one time seemed very likely to be left without a satisfactory decision, and we congratulate Mr. Anderson not only on his success in breeding the Hybrids in question but on his plucky perseverance in proving himself in the right in making his claim. Our pleasure in doing this is not lessened by the fact that Mr. Anderson has justified our action of awarding him last year a silver medal for accomplishing that which was doubted by many judges for whose opinion we have the greatest respect.

The bird sent to London for examination is marked like a Thrush on the breast, but shows indubitable evidence of its Blackbird parentage. Its back is blackish brown, it has the shape of a Blackbird, and its feet ("legs") are dark. It is probably a cock, and if this is so it may be expected to show more of the Blackbird cross with an adult moult, for everyone knows that even cock Blackbirds are brown in general colour until they become adult.

Besides winning Cage Birds silver medal, Mr. Anderson now becomes entitled to compete for the gold medal offered each year by the National British Bird and Mule Club for the member exhibiting the rarest Hybrid.

Late Summer Migrants.

A Redstart is reported from Kerridge, Cheshire, on Nov. 6, and two Swallows at Grange-over-Sands Nov. 14.

Encouragement for Lady Exhibitors of Borders.

Mrs. S. Wyman, of London, is giving a 5s. cash special for the best Border Fancy Canary exhibited by a lady at the Cardiff show, writes Mr. E. T. Thomas, Sec.

Prize Money Paid.

Mr. J. J. Dunn, Sec., Halifax O.S., writes that prize money won at the open show has been paid. Anyone not having received payment should write the secretary accordingly. All birds were dispatched to exhibitors' instructions, and every bird to go by rail was dispatched by 6.45 p.m., so as to get home the same night.

To Soldier Fanciers in Coventry.

If there are any fanciers amongst the great number of military now in Coventry, writes Mr. A. Wright, Hon. Sec., Coventry Iodiva C.B.S., our members will be pleased to make their stay here as pleasant as possible, and as we are holding a members' show, Nov. 25, the date of this week's Cage Birds, at Dun Cow Inn, Jordan Well, we trust they will come and make themselves known.

SPECIAL SHOW NUMBER NEXT WEEK.

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Although we have for some weeks given more than three pages to show reports, we have been unable to find room for the great number in hand. Next week, therefore, we shall have a special show issue with extra pages, without any increase in the price of our paper. We hope in this way to be able to publish the many reports now in hand.

Aberdare Charity Show.

Will fanciers please note my change of address to 38, Trevor Street, Aberdare, writes Mr. J. M. Shelby James, sec. Aberdare C.B.S. The headquarters of the Society has also been changed to Dando's Restaurant, Duke Street. The work of the Society is coming on apace. The show affairs are in excellent order, and the Committee hope to make a good profit in aid of the Aberdare Auxiliary Fund. The Market Hall, where the show will be held, is in an excellent position, well lighted, and free from draught. The judges chosen are second to none, and we have a valuable cup to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, also numerous other specials. I hope fanciers will kindly help us in this great effort to assist local charity. Schedules, etc., can be obtained by return on application.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Rochester St. Sunday Schools, Dec. 9. Judges: F. W. Laidlow, T. Almond, D. Hamilton, C. Waters. 53 open cl.: Nor. 8 (2 Nov.), Crests 4, Yorks. 8 (2 Nov.), Scotch Fancy 2, Bord. 10 (2 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 12 (1 Nov.). For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4, to W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Crown Hotel, Hill St., Dec. 6, 7. Judges: J. H. Roe, H. Norman. 57 Cl.: Nor. 14 (5 Nov.), Yorks. 13 (5 Nov.), Crests 5, Cinn 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 2 (1 Nov.), Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 12 (1 Nov.), For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 2, to J. Bastock, 75, Springfield Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

A Champion Chough at Glasgow

Mr. McQuiston's celebrated old Cornish Chough scored at Glasgow show his hundred and twentieth win. A wonderful record.

The Necessity of Registering Valuable Letters.

The reason my name did not appear in the catalogue at Coventry show against my winning unflighted yellow hen, writes Mr. J. Bastock, was that the letter enclosing my entries, had been stolen in transit, the fees taken out, and the letter posted again. It reached the secretary on the show day.

A Yorkshire Canary Union in Canada.

We are informed by Mr. Wallace C. Jones, Toronto, that the Yorkshire Canary breeders of Toronto, at a meeting on October 25, organised a Yorkshire Union to be known as "The Yorkshire Canary Union of Canada." The following officers were elected:—Wallace C. Jones, pres.; Mr. R. Steele, vice-pres.; Mr. T. Pearson, sec.; Mr. W. J. Given, treas. The ambition of this union, says Mr. Jones, is to encourage and make interesting the breeding of Yorkshire Canaries, and some interesting subjects will be discussed in the near future.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Miners Hall, Ashington, 7. Paying prize money.—C. F. Tapson.

Beamish C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Bird Inn, 6.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, and other business. New members invited.—J. H. Elliot.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S. — Nov. 25, Social Club, 7. Arrange for annual show, Dec. 2.—T. Sanderson.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 29, Park Chapel Schoolrooms. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury). Birds staged 7.15. Entries Tuesday, 28th, 8 to 9.—J. Spencer.

Chorley C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Final arrangement for show.—R. Hatch.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 25. Flying Dutchman 2.30. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—W. Helliwell.

East Ham C.B.S.—Nov. 25, East Ham Central Liberal and Radical Club (opposite Town Hall), 4. Annual show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—F. Onslow.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 2. Annual Show. Particulars as to specials must be in hand by Nov. 27, to be included in the catalogue. Remember the Gift Class in schedule.—W. A. Harwood.

East Ardsley.—Nov. 25, Black Swan, 7. General business.—A. Walton.

Glasgow and W. Counties Club.—Dec. 2, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Washing competition for prizes presented by Messrs. Anderson, Findlay, Pettigrew and Adam.—J. H. Adam.

Gateshead C.B.S.—The meeting Nov. 25 will start at 6.30 owing to the 9 o'clock closing.—W. Curry.

Glasgow and W. of Scotland.—Nov. 28, 100, Regent Street, 8. Paying Specials, and other important business.—W. Craig.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 27, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Monthly Table Show. Birds staged 7.30; 4 classes Old Birds, 4 Unflig., 2 Cinn. Mkd. Judge, Mr. A. Radley, Skelmanthorpe.—A. Lawford.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 25. Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Entries for annual show, and other important business.—G. Vipond.

Halifax C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Open show business; important.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Nov. 28, Brig Cafe, 8. Entries for show Dec. 2. Judge, J. H. Chittenden.—A. E. Ismay.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paying prize-money for Old Show; ticket money to be brought in.—R. Charleson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 25, Bradford Moor Council Schools. Annual open show. Judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill).—L. Hodgson, jun.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 25, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Special open show meeting; subs. sheets returned.—T. J. McGregor.

Llanelly C.B.C.—Dec. 2, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Further arrangements for open show and framing schedule. Last meeting for admission of pew members.—H. Webster.

New Kyo Constitutional C.B.S.—Nov. 26, New Kyo Club, 10.30 a.m. Business most important; time drawn near for show.—J. W. Christon.

Newcastle E.E.C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Blue Bell Inn, Shield Road, 7.30. Usual business.—W. Coltman.

St. James the Less F.A.—Nov. 25, Large Hall, Sewardstone Road, Cambridge Heath, 3 to 9.30. Annual show on behalf of the Red Cross Society. Judges, F. Briggs, P. Harrower, G. Gardner, T. G. Bransford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Brotherhood Rooms, Members' show; judge, L. C. Casey, Bradford; birds staged 2.30.—S. Grayshon.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Nov. 28, 44, Napiershall Street, 8. Paying out spl. won at annual show; unsold tickets to be returned at this meeting.—P. Houston.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Concerning show.—G. Mills.

Oxhill Central C.B.F. and F.S. — Nov. 26, Club's Hall, 10.30. Arrangements for show.—Wm. J. Platten.

Partick C.B.C.—Nov. 1, Forester's Hall, Dumbarton Road, 8. "Squaring up"; monies and unsold tickets to be returned not later than Nov. 29.—Wm. Fleming.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Important. Ticket money to be handed in. Distribution of prize cards, etc.—J. W. Jackson.

S.E. London F. and F.A.—Nov. 27, headquarters, 8. Closing of entries for annual show. Judge, Mr. Shakespeare.—C. H. Coppendale.

Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Club Room, 5. Paying of prize money.—R. Hutchinson.

Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Club Hall, 6. Taking entries for members' show, Dec. 2, 3. Other show business.—R. Hutchinson.

Stanley District F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Victoria Hall, 7. Confirming schedule and electing judges for members' show. Dec. 30.—R. Hutchinson.

Swansea C.B.A.—Dec. 2, Elysium, High Street, 8. Members kindly bring in ticket money so that accounts can be squared up.—J. H. Ford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Nov. 27, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Winter Garden show.—J. Glover.

Sacriston F. and F.S.—Nov. 25, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Sacriston, 6. Re Members' show.—Wm. Dodd.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A. — Nov. 28, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Prize money and specials from last show.—W. Stafford.

Wombwell C.B.A.—Dec. 2, Ship Inn, 7. Arrange annual show and classes.—F. Moore.

Warrington C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Final arrangements for show.—H. Warburton.

West London F.A.—Dec. 7, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, 8. General business and balance sheet of annual show.—J. Dewhurst.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In Ardwick report, 3rd in Amateur Nor. Yell. Ck. should read Parvin, not Parrin. Also 3rd in Buff Cocks; and at Sheffield, in Amateur Nor. Yell. Hen, vhc, Parkin should read vhc, Parvin.

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THE TRAINING OF THE ROLLER CANARY.

By H. W. GUTIERREZ, Seven Kings.

A London Expert in Roller Canary Keeping and Training Supplements the Article by Mr G. Smith, Wigan, in our Issue of Nov. 4.

CONSIDERING the amount of interesting matter that appears in CAGE BIRDS from time to time in regard to the British Roller, and especially that which has been published during the past twelve months, Roller fanciers have real cause for congratulation in respect of the enlightenment and encouragement they receive.

As regards the trading side of the question, the reprint published Oct. 28, page 657, from the article in the London "Star," is a very fair and concise statement of the position. That the British breeder of Canaries breeds almost exclusively for show purposes is true; it is the same in everything else, and certainly in the matter of every species of Canary; he breeds for excellency.

A Blessing in Disguise.

At this critical juncture this drawback (?) stands us in good stead, for the fact that the British bred Roller is a pedigree bird, bred for excellency, gives us an advantage over the Continental rubbish. If the English and Americans will buy this latter stuff, it is, first of all, because there is no other to be got, for the public *will* have a songster, and, secondly, because the vast majority don't know what high class song really is.

So far as my own experience in London is concerned I sincerely assert that of all the friends, visitors, and casual callers that have entered my house, fanciers apart, only one, a lady, was already acquainted with the song of a high-class Roller, her husband having brought one home from Germany many years ago. It died in due course, and I shall not forget her delight at once more hearing the old familiar tours which she had never heard since she lost her pet some years ago.

Here, therefore, I join hands with the Editor, so far as Rollers are concerned, in his advice to sell our birds, for the present at least, preferably for "home consumption," and I would say give the preference to the buyer who wants to breed with the bird; sell him or her one or two of your hens cheaply on a promise to do so. Keep out the imported stuff, don't breed with it, keep up the standard, and start with the British bred pedigree bird of good quality and training. As has often been said, it costs no more to breed and keep a high-class bird than a "dud."

Having the able article of Mr. G. Smith, of Wigan, in CAGE BIRDS, of Nov. 4, before me, I should like to make a few comments on training. I don't think it possible to improve on his hints generally. I would like, however, to make a few remarks on the question of boxes, that is to say, the box in which the song cage is placed, and shutter cages.

I never use either, except in special circumstances. I use the song box when I have to keep a bird in a living room for the sake of tidiness, or if I have a very offending songster, or a sick bird that needs coddling, and I use the shutter cage (the official show cage) only for those birds who are in training for the shows, three weeks before the show date.

Better than Shutter Cages.

For general training I find the rack system far more convenient, wholesome, and humane. If you have your birds always in boxes, they never get proper, healthy, happy exercise; their existence is not a natural one, and you get delicate strains. By the rack system, I mean the following or some similar arrangement.

The birds in their open wire cages are placed on racks, in tiers one above the other, on iron rods resting in slots fixed to uprights, bookshelf fashion, for which wall recesses are very adaptable, as there are no end draughts. The tiers are pretty close, distance one inch between upper and lower cage, less if possible.

The cages are separated by strips of dark stout cardboard, thin wood, or metal; the latter I have found the best, having previously dulled the surface with emery paper. The strips must reach well to the top of each cage, and they must come out flush with the outside of the feeding vessels, otherwise your birds will be stretching out their necks to say "how-d'you-do" to their pals.

Before the rack I have two dark green curtains for regulating the light, hung from two bamboo rods on rings. Brown paper sheets are laid on the racks, the paper coming about two inches over in front and hanging down the depth of the cages at the back, but I do not think the paper is absolutely necessary, and perhaps it may harbour the mite; anyhow, it is brushed every week and I find none. It helps to keep the birds free from up-draughts, and is warm.

With this system you have several advantages; you save space, you have no boxes to clean out, and the shutter cage is a wicked thing to clean, no red mite is harboured, the birds are closer together, and yet more air circulates by reason of the looseness of the divisions and the open space along the tops of the cages.

In the morning, first thing, the curtain is drawn, and when they are well awake out come the divisions; you will find they don't sing. Here let me remark that it should be the object of the trainer to give his birds as much light, air, and exercise as possible, and yet prevent them singing, and this solves the difficulty.

As long as the divisions are drawn the birds hop about and keep busy; you will get an exception now and again, a fair indication that you are giving too much stimulating food, so you had better reduce it all round, hens perhaps as well by the way.

After a short hour I go round to water the birds, and then feed them; while I am fussing about with them they still keep off song, and as I drop the small spoonful of canary on top of the rape so they grab at it.

To sum up, my birds are open at 7 a.m., and are not closed till about 9, then back go the partitions, both curtains are drawn, and a few minutes afterwards they are warbling. At from 1 to 2 o'clock I open again in the same way for half an hour, and if I have green food I give it them then, it keeps them quiet.

When the day is on the wane I draw again and open as at dinner time, and let them alone until asleep. Then one curtain only is drawn, and they are snug for the night.

The Use of the "Schoolmaster."

The Schoolmaster is racked with the birds, but another method is to put him in a box and set him on a stand in front of the curtain, a method which has certain advantages. I do not give my birds open school every day; when I do, of course, it is when I re-introduce the partitions, and, occasionally, late by artificial light.

As the days shorten opening up later instead of by twilight will be the rule, and I fancy it is better to do so even now, as they are more fortified by getting the late feed these long, cold nights. The rule is never to let them sing more than ten minutes in open school.

In conclusion I would say to the man who uses boxes, take your birds out of them at least once a day and place them on the table for an hour for exercise. If they show inclination to sing against your wish they will only do so at first, and a move of the finger soon stops them.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 672.)

A Series of comprehensive articles, embracing the proper management of all kinds of birds in captivity, their housing, feeding, general management, and diseases. The breeding of species and of Mules and Hybrids, and finally the birds themselves will all be treated of as the series progresses.

SOME Parrots and Parrakeets contract a troublesome form of diarrhœa from picking up excreta from the bottom of their cage and eating it. To prevent this abominable habit, which arises from sheer ennui, a grating can be fitted over the bottom of the cage, and the bird given a piece of soft wood to exercise its mandibles on.

Constipation is evidenced by the hard and scanty motions. It often occurs towards the end of winter, and is then generally the result of insufficient green food. Dandelion leaves, or other kinds of green food, are the natural and best remedy. A little magnesia in the drinking water is a useful corrective, and, if given periodically, say once a week, goes a long way in keeping the birds in good condition.

A Prevalent Complaint and Its Cure.

Inflammation of the bowels is met with at all ages. It is especially prevalent in young birds about six weeks old, after they are on hard seed. It is usually caused by bringing about that change too quickly, and stopping soft food suddenly. Thus the walls of the intestine are continually irritated and inflammation is set up. As soon as the diagnosis has been made a drop of salad oil should be immediately administered and repeated every morning and evening until a marked improvement is noticed. *On no account give purgatives*, such as Epsom salts, for this affection. The irritation caused by these, on top of the existing inflammation, is nearly sure to be fatal. The diet should consist of bread and milk with either a little maw seed, or, better still, soft sugar sprinkled over it. When the inflammation has subsided be careful to wean the bird on to hard seed very gradually. In older birds the treatment is exactly the same, and both should be kept under observation for a considerable time afterwards.

Indigestion is a very common complaint where a too rich or too monotonous diet has been supplied. The bird affected is usually dull, with ruffled feathers, and looks generally ill. First of all, change the diet, if necessary, and supply plenty of green food, especially dandelion. The drinking water can be made saline with Epsom salts or magnesia for a day or two, and for another two days give four drops of syrup of buckthorn in one tablespoonful of water. Sometimes, in chronic cases, the bird begins to go bald and bare patches appear. Carry out the treatment for simple indigestion, but let it be carried on for a longer period, say doses of salts and syrup of buckthorn alternately for 10 days, after which give Parrish's chemical food, just sufficient to colour the drinking water for a week, when improvement will generally be evident. Sometimes this condition does not react very readily to treatment, and this has to be considerably prolonged. For the bald patches a little vaseline applied occasionally is all that is necessary.

In Cases of Fever.

Fever is the most dreaded of all bird diseases, and the mortality is very high. It is not strictly correct to include this in diseases of the digestive system, yet as diarrhœa is a very prominent symptom it may be mentioned here. It is especially prevalent amongst newly imported birds, the very unsanitary conditions of travelling being responsible for a mortality which at one time rose as high as 98 per cent. in the case of Grey Parrots.

In many cases the incubation period is as long as a month, but a bird that shows no signs of disease after six weeks can be judged usually to have escaped. It is of vital importance to isolate all new additions to the existing stock, for if fever is introduced it will spread like wildfire.

Treatment is unsatisfactory as a rule. Occasionally a bird recovers, but this is generally through good luck rather than skilled drugging. However, if the attack be of moderate virulence a bird may often be saved by good nursing. The main point to have in mind is that the strength of the patient must be kept up in order to combat the invading microbe. Suitable food, such as an egg mixture, and a drop or two of brandy in hot water three times a day are the best means for bringing this about, but if the bird is valuable it should have attention during the night. Some of the medicines advertised as specifics are absolutely worthless, and many dangerous.

If birds start dying off in the birdroom, septic fever should always be suspected, and means to prevent its spread undertaken at once. Those affected should be properly isolated, and all precautions taken, as described in the chapter on "The Management of Birds." Lastly the importance of speed cannot be overestimated.

The Best of All Remedies.

Debility is a condition usually met with after severe illness or in a more modified form as the result of improper food. In the latter case a more suitable form of diet should be given, and a few drops of Parrish's chemical food in the drinking water will be all the medicine required. In severe cases bread soaked in milk and sprinkled with maw seed or soft sugar plays an important part in successful treatment. It is a valuable stimulant as well as a food, and cannot be too highly recommended in all forms of illness.

(To be continued.)

BRITISH BIRDS and How to Keep them

(Continued from page 667.)

A paper read by the well-known British bird exhibitor, Mr. P. Walsh, before the members of the Sheffield C.B.S.

THIS spraying is done at night time at about 6 o'clock. Some don't believe in wetting a bird so late. Well, in their wild state they often get wet at night without in any way harming them, and why should it do so when they have a cosy room to dry themselves; anyway I have had nothing but good results from it.

Seeds and their Uses.

Now as to my method of feeding. During the spring and summer I provide them with all the wild seedlings they can eat, commencing with the dandelion, the green leaves and then the heads as they come; from that time green stuff is plentiful, and there will be chickweed, shepherd's purse, plantain, and scores of other seeds to select from; I grow most of them in my garden. My boys also collect everything the birds require, and during the period that wild seeds are available the seed pots in their cages are almost untouched.

During the winter we have again to resort to the seeds of commerce, and nearly every experienced fancier has his own ideas as to mixing them. My method is to get Capern's Finch Mixture as a foundation. For Linnets, Redpolls, and Twites is added rape seed of both sorts, and linseed and teazle as I consider necessary. You must recollect that it is not advisable to treat all birds of the same species alike, for what suits one does not suit all. Some birds will get too fat, whilst others do well on the same mixture.

Here I believe that success is obtained by discriminating as to the amount of seeds containing much oil that should be given to each bird. Birds that are active and have plenty of cage room can have a fair allowance of fatty seeds with impunity, but if the birds are not inclined to exercise it must be given to them sparingly.

Various Birds; Various Treatment.

The only bird that I know that should have no restriction in this matter is the Goldfinch, though I have known them to be kept for a long time on hemp seed alone, in good singing condition. If they do not have a good allowance of this seed, however, they very soon go thin, and take a downward coarse. The Greenfinch is a bird to watch, he, too, would eat too much of fattening seeds if they were given to him, but a fair share of sunflower may be given if he exercises properly. He will eat almost any kind of wild seedlings, and in the autumn any kind of berries. He is an easy bird to keep in condition if understood.

Bullfinches I treat somewhat similarly to the Greenfinch; a little of best insectivorous food may be given with good results; they will eat every description of berry, and these should be given freely when in season. The diet of the Hawfinch consists chiefly of sunflower, with a little canary and hemp seed added. This bird is also fond of berries, and apple or pear. I find a few pine kernels given now and again are much relished. For the Bramble and Chaffinch I give much the same food, a mixture of canary, hemp, linseed, summer rape, and sunflower; the hemp and sunflower should be cracked; also I give a little insectivorous food and all garden insects I can find.

To the Buntings I give mostly canary seed, and at times a little crushed hemp, some oats crushed, and a little insectivorous food. These birds also like insects; when they can not be obtained a mealworm is a good substitute. The only greenfood they seem to care about is chickweed.

I mention the Siskin last for he is such a glutton. If he had his choice he would eat only hemp seed, and this would soon put him on the sick list. Plain canary seed should be his staple food, and he will devour any amount of seedlings which should be given to him in abundance. He is very partial to a few wasp grubs, and these will not harm any bird that will eat them.

After the garden seedlings are over, I prepare a mixture which I give them during the winter months; this consists of 1 part niger, 1 part gold of pleasure, 1 part maw seed, and 1 part thistle. I add about as much good wild seed as all the above. This given to the birds two or three times a week will keep them in good condition, and they will be a pleasure to their owner. A lot of trouble, some might say, but no true fancier would consider it as such. In conclusion, I would urge more members to take to keeping British birds, which would make our shows more attractive and more remunerative.

Correspondence.

New Society for Ferndale.

Sir,—I am sorry that owing to pressure of work I was not able to answer Mr. T. Jones's letter sooner. I would say that I am not grumbling, but want to see the old flag still flying. I am quite satisfied with what has been done with the monies in hand, and I am also glad that a new society has been formed. I wish them success, but I am sorry that our shows clash. I hope that a new society will be formed and flourish.

W. J. Gryllis.

Should Rarity Alone Win?

Birds in Mixed Classes.

Sir,—In your issue of Nov. 11, under the above heading the question is asked, Should rarity alone win? I should say most emphatically no. A bird should win on its condition and general form. If a class contained a Bird of Paradise, a Canary, and a House-Sparrow, the judge should ask himself which is the finest specimen of its kind. If the Bird of Paradise and the Canary were not in show condition, and the Sparrow was, then the Sparrow ought to win. Of course if the Bird of Paradise and the Sparrow were both perfect, then the former would win.

To pretend that a bird, no matter what its condition may be, must win because it is rare is nonsense. I have had a few years experience in showing dogs and horses, and have two or three times shown birds (with considerable success), but I am not impressed with the judging at bird shows, I must admit.

W. R. Temple.

Norwich Canaries at Manchester.

An Exchange of Courtesies.

Sir,—I am very pleased to see that Mr. Allsopp appreciated the few notes on the Norwich at Manchester. I don't know if he was there, but if he was I am only too sorry I hadn't the pleasure of meeting him. It was quite a coincidence that the Welshmen from that unspeakable village, and the writer had a mutual friend, so we had tea together—along with an ex prize-fighter. So you see we were in good company, although I felt nervous, but as the conversation was mainly dominated by the writings and doings of Mr. Allsopp (he ought to feel flattered), the only harm done was to sundry plates of ham and cakes.

He has been silent of late. Why, I know not, but I can assure him that whatever he writes is read with interest by Lancashire men. They may not always agree with him; in fact, I know that they sometimes don't, but he is always read with a seriousness that is flattering to any writer. He makes them think, and they never smile at him until he introduces his inimitable whimsicalities.

I didn't enter the more "dark than light" controversy. Mr. Allsopp may or may not have been wrong in his decision, but this I know, in giving the breast-marked buff cock first he gave it to the best in the class and the best var. Norwich Canary being exhibited at that time. He is like the writer, when he sees a good one he can't get away from it, which shows that he knows a good one. I wish we had more like him.

Sub Rosa.

The Value of System in Canary Breeding.

Four Important Items.

Sir,—One meets sometimes people who have been Canary fanciers in days gone by, but who have now dropped the fancy entirely. It is interesting to hear their reasons. "Too much trouble," "too disappointing," "very expensive," etc., etc. Now these are in the majority of cases only excuses, not reasons. In my opinion 90 per cent. of these failures are due to lack of system. It is not how many birds one commences with, but with what system. Canary breeding is a hobby, but one which can only be indulged in, in a business-like way. Many hobbies can be left alone for a time, but a real successful Canary fancier must have a lot of stick-at-it-ive-ness in him.

System must be introduced particularly in four different ways, first the buying of stock, second in cages and fittings, third in the actual working, fourth in the disposal of stock, and I will try in my humble way to deal with these four headings.

In procuring stock obtain young birds, or if possible young birds that have bred the season before, but be careful in buying the latter; enquire carefully why they are being sold. Personally, I have always left myself in the hands of older fanciers, men whom I thought I could depend on, and in only one instance have I been bitten. Don't buy birds rashly, but well suited to one another. For the beginner "matched" pairs are the best.

Don't buy rubbishy cages and fittings; consider carefully what you require, ask a few local fanciers to advise you as to what is best. For my own part I have a set of cages all uniform; the drinkers, grit tins, hoppers, perches, and fronts are all interchangeable, and can all be taken off together without any fear of chaos in the putting on again.

Be systematic in looking after the birds. I find it best to blow the seed every morning, change the water morning and midday, clean the cages weekly, and have a thorough "do out" twice a year (before and after the breeding season). Slackness in the management of your birds or cages usually ends in a fatal manner.

Don't rush to sell your birds before they are six weeks old. It pays to keep the birds three or four months. Last year I sold a hen at 5s., which realised £1 some time later. Go carefully; choose what you require for the next season. If you cannot value your birds ask some of your experienced fancier friends to do so, it will pay you. Hope this letter will be of interest to someone who anticipates taking up the hobby, and I wish Cage Birds every success.

T. J. McMillan.

Border Fancies at Sheffield.

Breeders and Exhibitors as Judges.

Sir,—In the letter signed "One of the Old School," the thin veneer of curiosity is only put on to cover the inward sneer and innuendo intended to convey to your readers that I took the engagement to judge Scotch Fancies at Haddington, not being a breeder and exhibitor. If your correspondent likes to sign his name, he can have any question answered; if not, then I am done with him, as well as with all others sheltering under noms-de-plume. I have seen too much mischief caused through anonymous letters already, and such letters are a curse to the cage bird fancy. These are my convictions which until someone can prove otherwise I will stick to.

Chirnside. J. Patterson.

Fresh Fields for Fanciers.

A Suggestion for Singing Budgerigars.

Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the well-thought out suggestions of "E.D.H.D." with regard to the systematic domestication of British birds. I am of opinion, however, that it would be a great loss of time and energy to attempt an organised movement of this nature. The domestication of the Canary is quite another matter, as this was an exotic bird and its naturalisation was an addition to British aviculture. British wild birds, on the other hand, are easily procurable, and are not easily bred in confinement; moreover, those which are successfully reared in captivity invariably suffer by comparison with their parents both as regards size and colour.

The great non-fancier British public which wants a pet bird has already the Canary, which being purely grammivorous, long lived, and a fair songster, is almost an ideal domestic bird. Any other contemplated domestic bird would stand more chance of popular favour if it were totally unlike the Canary—i.e., not a Finch.

A very suitable bird, for instance, is the Budgerigar, whose only real fault is its lack of vocal accomplishments, and which, moreover, is already partially domesticated. If only breeders of these birds would endeavour to breed them to sing—or, better still, to talk, which should not be by any means impossible—they would produce for the public an ideal cage bird, hardy, beautiful, and easily catered for, and one which could be kept in addition, and not as a rival, to the Canary.

At all events fanciers will, at this juncture, expend their energies more profitably in trying to reduce the present shortage of Canaries rather than in mere speculative experimenting.

A. R. Coe.

To teach a Budgerigar to talk is of course not impossible; we have heard several that could say a word or two in a very squeaky tone, and one or two that have been really talented talkers. Whether they could be *bred* to talk is, however, quite another matter. A Budgerigar that could sing as other birds sing would indeed be a novelty, and we should think that it would be difficult to suggest a branch of aviculture that would be so unlikely a proposition as the breeding of singing Budgerigars.—Editor Cage Birds.

More Birds Stolen on Rail.

Six Ringed Rollers Missing.

Sir,—In reply to my advertisement in your most valuable paper, Cage Birds, of Sept. 9, I had more orders than birds advertised, but unfortunately one consignment of six Roller hens went wrong. I sent them to a gentleman at Hull, but they have not arrived yet, so someone has evidently lifted them, and I should esteem it a great favour if you will publish their ring numbers. If any one of your numerous readers has purchased such a bird, or birds, and will communicate with me, or Ettingshall stationmaster, L.N.W., it may be the means of leading to the conviction of the offender. Several birds besides these have been stolen lately, but personally I cannot grumble much, for these are the first I have lost in 30 years, and I have sent birds all over the country. The ring numbers are 3146B5, 1592B5, 7794B5, 1594B5, 7793B5, 1567B5.

A. Harper.

2, Cooper Street, Bilston, Staffs.

A Goldfinch Gone Astray.

Sir,—I see in your last issue that a Goldfinch was lost or taken from its cage in transit. Last December I bought a cock Canary from a well-known dealer in Gorsienon, and he advised me when he sent the bird. It was not advised to railway here, and I never got the bird or any satisfaction, though I wrote to the station master at Gorsienon. It never got to Ireland, or I should have got it. These losses should be always made known.

C. Griffin.

Specials at Larkhall 1915 Show

A Belated Grumble.

Sir,—I have newly learned that a prominent Yorkshire exhibitor at the last Red Cross open show of Larkhall C.B.A. claims not to have received special won at that show, and I would like to state that the 11 specials offered for the Yorkshire section were all sent out, as we thought, to the rightful winners. If there has been a mistake how are we to know if exhibitors don't enquire for specials? There is a time and place for doing such. The time, surely, is not at three weeks before the next show, and the place is at the secretary's address, not at a Yorkshire club meeting in Glasgow or to other fanciers. I shall yet be very pleased to send a special to this gentleman if he has really won one, although his action has been what a secretary would expect from a beginner, not from an exhibitor of some standing and a prominent member of specialist clubs around Glasgow. Every one of the 80 specials promised at the last show were sent out, although we don't hold ourselves responsible for specials promised and not received. We broke our own rule and sent 2s. 6d. and 2s. cash special that did not come in. The following are the winners of Yorkshire specials as sent out:—Specials 40, 41, 43, 46, Dykes; 42, 44, 45, 47, Cochrane; 48, Walsh; 49, Ferguson; 50, McGregor. The satisfaction of having everything finished up correctly is the salary of a Red Cross show secretary, and I thought my salary had been paid, but I seem to have been mistaken.

Allan Thomson,
Late Sec. of Larkhall C.B.A.

1, Croft Place, Larkhall.

City of Birmingham Show.

New Show Secretary Appointed.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to announce to exhibitors that at the last meeting of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. Mr. Shirley, our hon. sec., wrote stating that he was afraid he could not carry out the show secretarial work owing to business and other reasons, and asking for someone else to be appointed. An appeal to the meeting failed to get a volunteer, and to prevent the cancelling of the show on Dec. 6 and 7 I offered to undertake the preliminary work if another member would deal with receiving the entries. Mr. J. Bostock, 75, Springfield Road, Moseley, Birmingham, accepted, and we hope exhibitors will give the Society their support with plenty of entries.

Although the show room is only just across the road from New Street Station (L. and N.W. and Midland Rlys.), we are leaving nothing to chance, and the exhibits will be collected from and delivered to the railway stations by our own motor vans, the show closing at six p.m. on second day to enable all birds to be despatched that evening.

Extra classes have been added for Norwich, Yorkshires, and British. Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. Norman will judge. Fanciers will be glad to know that Mr. Shirley now finds he will be able to take charge of the show, and will act as show manager, with a good band of workers to assist.

J. H. de Maillet,
Vice-Chairman.

The Scotch Fancy Canary: and Why it is Not More Popular.

Too Expensive for the Working Man Fancier.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Dunlop's letter asking why the Scotch Fancy Canary is not more popular, I think that breeders of that variety are themselves to blame for its unpopularity. Mr. D. says they are just as cheap as any other kind and just as good; I say they are neither. What about the man who has a family to support on an average wage of about twenty-four shillings? Granted that a pair which would win and breed winners could be had for three pounds, where would such a man get it to pay for them? No, no; they are not in it as a poor man's bird with either Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.

I can give you an instance of good birds of both of these varieties being bought cheap that could win. A friend of mine, on looking through my Cage Birds some time ago, saw some Norwich for sale. He bought a cock at fifteen shillings which won second prize at a show in next county to Mr. Dunlop, and which bred tip top birds too. I have been offered good winning Yorkshires, and also young bred from same, for twenty shillings each. Where are the Scotch Fancy breeders that are doing this? Just look at their advertisements; no price ever mentioned, and when written to for particulars (which wastes time of both parties) you find the price is prohibitive to the poor fancier who likes a decent bird.

Why Not Some Lectures?

It is just those lectures, etc., mentioned by Mr. Dunlop which have made so many fanciers of Yorkshire, Norwich, and Border Canaries. I now only breed a few Yorkshires as songsters, and get from six to ten shillings each for cock birds, but would prefer to breed better birds. I expect Mr. Dunlop will ask why I do not clear out those songsters and buy a good pair of Scotch Fancies, but I ask Mr. Dunlop whether such a pair would pay me as well as, say, three pairs of Yorkshires at the same price, going strong and doing their own feeding. I have often been out of work for eight or nine weeks at a stretch, through no fault of my own, and a pair or two of songsters sold during any of those weeks have helped wonderfully; in fact, I could not hope for the same from the more expensive birds.

I trust Mr. Dunlop will not think I do not care for the Scotch Fancy, for I can assure him that if I could afford it the first thing I would do would be to purchase a pair or two of them, as my father kept them almost 40 years ago, and I always was a great admirer of the Scotch Fancy. But what a change we can see in them! Mr. Dunlop can speak of 20 years ago; they were then birds of circle, not as now. Some of the present birds could be shown as both Belgian and Scotch Fancies.

Bird Fancier's Son.

No Encouragement for Exhibitors.

Sir,—Hard lines seem to be the fate of the Scotch Fancy Canary. If you have a good bird to exhibit there is no class for him, or if there is an A.O.V. class very often there must be eight or nine entries or only 50 per cent. of prize money will be paid. This reduces the first prize to 5s., or less in some cases, with an entry fee of 1s. 6d., which does not pay your expenses, saying nothing of running the risk of sending out a good bird which is worth more pounds than you win shillings in prize money.

Having sent for entry schedules from some good shows, we find some have not so much as given an A.O.V. class. Cannot something be done to remedy this state of affairs respecting one of the grandest breeds which graces our show bench? We should like to hear other fanciers' views on this subject.

J. J. Penaluna & Sons.

The Clashing of Show Dates.

Meeting at Cardiff Show Arranged.

Sir,—I am arranging a meeting to take place at Cardiff Show on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m., and I should be glad if all secretaries or those appointed to represent their respective societies will kindly drop me a postcard to 14, St. John's Square, Cardiff, on or before Tuesday, Nov. 28. This will give me an opportunity to draw up a list of proposed dates which I shall submit to the meeting for discussion.

In the meantime I should be happy to receive any suggestions, and I would also like fanciers to consider the advisability of spreading the dates over Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., and Feb., instead of trying to work in all the dates between the second week in Oct. and the first week in Dec., as at present adopted by the majority of Welsh shows.

E. J. Banks.

14, St. John's Square, Cardiff.

ROUND THE BIRD SHOWS.

FINE SHOW AT GLASGOW.

Over a Thousand Entries.—The Cream of the Norwich Fancy.

The annual show of the Glasgow C.B.A. was held in the Albert Halls, Bath Street, Nov. 10 and 11, under the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club, whose annual show was also held in conjunction. Patronage of the Border Fancy C.C. and Scottish C.C. was also obtained, and a more representative gathering of the varieties catered for has seldom been seen. Nearly 1,100 specimens were on exhibition, and quality was a most conspicuous factor throughout.

Norwich Plainheads were the cream of the Fancy; never have we seen such a vast improvement in any variety, some of the classes containing between 30 and 40, and providing easily three or four sets of winners. It must have been a hot job for the judges to select from such a magnificent lot. The unflighted yellow cock claimed at the catalogue price of £20 10s., was the produce of a novice of three seasons. This is undoubtedly a bird with a great future. It has plenty of size and quality, fine front, is neatly got up, and has a combination of all the qualities necessary in the breeding room. Other good sales were effected; but this was the best. Border Fancies were quite an even lot, and quality was fully in evidence. In the green and cinnamon varieties the small Norwich of a year ago were conspicuous by their absence, and something of the proper stamp was in their place. Yorks were not so numerous as might have been, but what was amiss in numbers was compensated for in quality. British were very well represented, both in numbers and quality, many well known faces figuring in the battle array. Noteworthy amongst them was Mr. McQuiston's Cornish Chough, an old warrior, and now winner of 120 first prizes, but age is becoming apparent, and he was hotly pursued by Mr. E. Taylor's Grey Shrike, shown in masterly style. Perfection is the term which could also be applied to the same owner's Grey Wagtail, no one being able to see where improvement could be desired, either in the bird or in its staging. Foreigners were not largely represented, but Mr. P. Arnott turned out a hot team. The management of this show have every reason to feel proud of themselves in their effort of charity, for, with numerous sales and a good gate, a substantial sum will be handed over in aid of our Blinded Soldiers and Sailors. The office-bearers are all first rate fanciers, and know how to deal with trouble when it comes, so that everything was in apple-pie order. President Maxwell, Vices Sloan and Craig—what a trio!—full of work and go. Assist. Sec. Park, and Secretary Hutchison, are men whose reputation as show organisers is established, while the Committee is comprised of popular and hard-working fanciers, whose thoughts are for the safety and welfare of the exhibits consigned to their care. Committee: R. T. Anderson, F. Taylor, J. Fulton, E. Barron, E. Taylor, T. Taylor, D. F. Webster, P. Houston, C. Martin, J. Swan, R. Watson, A. K. Hunter, W. McClymont, J. Kerr, A. Muir. Auditors: R. B. Gibb, A. Crawford. The judges, who gave general satisfaction, were: Crests, C. Campbell, Glasgow; Norwich, W. Simpson, Airdrie, and W. Grewar, Lochgelly; Borders, G. Hyslop, Stirling; Yorks., R. Heggie, Stepps; British and Foreign, Messrs. Jamieson, Glasgow, R. Gentleman, Avonbridge.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

Judges (alternate classes), W. Simpson, W. Grewar.

NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Cairns, neat, full and symmetrically built, clean cut, typical, steady, in the pink; 2, Stewart, good size and col., fine broad front, sweet head, neat carr., not quite so cobby; 3, Allison, hotter in col., lovely qual., neat, close up on 2nd; 4, Mitchell, nice size, fine shape, good qual.; 5, no name; 6, Murray; 7, Colley. BUFF (20): 1, Mitchell, plenty size, rare qual. feather, fine head, neck, good front, bit unsteady; 2, McAllister, fine model, nice size, fine shapely build, neatly braced, clean cut and trim all over, we liked for 1st; 3, sp, Colley, rather smaller, but neat and typical, fine col. and qual., fails slightly at entrance; 4, Hamilton, good for size, col. and type, inclined to cross at times; 5, Kerr; 6, Mathewson; 7, Hamilton. VAR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Allison, all there for size, subs. and col., fine type and qual., neat, clean cut, and c.b.b. built, staged in the pink; 2, 3, Harris, leader, hotter in col., all there for type and qual., neat and chubby, carr. perfect, not just so full in head; 3rd, again a hot one, fine broad front, short, neat, cobby all over, well braced, just wants handling, inclined to crouch; 4, Hunter, smaller, good shape, nice qual., clean cut; 5, Hutchison; 6, Martin; 7, Gray. BUFF (9): 1, Murray, plenty size, grand qual. feather, full head, hull neck, deep broad front, bit too feathery underneath; 2, Allison, not quite so massive, clean cut, sweet type, close feather of rich silky quality; 3, Dalgety, stylish, in good feather, inclined to cross flights; 4, Mitchell, good qual., fine size, could do with more front; 5, Johnstone; 6, Blacklock; 7, Houston. CL. or TKD. YELL HEN (15): 1, Kidd, well up in size, good type and qual., neat, clean cut, only fault might be shade fuller at throat; 2, Black, barely so hot in col., but fine model, steady, neat, and compactly built, presses hard; 3, sp, Lawson, red hot col., lacks little in the matter of type and qual., fine stamp, close up on leaders; 4, Gardner, nice size, col. and type; 5, Jeffrey; 6, Armour; 7, Maxwell. BUFF (16): 1, sp, McLean, well-known face, in the pink, very cobby, neat and well packed all over, fine stamp, good win; 2, McAllister, nicely staged, fine subs., nice col., lovely feather, scarcely so full in head or broad in front, steady, well braced; 3, Kerr, smaller, but nice qual., well staged; 4, Baird, well up in size, good feather; 5, Young; 6, Allison; 7, Nelson. VAR. YELL. (14): 1, Hamilton, top size, capital col., rich qual., plenty subs. here for yellow, will make fine stock bird, quickly claimed; 2, Mitchell, one of the short, cobby stamp that catches the eye, capital front, full head, short bull neck, clean cut, nicely coupled, scarcely so hot; 3, McLean, not quite so massive, but proportionate in build, nice qual., could do with shade more front; 4, Jeffrey, nice level col., rich qual. of feather, better coupled, neat and good, might have got up a peg; 5, Marshall; 6, Calderwood; 7, Jardine. BUFF (15): 1, Stewart, fine subs. and qual., good col., neat carr., getting too fat, spoiling outline, well staged; 2, Mitchell, well up in size, not so warm in col., fine type, neat full head, sweet front, well braced, and in capital form, presses; 3, Marshall, smaller, good qual., neat carr. and style; 4, Martin, grand hen, short, neat, full and typical, value for more here; 5, sp, Carstairs; 6, Cairns; 7, Baird. NON FED CK. (13): 1, sp, Mitchell, fine stamp broken green, grand type, A1 qual., short, neat, well braced; 2, Kidd, even mkd. yell., all there for size, col. and qual., fine sweet head, neat deep front, scarcely perfect in wing carr.; 3, sp, Godfrey Bros., short, cobby, heavy variegated; 4, Lawson, fine variegated, staged in lovely order, not quite so massive in build, but excels otherwise, presses hard; 5, Cairns; 6, Naismith; 7, Wood. HEN (19): 1, sp, Martin, nice sized cl. yell., in the pink, fine top end, neat front, well braced, steady, in perfect bloom; 2, Craig, smallish yell. green, nice type, fine feather, damaged wing, bit lucky here; 3, Marshall, fine stylish buff, good feather, close and silky, typical, fine carr., nice cond.; 4, Devoy, cl. yell., rich even col., all there for carr. and style, just wants more depth of front; 5, Gardner; 6, Braid; 7, Park. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK., 1916 (20): 1, sp, Cuthbertson, sp. for best bird in hall, topper all over, great subs. for a youngster, nice level col., sweet head, full nicely moulded body, nice carr. and style, one to be proud of, quickly claimed at catalogue price, £20 10s.; 2, Kerr, wins Ramsden's spl. best fed., neat and cobby, lovely hot even col., top qual., well braced, very steady; 3, Braid, rich, hot, even col., capital qual., neat, clean cut, only wants a trifle more size; 4, Kerr, nice size, col., qual. and build, but fails wing carr.; 5, Robertson; 6, Nelson; 7, Mitchell. BUFF (26): 1, sp, S.P.C. gold medal, best 1916 bred ck., Mitchell, real typical exhibit, cobby, proportionately built, well balanced throughout, just wee bit unsteady with so much handling; 2, Aitken, lovely type and qual, barely so hot col., best carr, unsteady; 3, Gardiner, smaller, good qual., close silky feather, good stamp, neat throughout, just wants more subs.; 4, Gray, trifle larger, but not quite so hot in col., might have been staged better; 5, Cameron; 6, Barron; 7, Young. VAR. YELL. CK. (16): 1, R. B. Cairns, real good, hot even col., lovely qual. feather, neat, cobby, well built body, stylish and perfect in carr., in full bloom; 2, Black, rather hotter in col., close, good feather, perfect carr., not quite so broad in front; 3, Jeffrey, shade paler in col., but typical, stylish, well placed, looks trifle sticky in feather; 4, Martin, good head, neck, clean cut, well braced, stylish, nicely staged; 5, Lawson; 6, sp, Hamilton; 7, Dalgety. BUFF (22): 1, Murray, plenty subs., grand type, A1 qual., built on the proper lines, short, neat, well filled, cobby body, perfect style, action, faults hard to find; 2, Allison, heavy var. in superb cond., good top end, fine type, silky feather, beaten in subs. only; 3, 7, Lawson, not quite so warm in col., but of the proper stamp, short, neat, cobby, well filled all over, good model, well shown; 4, Scott, plenty size, fine subs., rich qual. feather, typical; 5, Young; 6, Holliday. CL. or TKD. YELL HEN (22): 1, Braid, real good model, fine even col., short, neat and cobby, full qual., carr. and style; 2, 4, Allison, 2nd trifle hotter in col., neat, cobby build, grand broad, deep front, short, thick-set, close run; 4th, typical, sweet qual., well braced, feather slightly gripped at neck, good otherwise; 3, Devoy, sweet little model, neat all over, just wants more size; 5, Martin; 6, Colley; 7, sp, Cairns. BUFF (37): 1, sp, gold medal for best hen bred 1916, Mitchell, really a beauty, no mistake about it, a Norwich from beak to tail, staged in faultless condition; 2, sp, Allison, another topper, hard to find fault with, maybe scarcely so broad fronted, otherwise hard to separate; 3, Cairns, again really good, topping type and qual., just loses in perfection of feather condition; 4, Murray, another topper, champion type, rare qual., scarcely anything dividing the four winners here, a real red hot class to deal with; 5, Aitken; 6, we could not find; 7, Hunter. VAR. YELL. (11): 1, Connelly, good broken green, fine headpiece, stout full neck, short cobby body, neatly coupled, stylish, perfect cond.; 2, Dalgety, fine type, neatly got up, shapely, well braced, very steady; 3, Houston, well up in size and cond., good top end, shapely and stylish, scarcely the front, but runs hard up; 4, Black, sweetly feathered, in the pink, nice level col., fine type, could do with shade more head; 5, Harris; 6, sp, Anderson; 7, McLay. BUFF (20): 1, Martin, broken green, cobby, neat, thick set, carr. and style all that is required, perfect feather; 2, Stewart, fine stamp, grand qual., nice style, cobby make, perfect carr., in the pink; 3, Young, trifle smaller, but presses close; 4, Barron, fine size, lovely qual. cinn. mark. stylish, good in carr., very steady, well staged; 5, Hutchison; 6, McCall; 7, Devoy.

MR. C. CAMPBELL'S CLASSES.

NOV. CK. (34): 1, Braid, yell., lovely col., A1 qual., grand front and well filled in top emi, best of carr., in full bloom; 2, Proctor, var. buff, nice size, fine full head, neck, rich silky feather, just requires little more front to make topper; 3, Irvine, cl. yell., fine type, nice qual., A1 style, perfect carr., well balanced through, we liked for 2nd place; 4, Stewart, yell. var., plenty size, sound col., wants handling; 5, Morris; 6, Robertson; 7, Pentland. HEN (24): 1, McKean, clinkang cl. yell., short, neat, cobby built, fine stamp, stylish and clean cut, in the pink, easy winner; 2, Irvine, nicely got up cl. buff, cobby, neat, finely braced; 3, Hardie, var., dark cap yell., typical, good qual., steady and well laid down; 4, Fyfe, dark tail yell., not quite so hot in col., but shorter and cobbier, runs tight up here; 5, Hyslop; 6, Braid; 7, sp, Lyall. SELL. CK., 15s. (10): Winners in selling classes here were in some cases more than doubling their catalogue prices. 1, McLachlan; 2, Hutchison; 3, Fyfe; 4, Duncan; 5, Drake; 6, Anderson; 7, Young. HEN, 15s. (12): 1, Martin; 2, Kidd, yellow, sold for £2 3s.; 3, Scott, 4, Renwick; 5, Hutchison; 6, sp, Anderson; 7, French.

THE CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Judge: Mr. C. Campbell.

CREST CK. (11): 1, medal, 2, Hamilton, lovely var. D.C., fine top piece, good subs., body, nice velvety feather, well laid on, nicely groomed and staged; 2nd, grand even, dark, nice head gear, well laid on, good spread, not quite the droop or density of feather, but not finished moulting; 3, McLay, massive build, plenty feather, fine top piece, will improve when fully finished; 4, Grant, var. dark, nice qual. feather, good radiation and droop, frilled at throat spoils appearance; 5, McClement; 6, 7, McNaughton. HEN (7): 1, 3, McLay, leader massive var. D.C., plenty feather, rare qual., finely radiated crest, neatly filled centre and beautiful droop, staged in clinking order; 3rd, wing mark D.C., topping qual. feather, lovely droop, but fails in radiation, fine cond.; 2, Tweedie, var. D.C., lovely evenly radiated top, neatly filled centre, sweet droop, not quite the spread, but very creditable; 4, Jeffrey, var. dark, good size, plenty body feather, fails headgear; 5, Blyth; 6, Hamilton; 7, McClemeut. CRESTBRED CK. (14): 1, Grant, massive var., great wealth of feather, capital skull, fine dome shape, rare wide entrance, good lash, staged faultlessly; 2, 5, McLay, leader good var, fine size, good feather, nice qual., must have measured well; 3rd, var, dark cap, grand qual. feather, nice entrance, wide, dome-shaped skull, fine lash, must have pressed hard; 4, Govan, light marked, plenty body subs., nice feather, good skull, nice entrance and back skull, well laid down; 6, Moreland; 7, Brown. HEN (11): 1, McNaughton, silver medal best C.B., nice var., plenty subs., grand qual. feather, nice lofty skull, seems to measure better than appears; 2, McLay, curiously marked var., nice size, fine silky qual., leafy feather, nice dome-shaped skull, fine entrance, good lash, we liked; 3, Young, grand qual. wing mark, rare feather, fine broad well-padded skull, good entrance, in full bloom; 4, Hamilton, var. dark, fine subs, plenty feather, grand head properties, in fine order; 5, McFadyen; 6, Govan; 7, McLay. SELL. CREST or C.B. (6): 1, Calderwood; 2, Lindsay; 3, 4, Boyd; 5, Anderson; 6, sp., Muir.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. G. Hyslop.

BORDER FANCIES, CL. or TKD. YELL CK. (20): 1, Craig, little beauty for col., type and qual., neat shape, fine wings and tail, only fault a little square in head; 2, Mossie, hard up for type and qual., sweet, neatly made, better head than leader, but not quite so boxy in feather; 5, Stevenson, good stamp, neat, clean type, fine carr., fails condition only; 4, Nairn, good head tkd., fine feather, neat carr. and style; 5, G. Bennett; 6, Crabb and Finlayson; 7, Briggs. BUFF (25): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Clark, real nice exhibit, sweet and typical throughout, neat carr. and jaunty gait, steady, well shown; 2, Wilson, in rare trim, neat and sweet, presses hard; 3, Lyall, close and boxy feather, neatly braced and typical, very steady, shows well; 4, McMinn, fine type, good qual., neatly folded wings and tail, steady mover, presses hard on 3rd; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 6, Stewart; 7, Benuett. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (23): 1, Craig, lovely qual., stylish, neat carr. and build, in top cond.; 2, Bennett, nice type, jaunty carr., style, fine wings and tail, lacks col. of leader, and softer cond.; 3, Stevenson, typical, perfect carr., nice qual.; 4, Gillies, fine type, shapely, neat, staged in good order, and presses hard; 5, Bryce; 6, Loan; 7, Braid. BUFF (28): 1, Wilson, little beauty, in the pink, grand type, lovely texture feather, very shapely, neat, well-braced, steady, staged in perfect style; 2, Sellar, lovely body, neat and boxy, top qual., faultless carr., one we liked; 3, Bennett, fine type, close, good qual. feather, finely braced wings and tail, not so good at top end; 4, Stevenson, real nice qual., nicely rounded front, well filled back, better head than 3, and must have run close up; 5, McCardle; 6, Brown; 7, Stewart. EVEN MARK (11): 1, B.F.C.C. novice medal, McMinn, nice buff, fine marks, typical, capital qual. feather, very shapely and smart, well braced, finely staged; 2, Craig, fine level col., neat, typical, stylish, very steady, in rare order; 3, Murray, nice cond., good qual. feather, behind in type and carr.; 4, Nairn, looks like yell. hen, neat type, fine carr. and style, we preferred for 3rd place; 5, Thomson; 6, Nicholson; 7, S. Thomson. VAR. YELL. (17): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, sweet, almost even mark, nice size, shapely and neat, well braced, close and boxy feather, just a wee bit unsteady when we took notes; 2, Stewart, heavier mkd., fine type and qual., stylish and perfect carr.; 3, Ferguson, stylish and typical, neat head, fine neck, clean cut body, good markings, well carried wings and tail, could be improved by better staging; 4, McColl, good little exhibit, in nice order, trim and tight, value for a step up when we saw it; 5, Wyllie; 6, Nairn; 7, Wilson. BUFF (20): 1, Wilson, lovely wing and eye mark, type and qual. in marked degree here, smooth as glass; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, good feather, typical and well braced, inclined to crouch; 3, Hood, typical, good qual., neat carr., shapely body, rather too fond of wire climbing, requires steadying; 4, Barrie, nice front, clean cut, shapely body, well set wings and tail, one of the long headed variety; 5, Paterson; 6, Sellar; 7, Campbell. YELL. GREEN or CINN. (21): 1, Wilson, grand coloured yell. cinn., neat, shapely body, correct carr. and style, well shown, trifle unsteady, but all there; 2, Whitelaw, lovely jonque green, grand col., correct type, A1 qual.; 3, McLinden, cinn., nice stamp, clean cut, neat all over, just inclined to be crouchy when handled; 4, 6, Haddow, finely pencilled, rich ground col., fine build, stylish; 5, Whitelaw; 7, Lunn. BUFF (33): 1, Clark, good cinn., looks hen, nice qual. feather, perfect carr., neat throughout; 2, Haddow, fine green, steady, clean cut, level col., well pencilled, A1 carr., we liked; 3, Glass, real nice qual., fine type, stylish, neat, just inclined to carry wings a trifle high; 4, Whitelaw, good qual. green, in the pink, sound col., finely pencilled, tight and trim, deserves place; 5, McLinden; 6, Lawson; 7, Allan. SELL (11): 1, Mossie; 2, Lyall; 3, Paterson; 4, Campbell; 5, Bennett; 6, 7, Crammond.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. R. Heggie.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Park, great length, straight as a rush, neat, clean cut, very swanky, a regular "toff," in faultless feather; 2, 4, Pinnock, former good model, nice even col., fine type, stylish, just inclined to be erratic in wing carr.; 4th, lovely, hot, even col., fine texture feather, clean cut, well rounded, finely tapered, runs hard up on 3rd; 3, Aitkenhead, fine even col., silky qual., finely rounded body, neat wing carr., trifle unsteady; 5, Findlay; 6, Cochrane; 7, Macready. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Buchanan and Martin, grand tone of col., qual. all there, fine pos. and carr., steady, in fine order; 2, Cochrane, paler in col., nice style and pos., fine qual. and build, just inclined to open at front; 3, Hilton, shapely, well drawn, neat, fine stylish pose, free action, must have pressed; 4, Stewart, lengthy, straight, stylish pos.; 5, Park; 6, Gibb; 7, Macready. YELL. HEN (10): 1, sp, Park, topper all over, straight and swanky, fine silky close feather, true to type, carr. and style, very steady; 2, Buchanan and Martin, real good one, fine stamp, just fails a trifle at front; 3, McLellan, nice qual. and type, smaller built, in fine order; 4, Macready, nice qual., style and carr., scarcely so hot col. or so nicely rounded; 5, sp, Erskine; 6, Stewart; 7, Cochrane. BUFF (10): 1, Buchanan and Martin, fine head tkd., type and qual. A1, shape, style and swagger, neat, creditably benched; 2, Pinnock, scarcely so hot in col., fine qual., good pos.; 3, sp, McLellan, good length, fine shape, good texture feather; 4, Findlay, nice length, fine qual. feather, neatly folded wings, close tail; 5, Park; 6, Cochrane; 7, Macready. YELL. CK., BRED 1916 (6): 1, sp Bilson, topping var., fine length, straight cut, neat, clean, well filled, stylish, steady; 2, McLellan, nice lengthy cinn. mark, good tone of col., could be beter staged; 3, Steel, cap and wing mkd., nice length, good col. and qual., looking a bit soft; 4, Buchanan and Martin, lengthy, good qual., shapely appearance, but wants working, bit unsteady; 5, Boulette; 6, Cochrane; 7, Macready. BUFF (16): 1, Macready, good one, fine length, slim, neat, well braced, in fine bloom; 2, Park, real nice qual., not just so hot col., shapely body, neatly folded wings, tail, could be more steady; 3, Cochrane, stylish, good qual., clean cut, well rounded, not just so hard up in cond.; 4, sp, Aitkenhead, looks nice exhibit, marked soft; 5, Clarkson; 6, Buchanan and Martin; 7, Ross. HEN BRED 1916 (12): 1, 3, sp, Park, leader one of the right sort, real waxy cond., not a ruffle, shape, style and carr. of the best, in perfect order; 3rd, lovely qual. yell. tkd., fine col., nice make, close folded wings, pipe tail, we liked; 2, Peters, cl. yell., fine length, nice style and pose, nice across shoulders, neat wings, close tail; 4, Cochrane, nice length and type, stylish steady, fails shade in qual. feather; 5, sp, McLellan; 6, Buchanan and Martin; 7, McLellan. SELL. (12): 1, Pinnock; 2, McLellan; 3, 6, Park; 4, Gray; 5, sp, Peters; 7, Steel.

THE MULES AND BRITISH BIRDS.

Judges (alternate classes): R. Gentleman and H. Jamieson.

DK. GOLDF. MULE (8): 1, McQuiston, top size, rich col., well mkd., high cond., steady; 2, Heggie, well up on leader for size, fine type, rare order, not quite so hot col., steady and well put down; 3, Nicoll, great col., perfect feather, fine size and subs., staged in the pink, presses; 4, Colley, nice size and cond.; 5, Strachan; 6, Wilson; 7, Wallace. DK. LINNET OR GREENF. MULE (13): 1, 3, McQuiston, leader grand Jonque Linnet, all there for size, col. and qual., perfect feather, full bloom, handles well, 3rd Jouque Greenf., nice size, subs., level col., close boxy feather, hard as nails; 2, 7, Crone, 2nd well up on leader for size and cond., good subs., qual., barely so hot in col.; 4, Fyfe, smaller built, Greenf., staged in capital style, cond. and feather, O.K., size needed here; 5, Duncan's "Highland Leader," in the rear rank to-day; 6, Roy. A.O. CAN. MULE, EXCEPT BULLF. CROSS (16): 1, 3, Crone, leader clinking Jonque Siskin, fine size, cond. and markings, hot col., perfect feather, laid down in winning style, 3rd same cross, well up for size and col., fails in subs. and cond. to leader; 2, McQuiston, fine Twite, in top feather, fine type, level ground col., nicely pencilled, steady; 4, Stevenson, nice Poll, in A1 feather, well polished, neat, shapely, steady; 5, Gribben; 6, Brownlie; 7, Renwick. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, 2, Heggie, well known cl. Goldf., and the equally well-known lightly mkd. Greenf., both in superb condition, not a ruffled feather, steadiness and condition, full haug here; 3, spl, McQuiston, even mkd. Jonque Goldf., top col., rare feather, runs very close up. BULLF. HYB., INCLUDING CAN.-BULLIE (7): 1, 4, 5, Crone, leader well known winning Can.-Bullf., in capital trim, steady, perfect order (often described), 4th good Goldf.-Bullf., well up for size and cond., grand type, stylish, steady, well mkd.; 2, Henderson, fine Greenf.-Bullf. type, qual. and cond., barely so hot qual., steady; 3, Webster, real little beauty, Redpoll cross, good size, grand type, fine qual., very perky, well mkd., perfectly staged; 6, no name; 7, Dale. A.O.V. HYB. (16): Some very interesting crosses left cardless here; a hot class to tackle: 1, 4, Crone, leader clinking Chaffinch-Bramble, A1 col., faultless feather, markings of the best, cond. and steadiness remarkable, 4th nice Greenf.-Goldf., fine size and hard cond., rare bleud of colours, well put on, a credit; 2, McQuiston, fine little Siskin-Goldf., beauty, well mkd., perfect and steady, we liked; 3, Heggie, Siskin-Redpoll, quite interesting little chap, in fine feather, though not so gorgeous in plumage, smart, perky, well shown; 5, McCardle; 6, Melvin; 7, Anderson. SELL. (6): 1, Gribben; 2, Brown; 3, Henderson; 4, Strachan; 5, spl, Muir; 6, Hardie. BRIT. GOLD. (21): 1, spl, Heggie, little beauty, fine square blaze, nice wings, grand col. and markings, steady, singing nicely; 2, Wallace, good size and markings, fails depth col. and squareness of blaze; 3, Webster, shade smaller, nice sound col., pure whites and well defined markings; 4, Allison, top col., hard condition, rather squarer blaze, fine moons, might have gone up a peg; 5, Guthrie and Son; 6, McLellan; 7, Connelly. BULLF. (11): 1, McQuiston, fine size and subs., nice body col., perfect wing bars, well defined, expansive cap, in the pink; 2, Thomson, hard up for size, shade deeper in breast col., not so massive in build, well shown; 3, spl, McClymont, good size, nice cond. and markings, H.M., not up in col. yet; 4, Pollock, good all round, nice feather; 5, Palmer; 6, Crawford; 7, Melvin. H.M. LINNET (22): 1, spl, 2, McQuiston, lovely pair, leader rather deeper in ground col., both well pencilled, steady, shown in the pink; 3, Moreland, very similar type to 2, not quite so profuse in pencilling, well placed; 4, Drummond, nice feather, steady, lacks the subs. and pencilling of leaders; 5, spl, Campbell; 6, Taylor; 7, Crauna; strong class and good ones out of tickets. F.M. (15): 1, McQuiston, at the top again, not large, but all there for real nutty col. and distinct pencilling, steady, perfect feather; 2, Crone, excels in size, steady, faultless feather, just fails in depth of ground col.; 3, Storrie, good size and feather, unsteady; 4, Swan, nice type, good cond. and size, wants steadying down; 5, Showler; 6, Lindsay; 7, McCloy. SISKIN (16): 1, Clark, fine staged Jonque, grand col. and markings, lovely cap and wings, rich pencilling, very steady; 2, Connelly, A1 cond., not quite the size or col. of leader; 3, spl, Taylor, neat, nice markings, finely pencilled flanks, not quite so

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SHOWS

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hot in col., well staged; 4, Fyfe, fine order, hotter in col., nice cond., pressed hard on 3rd; 5, Craig; 6, Renwick; 7, Cranna. MEALY OR TWITE (13): 1, Webster, fine Twite, nice size, type, rich, sound col., beautifully pencilled, very steady, A1 bloom; 2, Craig, grand Mealy Redpoll, fine size, capital col. and pencilling, well shown; 3, Clark, good Twite, nice ground col., nicely pencilled, not just so large as leader; 4, Trotter, well up in size, cond. A1, fails purity of col.; 5, Gribben; 6, McEwan; 7, Gribben. LESSER REDPOLL (27): 1, spl, Dale, little beauty, rare subs., nice poll and bib, very steady, faultless feather, quickly claimed; 2, Renwick, well up on leader for col. and markings, rather loose in feather; 3, McEwan, again good one, must have been a close run for 2nd place; 4, Neilson, very similar to 3rd, little to choose; 5, Crawford; 6, no name; 7, Craig. GREENF. (21): 1, spl, Sykes, topping size, fine clean cut body, rich olive col., yellow wings, staged like wax, very steady; 2, Davidson, not just so massive, but col. and cond. A1; 3, Thomson; 4, Campbell, similar in size, perfect feather, red hot col., fed, shown in good style; 5, Knox; 6, Steel; 7, Allison. CHAFFINCH (9): 1, 2, Sykes, leader, topper all over, grand depth col., nice rich markings, very steady, 2nd fails only in massiveness of build; 3, Crone, very similar to 2nd, but barely so steady; 4, Adams, an old hand, lacks the bloom of former days, very steady, good feather; 5, Molloy; 6, Wilson; 7, Palmer. BRAMBLEF. (11): 1, 2, Sykes, capital size, rare col. and spangling, very steady, in the pink, leader excels in breast col.; 3, Molloy, well up in size and spangling, fails depth ground col. and bloom; 4, Chick, "Nottingham Star," real good specimen, we liked, presses hard up here; 5, McCloy; 6, Hyslop; 7, Swan. YELLOWHAMMER (11): 1, 2, Strachan, real good couple, fine size, nice col., good head lines, clear and distinct, perfect feather, steady, little to choose between; 3, Brown, all right for size, subs., and markings, loses in ground col. and bloom; 4, Kerr, well up in size, fails in markings; 5, Henderson; 6, Lambie; 7, Allison. A.O.V. HARDBILL (7): 1, Hyslop, clinking Hawfinch, not of the largest, but for cond., col. and markings hard to equal, staged to perfection; 2, Chick, "The King," capital Cock Bunting, rare size, champion col. and markings, the best of its kind seen here for a long time, perfect order; 3, Erskine, Hawfinch, larger than leader, but lacks depth col., not so close in feather; 4, Brown, nice Snow Bunting, in capital feather, steady and perfectly staged; 5, Craig; 6, Berrie; 7, Chick. BRIT. SOFTBILL SMALL (5): 1, spl, Taylor, lovely Grey Wagtail, perfect exhibit, perfectly staged; 2, Davidson, fine Bearded Tit, in lovely feather, an old face looking up to the mark; 3, Richardson, nice Redstart, in good order and steady; 4, Arnott, pair Bearded Tits, looking well, not the soundness of col. in 2nd; 5, Richardson. LARGE (6): 1, McQuiston, old favourite, Cornish Chough, scarcely so perfect as used to be, now winner of 120 1st prizes, but may be trifle lucky to-day to beat 2, Taylor, lovely Grey Shrike, smooth as glass, steady, perfect, we fancied best of two on the day's condition; 3, Crawford, good Waxwing, in fine feather, nice col., rich waxes, steady; 4, Brown, nice Song Thrush, steady, sweetly spotted, well placed; 5, Smith; 6, Currie. BULLF. HEN (15): 1, G. Mills, good all round, fine size, sound col., neat bars and well defined cap, in top condition; 2, Swan, very close run, little difference to decide on; 3, Chick, good size and col., beaten in cond. of feather; 4, McCloy, good bird, but beaten in this company; 5, Adams; 6, Cranna; 7, Nelson. A.O. SEED-EATING HEN (19): 1, 4, Chick, leader "The Queen," grand Hawfinch, capital size and col., well marked, steady, perfect feather; 4, "The Princess," good Corn, nice condition, steady, perfect order, fails depth ground col.; 3, spl, Campbell, one of the best of its kind, grand size, very steady, col. and spangling, rich and deep, carried evenly and well under, we liked much; 5, Clark; 6, Erskine; 7, Showler. SELL. (5): 1, Purves, good Bullf.; 2, Strachan, Yellowhammer; 3, Fyfe, fair Goldf.; 4, Craig, Goldf.; 5, Cameron. FOREIGN, SMALL (8): All belonging to Arnott, grand team and worthy of hot opposition, staged in really faultless style. 1, spl, Yellow-wing Sugar-bird, in A1 condition, often described; 2, Golden Fruit Sucker, treat to look at; 3, Rose-wing Afghan Bullfinch, an interesting exhibit, in the pink, singing its quaint song; 4, pair Fire Finches; 5, Scarlet Tanager; 6, Lavender Finch; 7, pair Combassous.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND

Annual show, October 28, Good Templar Halls, Ingram Street, Glasgow. There was a distinct improvement both in the number and quality of the exhibits. Norwich were strong, and representative of the best breeders of the West, many real top-notchers being on view. Borders were scarcely so numerous, but quality was in evidence right through the classes. Yorks., while containing the best Canary in the hall, were fewer in number, but of superb quality. British were a very level lot, many well-known specimens doing their bit once again amongst fresh rivals. Mr. Grewar judged Norwich, Mr. Heggie Yorkshires and Bords., and the British section was disposed of by Mr. Crawford. Keen interest was taken in the judging of the various teams entered for Mr. Hughes' trophy (best four birds). Crack teams were up from each section, and after a deal of scrutinizing the coveted prize was awarded to Mr. J. Crone's team of winning Hybrids—no mean lot to battle against.

Everything passed off successfully under the leadership of the genial sec., Mr. Matthew Craig, who is a worker of the first order, as everybody knows, and we were pleased to learn that the venture proved a financial success

Young Birds.—Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Kerr; 2, P. Braid; 3, c, Maxwell; vhc, Simpson; hc, Hughes. Buff: 1, Simpson; 2, Hardie; 3, Kean; 4, Young; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Colley; c, Taylor. Yell. Var. Ck.: 1, Black; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Cairns; 4, Martin; vhc, Young; hc, Colley; c, Paterson. Buff: 1, Braid; 2, Martin; 3, Young; 4, Cairns; vhc, Simpson; hc, Jeffrey; c, Taylor. Yell. Hen: 1, J. Braid; 2, Cairns; 3, Martin; 4, Young; vhc, Colley; hc, Kean; c, Cuthill. Buff: 1, Black; 2, c, Martin; 3, Maxwell; 4, hc, Colley; vhc, Barron. Yell. Var.: 1, Colley; 2, Simpson; 3, Swan; 4, vhc, Paterson; hc, Hardie. Buff: 1, 4, Barron; 2, Braid; 3, Young; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, c, Colley. Crests: 1, McClymont; 2, 3, McLay. Crestbreds: 1, 3, McLay; 2, McClymont. Borders, Yell. Ck. or Hen: 1, Cunningham; 2, Clark; 3, Hadley; 4, Kerr; vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Livingstone. Buff: 1, Clark; 2, Taylor; 3, Kerr; 4, Livingstone; vhc, Clark; hc, Hadley; c, Cunningham. Yell. Var.: 1, Clark; 2, Cunningham; 3, 4, Livingstone; vhc, Kerr. Buff: 1, Clark; 2, 4, Hadley; 3, hc, Livingstone; vhc, Cunningham. Green or Cinn.: 1, 3, Clark; 2, Cunningham; 4, c, Livingstone; vhc, c, Braid. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Park; 2, 3, Cuthill. Hen: 1, 2, Park. Var.: 1, Park; 2, Cuthill. Light Mule or Hyb.: 1, McLay. Dark: 1, 4, Campbell; 2, 3, vhc, McNicol; vhc, Downie; c, Graham. Old Birds.—Yell. Ck. Nor.: 1, Colley; 2, 3, Maxwell; 4, Martin. Buff: 1, Colley; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Kerr; 4, Park; vhc, Braid; hc, Barron; c, Cairns. Yell. Var.: 1, Martin; 2, Cairns; 3, Park; 4, Cuthill. Buff: 1, Taylor. Yell. Hen: 1, Cairns; 2, Black; 3, Braid; 4, Hyslop; vhc, Kean; hc, J. Braid; c, Kerr. Buff: 1, Kean; 2, Kerr; 3, c, Maxwell; 4, Jeffrey; vhc, Hughes; hc, Braid. Yell. Var.: 1, Kerr; 2, Hardie; 3, hc, McLay; 4, Jeffrey; vhc, Barron. Buff: 1, J. Braid; 2, Kerr; 3, Cairns; 4, Hughes; vhc, Jeffrey. Non-Fed Ck.: 1, Maxwell; 2, Hadley; 3, Kerr; 4, Hughes; vhc, McLay; hc, Sloan. Hen: 1, 2, Martin; 3, Hughes; 4, Park; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hadley; c, Maxwell. Crests: 1, 3, McLay; 2, McClymont. Crestbred: 1, 3, McLay; 2, McClymont, Bord. Yell.: 1, Hadley; 2, Livingstone. Buff: 1, Hadley. Yell. Var.: 1, Kerr; 2, Cunningham; 3, Livingstone; 4, Hughes. Buff: 1, spl, Livingstone; 2, Hadley. Green or Cinn.: 1, 3, spl, Livingstone; 2, Kerr. Yorks Ck.: 1, Park. Hen: 1, 2, Park. Var.: 1, Park; 2, 3, Cuthill. Light Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Crone; 3, Craig. Dark: 1, 2, Crone; 3, Colley; 4, Cuthill; vhc, hc, Steel. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Campbell; 2, McLay; 3, Downie. Linnet: 1, Webster; 2, Downie; 3, Campbell. Siskin: 1, Steel; 2, McLay; 3, Swan; 4, Webster. Mealy 'Poll or Twite: 1, Steel; 2, Craig. Lesser: 1, Campbell; 2, 4, Steel; 3, Graham; vhc, c, Hadley; hc, Craig. Greenf.: 1, 2, Campbell; 3, Craig; 4, Hadley; vhc, Swan. Bunting: 1, vhc, Hyslop; 2, Hadley; 3, c, Craig; 4, Webster; hc, McLay. Chaff. or Bramble: 1, Swan; 2, 3, Hyslop; 4, Campbell; vhc, Craig. Bullf. Hens: 1, Webster; 2, Swan; 3, Campbell; 4, McNicol. A.O.V. Hen: 1, 4, Campbell; 2, Craig; 3, Hyslop; vhc, Webster. Softbill, Small: 1, Webster. Large Brit.: 1, Hyslop; 2, Craig. Foreign: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Park; hc, McNicol; c, Webster.

The following were the cup winners:—Best Young Bird: E. Barron, Cinn. Mkd. Nor. hen. Best Nor. and S.P.C. medal winner: R. B. Cairns. Best Nov.: Jas. Braid, young yell. Nor. hen. Best Brit.: H. Hyslop's Hawfinch. Best O.B.: J. F. Park, yell. Yorks ck. Best team of four birds: Mr. J. Crone's Hybrids. Best Foreign: J. F. Park, Orange Bishop.

BLAENAVON.

FINE NOVICE CLASSES.

Second Annual Show held at White Horse Assembly Rooms, Nov. 9. The show room at ordinary times would be ideal for an exhibition, being well lighted on all sides, but unfortunately owing to the lighting restrictions, two sides of the hall had the windows darkened halfway which took a great deal of the light away. The judging was conducted at the end of room in a perfect light. The birds were neatly staged in tiers, and here and there palms and plants were interspersed, giving the show a very charming appearance.

Entries totalled just over 400, a good advance on last year's total. The show manager, Mr. Chas. Broome, had everything in apple-pie order, and judging started promptly, everything going off without a hitch, which reflected great credit on him and his hardworking assistants, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. Lapworth, Gilbert, Latham, Pitt, Morgan, Daniels, Godfrey, and Evans. The Sec., Mr. Geo. Broome, is a great asset to the society, carrying out his duties in a very able manner, and leaving no stone unturned to make the show a success.

Norwich were a very fine lot, the cl. buff ck. (Messrs. Stubbs Bros.) and var. yell. unflg. (Mr. G. T. Jones) being birds hard to find a fault with, and other notable exhibits were put down by Messrs. Tedstone, Broome Bros., Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. Yorks, though not strong in numbers were very level, quality only in many instances separating the winners, Messrs. Bale, Pritchard, Newell, Morgan, and Maidment, all showing fine teams. The novices in this section made a great show, 80 in four classes, giving the judge an anxious time in separating them, in fact all of those in the money could have held their own in the champion classes, Messrs. Pitt, Hiscox, Latham, Griffiths, and Terretts exhibits, to mention only a few, being birds of exceptional merit. Borders were splendid, the yellow cocks being charming, and quality all through this section being exceedingly fine, well known winners being put down by Mesars. Madagan, Jenkins, Owen, Lapworth, and Messer. The novices here again caused somewhat of a sensation with 21 cocks and 15 hens, all well above the average, chief honours going to Messrs. Edgington and Daniels. British and Mules were not up to the usual Welsh standard. What has become of all the old hands? Exhibitors cannot expect classes to be provided if they are not supported. We know many have been called on national service, but surely there are enough exhibitors left to provide more than 34 entries in five classes. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR., CL. OR MKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, cl., lovely col. and qual., good bead and neck, nicely rounded chest, short neat wings and tail, good size; 2, Jones, cl., close up, grand cut, neat head, good cobby shape, splendid wings and tail, well put down; 3, 4, Stubbs Bros., grizzle mkd., fine size, good head and neck, hardly as well cut away; 4, cl., grand col. and qual., good subs., splendid type, inclined to cross wings; vhc, Broome Bros.; hc, Davies; c, Maggs and Smith. BUFF. CK. (10): 1, Stubbs Bros., a real gem, lovely col. and qual., good subs., neat head, neck, fine deep chest, well cut away, very cobby; 2, Broome Bros., cl., fine size, col. and qual., good head, neat wings and tail, well cut away, shade longer; 3, Matthews, cl., grand qual., splendid type, hardly subs. of leaders; 4, Davies, cl., shade paler col., grand qual., neat head and neck, hardly as deep chest as leaders; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Ball; c, Thomas. VAR., CK. (11): 1, 4, Tedstone, Buff, grand subs., good head, best of wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 4, another buff, splendid size, lovely col. and qual., hardly subs. of winner; 2, Jones, eye and wing marked yell., a gem for qual., neat head, good cobby body, grand col., medium size; 3, c, Stubbs Bros., cl. buff, lovely qual., neat head, good neck and subs.; vhc, James and Wells; hc, Morris. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Broome Bros., tkd. good size, neat head and neck, nice deep chest, good wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Tedstone, cl., lovely col. and qual., very typical; 3, Selcy; 4, Thomas. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Broome Bros., cl. lovely type and qual., good neck, nice short flights, tail, perfect order; 2, Pritchard, cl., good size, neat head, neck, wings, and tail, hardly qual of leader; 3, Matthews, cap mkd., good size, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Morris, cl., very shapely; vhc, c, Jones. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Stubbs Bros., cl. a blaze of col., good round head, nice deep chest, cobby shape, fine wings and tail, grand qual; 2, Thomas, check and wing mkd., fine size, lovely qual. and cond., grand type; 3, vhc, Amplilett, nice size, good col., very shapely; 4, c, Broome Bros., eye and wing mkd., neat head, good wings and tail; hc, Selby. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, cl., a gem, good head and neck, good deep chest, nice short flights and tail, well moulded body, lovely col. and qual; 2, 3, leader, heavily var., grand subs., good head, neck, flights, and tail; 2, grizzle mkd., good size and shape, nice col. and qual., inclined to cross wings slightly; 4, Jones, cl., neat head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, Selby; hc, Amphlett; c, Broome Bros. HEN (7): 1, Jones, var. yell., a real gem, lovely col. and qual., good head and neck, nice deep chest, short flights and tail, well cut away, grand subs.; 2, vhc, Stubbs Bros., cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand head and neck, good cobby shape, in perfect order; 3, 4, Powell, cl. buff, nice size, good shapely body; 4, cl. yell., nice shape, lovely col. and qual.; hc, Thomas; c, Tedstone. NOV. CK. (9): 1, Gilbert, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, well moulded body, wings and tail; 2, Hill, cap mkd. buff, good size and shape, neat wings, grand qual. and cond.; 3, Morton, var. yell., good col., qual., and cond., nice cobby shape, loses head; 4, Vaughan, buff, nice size, good qual., well moulded body; vhc, Waters; hc, c, Powell. HEN (10): 1, Pause, var. buff, fine size, neat head, good wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Morton, cl. yell., well fed, nice cobby shape, rare qual. and cond.; 3, c, Gilbert, var. buff, good col. and qual., nicely moulded, shade smaller; 4, Pitt, grizzle mkd. yell., very shapely, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Waters; hc, Hill. UNFL. (9): 1, Waters, cl. yell., neat, nice round head, good neck, wings, and tail, not one of the largest, but well moulded; 2, Morton, var. buff, good size, very shapely, trifle weak in head; 3, 4, Pause, var. buff, good size, neat head, wings, and tail; 4, cl. buff, well moulded body, loses head; vhc, Vaughan; hc, Pitt; c, Fowler. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Watkins, hot col., good straight back, fine length, grand wing carr., well up on leg; 2, Maidment, cl., fine length, neat head, good shoulders, straight back, correct wings and tail, well up on leg, paler col.; 3, hc, Pritchard, close up, good length, very nervy, nice col. and qual.; 4, Ashman, cl., grand length, good back and shoulders, nice leg; vhc, Preddy; c, Jones. BUFF (11): 1, Morgan, cl., nicely moulded, grand qual., good back, wings, and tail, fine length and pos.; 2, hc, Pritchard, another cl., grand type and qual., fine length, good nerve, well up on leg; 3, vhc, Newell, cl., neat head, good shoulders, wings and tail, grand col., qual., and pos., fine leg; 4, James and Wells, tkd., good col. and qual., nice leg, nerve, and pos.; c, Cook. VAR. (8): 1, c, Pritchard, var. buff., lovely col. and qual., neat shoulders well filled back, good wings, tail, and pos., nice leg; 2, Wooton, var. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, good straight back, fine wings and tail, very nervy; 3, James and Wells, eye and wing tkd., capital shape, col. and qual., nice leg and nerve; 4, vhc, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, var. yell., lovely length, good type and qual., well up on leg; hc, Ball. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Newell, grand col. and qual., lovely pos., neat head, good shoulders, flights and tail, well up on leg; 2, Maidment, var., fine type, nice length, pos., and qual., perfect wings, nice col. and qual.; 3, Morgan, cheek and wing mkd., non-fed, capital length, good shoulders, neat wings and tail, very nervy; 4, Pritchard, good pos., perfect wings and tail, lovely qual. and cond; vhc, Bevan; hc, Ball. BUFF (10): 1, Bevan, cl., waxy feather, neat head, good shoulders, fine length and pos., well up on leg; 2, Ball, must have pressed, hard to find fault with, neat head, good shoulders and back, lovely length, pos., and nerve, good shoulders and back, lovely pos. and nerve; 3, Morgan, cl., good col. and qual., plenty of length, nice style and pos.; 4, Griffiths, good qual., cl., splendid length, nice type and pos; vhc, Terrett; hc, Wooton; c, Pritchard. UNFL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Ball, cl., a gem, lovely col. and qual., fine pos. and length, grand type, good nerve and pos.; 2, Cook, cl., good col., well clothed, neat head and shoulders, good back, wings, and tail, nice length; 3, Newell, wing mkd., shade paler col., grand type, good back and wings, nice length and pos.; 4, Morgan, cl., unfl., pale in col., neat head, good shoulders and back, nice wings and tail; vhc, Moule; hc, Watkins; c, Jones. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Newell, cl., lovely qual. and cond., neat head and neck., good shoulders and back, fine wing and tail, grand length and pos.; 2, Ball, eye mkd., lovely length, pos., and nerve, good back, wings, and tail, nice qual. and cond.; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, cl., nice back and shoulders, good wings, tail, and pos., fine length, qual and col.; 4, Moule, lovely col., cl., neat head, good shoulders, well filled back, correct wings and tail, nice pos., fine leg; vhc, no name; c, Ashman. HEN (9): 1, Ashman, wing mkd. yell., good col. and qual., fine length and pos., good nerve; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks., cl. buff, grand type and qual., very nervy, fine leg and pos.; 3, Watkins, cl. yell., good col., neat head, good back and shoulders, fine nerve and pos.; 4, no name, cl. buff, good type, lovely qual. and cond., neat wings and tail, splendid leg and pos.; vhc, Newell; hc, Wooton; c, Ball. NOV., CK. (28): 1, 3, Griffiths, cl. buffs, beauties that could hold their own in champion section, neat heads and necks, good shoulders and backs, best of wings and tail, fine nerve and pos.; 2, Rosser, lightly var. yell., good col. and qual., neat head and neck, fine shoulders and back, good nerve and pos., well up on leg; ex. 3, Powell, lightly var. yell., close up, neat head and neck, grand type, qual. and cond., splendid leg and nerve; 4, Terrett, var. yell., grand col. and qual., capital shape, best of wings and tail, lovely pos., well up on leg; vhc, Morris; hc, Blewith and Son; c, Bevan. HEN (21), another hot class: 1, Pitt, cl. yell., a gem, lovely col. and qual., good shoulders and back, best of wings and tail, grand leg, nerve, and pos.; 2, 4, Latham, eye and wing mkd., yell., good col. and qual., neat head, good straight back, well braced wings, fine length, pos., and nerve.; 4, cl. yell., lovely qual. and cond., grand type, fine length and pos.; 3, vhc, Powell, cl. buff., neat lady, grand head, back, and shoulders, nice length, could be a little better on leg, wants handling; hc, Thomas; c, Daniels. UNFL. CK. (21): 1, Hiscox, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., good back, fine shoulders, grand wings, lovely length, splendid leg and pos.; 2, 4, Latham, wing mkd. yell., and cl. yell., both perfect type, grand length, stand like guardsmen, lovely qual. and col.; 3, Powell, cl. yell., neat head, good straight back, fine wings and tail, splendid pos., and nerve, fine col and qual.; vhc, Cooney; hc, Hyde; c, Daniels. HEN (10): 1, Hiscox, cl. buff, beautifully feathered, neat head, grand shoulders and back, lovely length pos. and nerve; 2, Griffiths, cl. yell., grand qual. feather, splendidly moulded throughout, good leg, fine pos.; 3, Tucker, cl. yell., close up, correct type, splendid length, very nervy; 4, Pitt, cl. buff, fine col. and qual., grand type, nice leg, full of nerve, stands well; vhc, Morris; hc, Latham; c, Smith. BORD., CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (11), a grand class: 1, Madagan; 2, Owen; 3, vhc, Jenkins, three grand exhibits, looked as though they had been modelled to order, hard to separate, either could have taken premier honours, with no injustice to the others, the leader perhaps a little richer in col.; 4, Lapworth, another good one, perfectly moulded, though hardly the finish of leaders; hc, Cooper; c, Elston. BUFF (10): 1, Madagan, cl., beautifully moulded throughout, perfect wings and tail, feathered like wax; 2, Lapworth, cl., grand shape and size, beautiful feather, staged to the moment; 3, Tedstone, cl., close up, correct type, best of wings, very jaunty carr., lovely qual. and con.; 4, Owen, another, good one, well modelled, feathered like a Java; vhc, Cooper; hc, Jenkins; c, Davies. A.O.V., CK. (9): 1, vhc, Elston, E.M. buff, a real topper, lovely boxy feather, splendid type, in tip-top order; 2, Messer, eye and wing mkd. yell., close up, grand col., size, and type, hardly in as fine cond., as leader; 3, Jenkins, neck and wing mkd. buff, lovely glossy feather, splendid type, put down in masterly style; 4, Padfield, var. buff, grand type, lovely qual., hardly subs. of leaders, still a good one; hc, Beard; c, Broome Bros. HEN (17), grand class: 1, 4, Owen, cl. buff and cl. yell., a brace of wee gems, feathered like wax, correct type, very jaunty, well put down; 2, Jenkins, cl. yell., lovely col., exquisite feather, grand type, perfect cond.; 3, Lapworth, cl. buff, good boxy feather, best of type, grand col., staged to perfection; vhc, Denyard; hc, Tedstone; c, Madagan. NOV. CK. (21), another hot class: 1, 2, Edgington, the Cheltenham winners, cap mkd. and neck mkd., two little beauties, splendid feather, very stylish, perfect type, put down in perfect order, doing credit to their owner; 3, Thomas, cap mkd. yell., another good one, best of type, grand feather, nicely put down; 4, J. Daniels, eye and wing mkd. buff, a little model, well moulded throughout, grand col. and qual.; vhc, Beard; hc, Thomas; c, Daniels. HEN (15): 1, J. Daniels, cl. buff, jaunty little lady, well moulded throughout, grand boxy feather, splendid cond. and qual.; 2, Pattison, another cl. buff, correct type, lovely feather, con., and qual.; 3, Thomas, cl. buff, finely feathered, nice type and qual., very jaunty; 4, c, S. Daniels, cl. yell., good col., nice type and qual., fine cond.; vhc, Nelmes; hc, Evans. A.O.V. (7): 1, hc, c, Gatehouse, white Canary, one of the best yet seen, good size, pure col., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Morgan, cinn. Border, nice size, very shapely, fine cond. and qual.; 3, Mrs. Burgess, Gold Lizard, well spangled, in grand order; 4, Bevan, we could not find; vhc, Griffiths. CAN. MULE (6): 1, Ball, tkd. both eyes, grand shape, good subs., lovely cond. and qual., wins; 2, Hughes, var. Goldie-Can., good blaze, nice size, col., and cond.; 3, Maggs and Smith, dk. Goldie-Can., nice size and type, good blaze and col., well polished; 4, Bevan, var. Goldie-Can., shade smaller, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Evans; hc, Coatham. HYBRID (3): 1, Ball, charming Goldf.-Bullf., not one of the largest, but beautiful shape, col., and qual.; 2, Mrs. Burgess, neat Siskin-Redpoll; 3, Jones, good coloured Siskin-Greenie. GOLDF. (8): 1, Mortimer, Abertillery, etc., winner, good size, splendid square cut blaze, neat bars, tans, and buttons; 2, 4, Coakham, shade smaller, good expansive square cut blaze, splendid tans, bars, and buttons lovely qual. and cond.; 4, hardly as well cut blaze, best of tans, good bars, buttons, qual., and cond.; 3, Roberts, good size, neat blaze, good tans, very shapely, hardly up in col. yet; vhc, c, Jones; hc, Parry. LINNET (9): 1, Davies, Plasmarl winner, medium size, good col. and qual., beautifully laced; 2, Edwards, nice size and shape, hardly as rich col., or as distinctly laced; 3, 4, Matthews, both nice size, very shapely, lose lacing, and col. to leaders; vhc, c, Taylor, hc, Parry. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Gregory, charming coloured Siskin, grand shape, good flank lacing, nice eye markings, fine col. and cond; 2, 3, Matthews, Lesser Redpoll, nice size, very shapely, good lacing and cond., latter non-fed Siskin, fine shape and size, neatly laced; 4, Knapp; vhc, Jones. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, 3, 4, c, Matthews, Bullf., leading, nice size, very shapely, good breast col., fine cap and bars; 3, buff Greenf., good head, nice size and shape; 4, Bullf., hardly as large and paler col. than leader; 2, Edwards, medium size Bramble, well spangled, nice col. and cond.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Jones. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, Morgan, nice Larks, in tip-top order; 2, Edwards, Robin; looking soft when we took notes, wrong class No. 1 Chaffinch. FOR. (1): 1, Brown, pair Budgerigars. SELL., 30s. (3): 1, Jones; 2, Broome Bros.; 3, Bevan. 20s. (4): 1, Morris; 2, Griffiths; 3, Maggs and Smith. 10s.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Thomas; 3, Griffiths.

EAST LOTHIAN.

Annual show, held Nov. 11, in a wooden erection temporarily put up for the duration of war. The entry, which was a good one, filled the hall completely, and only left bare room for the visiting public; we were pleased to see so many young soldiers taking more than a passing interest in the exhibits, and from their conversation found that they had a good understanding of the British birds exhibited. The hall was very comfortable for the exhibits, but just on the dark side for light, which made the work of the judges rather trying, but all got through their work in good time, and their awards gave general satisfaction. The show all through proved a good attraction

surplus will be handed over to the Red Cross Society we trust this worthy cause will receive substantial help. All the office-bearers are fanciers of the right stamp, all showing the greatest enthusiasm for the welfare of exhibitors, visitors, and Judges; indeed, we may say the annual show of Haddington was a red-letter day for all.

The stewards were always to be found at their posts, and everything went on smoothly under their directions. Last, but not least, the secretary, Mr. Fairgrieve, is the right man in the right place, and untiring in his efforts to make the show a success. The judges were: J. Patterson, Chirnside, Scotch Fancies and Local Borders; Wm. Thomson, Smeeton, Borders; J. Holmes, Edinburgh, Norwich; and James Livingstone, Bathgate, Brit. and For.

Scotch Fancies all over were a good lot, some birds of merit leading in every class, and particular mention may be made of the Buff Cock and the Buff Pied Cock, which came in for the lion's share of the specials. In confined Borders the leaders, all Buffs, were of high merit, and some on a level with those shown in the open classes. Borders, as usual, were the paying section of the show. The quality was first-class, some well-known winners taking their usual place amongst the honours. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by a yellow green cock, a perfect gem, but not just so fine in head as we would like. A very regrettable feature in this section was that the names of two exhibitors were marked in pencil on the bottoms of their cages. One of the exhibits, a clear yellow hen, won first in her class, but in our opinion the committee should have disqualified the birds before judging, the show being held under B.F.C.C. rules, which clearly state that all cages with distinguishing marks be disqualified from competition. The matter will be brought up at the general meeting of the B.F.C.C., for in fairness to both judge and exhibitors this is the only course now open.

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Norwich were a very even lot; a very nice Crest led the way, and came in for a deall of attention. Plainheads were rather on the long side for our fancy, but quality was all there. British birds at Haddington are always an interesting section, most of the leading species being exhibited. The Foreign section was small, but Mr. Nesbit's King Parrot is as fresh as ever after some 20 years on the show bench.

Special winners: Best Scotch Fancy, Chapman; Young, J. and D. Gordon; the B.F.C.C. open medal, Reid; Novice medal, Eadie; best Nor. and best bird confined to county, Burns; cup, most points, Docker and Titilah 63; 2, Patterson 56; cup, 6 nominated birds, J. Wood; runner-up, Docker and Titilah.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Livingston, fair size, good length of reach, nice drive and action; 2, Gordon, wee bit small, but very nervy, and ready; 3, spl, Barrie. HEN (3): 1, Chapman, grand size, prominent shoulder, decided drive and shoulder; 2, Johnstone, smaller, nice shoulder drive and action; 3, Thomson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, Chapman, grand size, decided drive, long reach, prominent shoulder, handles well; 2, 2, Fairgrieve, nice youngster, scarcely ready, but shows all the points of a good one; 3, Barrie, fine size, scarcely so good in side and wing; 4, Rennie. HEN (6): 1, Johnstone, tick wing, grand size, well filled shoulder, decided drop, fine side and wing; 2, spl, Chapman, close race, an ideal exhibit; 3, Gordon, smaller, but not fine mover; 4, McNeil; vhc, Barrie; hc, Livingston. PIED CK. (7): 1, spl, and cup, 2, 4, Gordon, leader a fine stamp, always ready, splendid drive and action, takes good pos.; 2nd, slightly more width of shoulder, but fails in drop; 3, Livingstone, grand shoulder, well filled back; vhc, sp, hc, spl, Fairgrieve. HEN (10): 1, 2, c, Gordon, leader grand Pied, splendid shoulder, decided drive, long neck, handles well; 2nd, similar all over, but not so ready; 3, Barrie, Pied, fair size, good shoulder and drive; 4, McNeil, Green, fine hen, scarcely finished; vhc, he, Fairgrieve. SELL. (12): 1, Gordon; 2, Fairgrieve; 3, Thomson; 4, Rennie; vhc, Livingstone; hc, Chapman; c, spl, Thomson. BORD., CL. OR TK. YELL. CK. (16): 1, spl, hc, Patterson, heads a grand class, splendid level rich col., nice head, back and wings, well put down; 2, Bennet, built on the same lines, fails in head, in the pink; 3, spl, Rentoul, shade larger and longer in side, fine cond.; 4, Aitchison, nice pos. and type; vhc, Young; hc, Hood; c, Dods. BUFF (19): 1, Lintoul, splendid col., qual., and cond., just on the large side, or would be ideal; 2, Nov. medal, Eadie, teeming with qual., similar build; 3, Stewart, smaller, fine head, good qual., fails in col.; 4, vhc, Bennet, follows close, well put down; c, Young. HEN (13): 1, Aitchison, best of col. and quality, fine action; 2, Patterson, follows close, in the pink, better taper; 3, Bennet, splendid qual., fine weight, style and action; 4, Nelson, grand type and style; vhc, Stewart; hc, spl, Munay; c, Stewart. CL. BUFF (15): 1, Patterson, tick on wing, a good model, fine cond.; 2, spl, Bennet, fails a wee bit in head, but close up; 3, Vay, fine type and pos., handles well; 4, Weir, shade plainer on top; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Lumsden; c, Barrie. EVEN MARK (2): 1, Nelson, Yell., fine type, fair eyes, good wings; 2, Sanderson, fine col., and qual., nice markings. UNEVEN CK.: 1, Rintoul, old Buff, still going strong, in the pink; 2, Nelson, finer made, fine markings, col. and qual.; 3, Patterson, almost even, good markings, col. and qual.; 4, Rintoul, good markings, fine type; vhc, Kitchen; hc, Elliot; c, Steele. HEN (15): 1, Bennet, Buff, mkd. eyes, head and wing, fine qual. of feather; 2, Patterson, almost even Yell., well known, looking fresh; 3, Weir, fails in markings, fine style, col. and qual.; 4, spl, Rintoul, good one, fine pos., good feather and finish; vhc, Kitchen; hc, Lumsden; c, Watson. HEAVY VARIEG. (7): Interesting class: 1, 2, Patterson, leader grand Buff, ideal in shape, type and symmetry; 2nd, Yell. Cinn. hen, splendid col., grand finish; 3, Murray, just on the light side for markings, fine type; 4, Showler; vhc, Steel; hc, Greenwell; c, Fairgrieve. YELL. GREEN (13): 1, spl, B.F.C.C. medal 4, Reid, leader Yell. ck., ideal in pencilling, rich level tone of col., good back and wing; 4th, we liked better in head, but a shade dark in markings; 2, Johnstone, first-class col., a tight race, good type; 3, Greenwell, slightly better drawn, in fine trim; vhc, Nelson; hc, Carmichael; c, Johnstone. BUFF (16): 1, Showler, fine col. and markings, splendid pos., style, and finish; 2, Johnstone, must have pressed, ideal in shape, pos., col. and qual.; 3, Lambie, good hen, nice stamp, fine col., markings, perfect below; 4, vhc, Reid, fine type, good markings, shade stronger; hc, Carmichael; c, Craig. CINN. (8): 1, Lambie, strong in col. and inclined to frill in front, good pos. and shape; 2, 4, Patterson, better qual. and markings, fails col.; 4th, good Buff hen, well finished; 3, vhc, Dick, grand little Yell. hen, one we liked, perfect in markings, col. and shape; hc, Fairgrieve; c, Anderson. SELL. (9): 1, Bennet; 2, Lumsden; c, Sanderson; 4, Barrie; vhc, Rintoul; hc, Scott; c, Young. LOCAL BORD. CK. (11): 1, Wood, grand Buff cock, fine head, in the pink; 2, Scott, Yell., fine col. and qual.; 3, Fairgrieve, good one, fails condition; 4, Murray; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Steel; c, spl, Gordon. HEN (12): 1, Murray, grand little hen, perfect head, good back, wing and tail; 2, Steel, close up, scarcely so well finished; 3, Voy, Yell., good head, fine qual.; 4, spl, Wood; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Gordon; c, Fairgrieve. CREST CK. (9): 1, spl, best Norwich, vhc, Burns, leader D.C., splendid size and subs., grandly radiated crest, fine centre, a little open behind and wing damaged; 2, 3, hc, Sharp, fine size body, good crest, fine centre, fails width; 4, Green; c, Barrie. HEN (7): 1, hc, c, Sharp, nearly green, good crest, splendid centre, drop and finish; 2, Burns, Varieg., fails in frontal and length of feather; 3, Prentice, Green, fine head, feather a little inclined to tilt in centre; 4, Comb. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Prentice, Green, fine lashing, good turnover and length of feather; 2, 4, hc, Sharp, Cl., good size, dense head feather; 3, Stephenson, Green, fine size, fair subs., and length of feather; vhc, Burns; c, Barrie. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Sharp, grand team, little between them, leader Varieg.; 2nd, Green; 3rd, Cl.; 4, Barrie; vhc, Mason. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, King, grand col., splendid cond., only fault frills in front; 2, Mack, good col., fine quality; 3, Johnstone; 4, Gormley; vhc, Clemenson. HEN (4): 1, Smeaton, good col., fine qual., nice head, bold front; 2, Weir, unfed, fine subs., col. and qual.; 3, Clark; 4, Clemenson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Watson, grand size, fine head, well rounded back, in the pink; 2, Smeaton, ideal in shape, col. and qual., a little loose at thighs; 3, Prentice; 4, Lycett; vhc, Barrie. HEN (6): 1, Robertson, good head, fine bold front, back and wings; 2, Grey, scarcely so much subs., good head; 3, Gormley, fine col. and qual.; 4, King; vhc, Rislop; hc, Clemenson. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Smeaton, grand head, fine bold front, splendid shape; 2, Barrie, shorter made, good col., fine feather; 3, Lngton; 4, Gormley. HEN (3): 1, Wear, unfed, fine size, good stamp; 2, Smeaton, Yellow, more length, splendid col. and qual.; 3, Mackfl. UNFLIG. CK. (13): 1, Finnie, ideal youngster, good col., fine feather, good head, back and front; 2, spl, Barrie, Cl., good subs., head well rounded; 3, spl, Johnstone, Cl. Buff, good col., fine cond., well put down; 4, Smeaton; vhc, spl, Gormley; hc, Grey; c, spl, Rislop. HEN: 1, 3, Finnie, good one, fine stamp, well put down; 2, Smeaton, true type, good col. and qual.; 4, spl, King; vhc, Lugton; hc, Gormley; c, Grey. SELL. (5): 1, Weir; 2, Sharp; 3, Finnie; 4, Gormley; vhc, Sharp. LARK (2): 1, Docker and Titilah, nice exhibits, in splendid form. BULLF. (6): 1, Fairgrieve, good one, fine cap, good col. and markings; 2, Docker and Titilah, shade smaller, fine markings; 3, Thomas; 4, spl, Craig; vhc, Gordon. GOLDF. (6): 1, Weir, large, good coloured blaze and moons, well put down; 2, Craig, shade duller in col.; 3, Slodetaste; 4, Docker and Titilah; vhc, Wood; hc, Barrie. GREENF. (8): 1, 4, Docker and Titilah, 1st, good size, splendid head, steady, shows well; 2, 3, Wood, scarcely so large, all there for col. and qual.; vhc, Sharp; hc, Gordon. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Thomas, Twite, in fine fettle, steady, well shown; 2, Docker and Titilah, Linnet, fine pencilling. SISKIN OR REDPOLL (5): 1, 3, Docker and Titilah, well put down, fine bib, col. and feather; 2, Showler; 4, Craig; vhc, Gormley. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH: 1, Thomas, Chaffinch, good col., fine head, breast and back markings, well put down; 2, Craig, Bramble, carries himself well; 3, 4, Docker and Titilah, Chaffinch and Bramble; vhc, spl, Buglass; hc, Weir. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Docker and Titilah, leader Long-tailed Tit, in splendid form, well shown; 2, Grey Wagtail, well up in col.; 3, Nuthatch, well staged; 4, Finnie. HEN, BRIT. (6): 1, hc, Docker and Titilah, leader Grey Wartail, in fine form, steady and well shown; 2, Thomas, Corn Bunting, fine size and col., in good order; 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, Gentleman. MULE (12): 1, 4, Wood, leader good dark Goldf., fine size, splendid col, and markings, scarcely finished; 2, Finnie, Var. Greenf., fair size, good feather; 3, spl, Gilchrist, good dark Goldf., better finish, fails size; vhc, Little; hc, Thomas; c, spl, Taylor. HYB. (2): 1, spl, McLean, Canary-Bullf., fair size, markings, well staged. FOR., SMALL (1): 1, Steel, we could not find. LARGE (1): 1, Nesbit, well-known veteran King Parrot, in the pink.

LEITH O.S.

57th Annual Show, Nov. 11, in Junction Road Church Halls. Birds were nicely staged round the sides and up the centre. Owing to a great number of members being on foreign service entries were slightly down. Scotch Fancies were above the average in quality, and contained some grand birds. Mr. G. Hope was the cup winner in this section. Norwich contained some of the best staged this season, and appeared to be well up to the standard. Crests made a nice show and contained some very nice birds. Mr. Geo. R. Smith winning cup for best in this section, and the Norwich. Borders were well up and made the strongest entries in the show. Here again some exceptionally very fine birds were shown. Mr. G. W. Brown being the cup winner. British and Mules were slightly down, but made it up in quality. Mr. J. Allan won cup in the British and Mr. P. West in the mule section with a Goldie mule. In the absence of the Pres., Mr. Smith, vice-pres., filled his place to the satisfaction of all. As a body of workers it would be hard to find such an able lot from the vice-pres. downwards. Unfortunately the Sec., Mr. Muir, had to go home unwell, but his place was ably filled by the late Sec., Mr. G. Brown. Judges were Scotch Fancies, Messrs. Eason and Brown; Norwich, Mr. Winter; Borders, Messrs. Lumsden and McAdam; British, etc., Mr. C. Sykes, who all appeared to give general satisfaction.

Scotch Fancy, Yell. Ck. (5): 1, sp, cup, Hope, cl., grand size, style, and subs.; 2, Patterson, nice size, fair thickness and style; 3, West, rare quality; 4, Allan; 5, Muir. Buff (5): 1, Allan, grand cl., rare thickness, full of nerves; 2, 3, Dunn, rare subs., qual., and thickness throughout; 4, Patterson; 5, Dalgleish. Yell. Pied (2): 1, Hope, nice depth of shoulders, full of nerves and quality. Buff (5): 1, sp, Allan, nice length of side, rare top end; 2, 5, Dalgleish; 2, not so thick in front, but rare quality; 3, Patterson; 4, Hope. Green (2): 1, Patterson, nice size, rare drive, stylish action; 2, Allan. Hen., Yell. (5): 1, sp, Dalgleish, grand size, takes pos. well; 2, Allan, nice size, easy style; 3, Hope; 4, Patterson; 5, Dunn. Buff (6): 1, 4, Hope, 1 grand size, well set head, grand tail carr.; 2, 3, Dalgleish; 2, presses winner hard, rare qual. throughout; 5, Dunn; 6, Allan. Pied (6): 1, 4, Patterson, nice size, well set up shoulders, takes pos. well; 2, Dalgleish, nice size, rare top end, might have gone up; 3, 5, Hope. Buff (5): 1, 2, Allan, rare qual. and subs., full of nerves and style; 3, Dalgleish; 4, Patterson. Green (1): Hope, nice length, rare thickness and grand qual. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, Drysdale, grand size, rare depth of chest; 2, Walls, grand size, nice wings and tail, might have won; 3, Proctor; 4, Drysdale; 5, Forrest; 6, Carson. Buff (9): 1, sp, 2, sp, Proctor, 1, grand size, thick set body, well fed; 2, nice size and qual., rather long in tail, and slightly faulty wing carr.; 3, Walls, better stamp and wing carr., could have changed places; 4, Moffat; 5, Drysdale; 6, Walls. Green, Cinn. or Var. (4): 1, 2, 3, Moffat, 1, var., nice size, rare subs., good wing carr. Buff (5): 1, sp, Moffat, largest we have seen, buff var., rare qual. of feather; 2, Proctor; 3, Moffat; 4, Carson; 5, Walls. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 3, Proctor, 1, grand size, rare type and qual; 2, Moffat, fine size, rich and silky in feather; 4, Drysdale; 5, Forrest. Buff (9): 1, 4, 6, Proctor, nice size, well filled in back, rare bold head; 2, 3, Dunn, not so chubby, but nice qual. and well fed, little to choose between them; 5, Moffat. Green, Cinn. or Var. Yell. (3): 1, 3, Proctor, 1, nice size, close fitting wings and tail; 2, Moffat. Buff (3): 1, Proctor, nice size, full of qual.; 2, Moffat; 3, Forrest. Non-Fed Ck. (4): 1, 3, Carr, 1, grand size, rare deep chest, good wings and tail; 2, Proctor. Hen (2): 1, Walls, grand type and qual., rich col.; 2, Weir. Crest Ck. (3): 1, 2, sp, cup, Smith, grand size, rare centred crest, nice length of feather; 3, Walters. Hen (3): 1, Smith, foul green, nice shape, rare centred crest, and well feathered; 2, Stevenson; 3, Walters. C.B. Ck. (5): 1, 2, 3, Stevenson, 1, green, grand sized, rare bold head with nice entrance. Hen (3): 1, Smith, foul green, grand, shapely body, rare bold head, nice length of brow feathers. Bord., Cl. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Stevenson, nice size, close fitting feathers; 2, Hutchison, well up in size, grand wings and well piped tail; 3, Little, we thought best in class, grand type and rare qual. throughout; 4, 5, Little; 6, Muir; 7, Purves. Buff (11): 1, 2, 3, sp, Muir, very typical, rare silky feather, jaunty carr.; 2, much of the same stamp and style; 3, nice size, not so well filled in front and neck; 4, Little; 5, Hutchison; 6, 7, Brown. Hen (10): 1, sp, cup, Brown, marvel for type, qual., and style; 2, Hutchison, grand size and qual., nice head and neck; 3, 4, 6, Little, 3, rare size, carries wings and tail well; 5, Purvie; 7, Drysdale. Buff (15): 1, 5, 6, Muir, 1, grand size, close in feather and tail, good wing carr.; 2, 3, Hutchison, grand size and qual., stylish carr.; 3, nice size and qual., bold head and front; 4, Brown; 7, Little. Tkd. (7): 1, G. Brown, nice size, very typical, well rounded back; 2, 5, Little, grand size, rare close fitting feather, very taking; 3, Drysdale, nice size, rare qual.; 4, Hutchison; 6, Purvis. Var. (7): 1, 5, Brown, grand size, rich col., close fitting; 2, Little, nice size, rare action, grand tail; 3, 6, Hutchison; 4, Muir. Buff (7): 1, sp, B.F.M., Drysdale, rare type, grand size, rich and close in feather; 2, 6, Hutchison; 2, grand size, rare filled in back and front; 3, Muir; 4, 5, Brown. Yell. Green (4): 1, 3, sp, Brown, 1, grand size, rich tone of col., nicely mkd.; 2, 4, Stevenson. Buff (11): 1, 2, Brown, sweet exhibit, nice size, rare wings and nicely piped tail; 2, same style and stamp, little to choose; 3, 6, Monro, nice size, level col., nicely mkd.; 4, Hutchison; 5, 7, Stevenson. Hen (6): 1, Hutchison, grand type, rare qual., nicely mkd.; 2, 3, 4, Stevenson, nice team. Buff (7): 1, 2, Brown, both, rare style, grand tapered body, and rare markings; 3, Hutchison, nice type, not so rich in col., nicely mkd.; 4, 5, 6, 7, Stevenson. Yell., Cinn. Ck. (4): 1, sp, 2, Buglass, 1, grand size, rare tone of col., nice shape; 3, 4, Weir. Buff (5): 1, 2, Buglass, nice size, rich in feather and grand tail; 3, Little; 4, 5, Weir. Hen (12): 1, 2, 3, 5, sp, Buglass, 1, buff, grand size, close fitting wings and tail; 2, buff, nice size, rare wings and nice jaunty carr.; 3, buff, nice size, not so rich col., but grand markings; 4, Little; 6, 7, Weir. Bullf. (3): 1, Messer, nice size, rich coloured back and chest, good wing bars; 2, Allan; 3, Purvis. Goldf. (6): 1, Proctor, small sized foreigner, rather dark in blaze, but nicely buttoned; 2, Watson, typical Britisher, nice size, well cut blaze and good moonings; 3, Messer; 4, Scott. Linnet (10): 1, Allan, 1, nice size, rich col., steady and well put down; 2, 4, 5, Watson; 2, larger in size, not in full bloom, yet nice whites; 3, Allan, nice size, rather heavy markings, well put down; 6, Mainland; 7, Scott. Greenf. Non-Fed (9): 1, sp, cup, 3, 4, Allan, 1 grand size, rare thick set body, level col, 3 not so rich in col., nice size, and steady; 2, Messer, nice size, rich col.; 5, Scott; 6, Watson; 7, Mainland. Siskin (1): Scott, nice size, richly mkd. Mealy Redpoll or Twite (5): 1, sp, Scott, Twite, grand size, rare tone of front, steady, and well put down; 2, 4, Allan; 3, Mainland; 5, Watson. Lesser (6): 1, Watson, nice size, rich breast, col., nicely mkd., and grand bib; 2, Allan, nice size, fails in col. and markings to winner; 3, Scott; 4, Mainland; 5, Weir; 6, Munro. Chaffinch (7): 1, 2, 5, Allan, 1 grand size, rich in breast col., nicely mkd. wings, 2 not so deep in tone, but rare markings; 3, sp, Watson, nice size, well up in col., shows plenty of white, a little unsteady; 4, Messer; 6, Munro. Bramble. (8): 1, 3, 4, Allan, 1 grand size, rare spangle, rather pale in col., 3 nice size head, and well spangled; 2, sp, Watson, much richer col., well cut front, well spangled, fails slightly in size; 5, Messer; 6, Scott; 7, Mainland. A.O. Finch (2): 1, Watson, nice sized Hawfinch, still moulting, will greatly improve; 2, Allan. Bunting (5): 1, Allan, Corn., nice size, and well mkd., rather dark in col.; 2, 3, Watson; 2, Yellowhammer, nice size, rich col., good check markings, wants steadying; 4, Scott. Softbill, Small (2): 1, 2, Watson, both Grey Wagtails, rich col., steady, and well staged. Large (2): 1, Allan, Song Thrush, nice size and markings; 2, Walls. Hen (4): 1, 2, Allan, 1 Bullf., nice size, steady, and well shown, good wing bars; 2, Greenfinch, nice size, rich col.,; 3, Scott; 4, Mainland. Light Mule or Hyb. (1): West, nice sized Goldie mule, with a few white feathers in wing and tail, and on neck. Dark (8): 1, sp, cup, 3, 4, West, 1 nice sized, yell. Goldie mule, rather rough in feather, 3 buff, larger in size, a little loose in feather; 2, 5, Drysdale, nice, rich coloured Greenie mule; 6, Messer; 7, Munro. Gift (3): 1, Brown; 2, Walls; 3, Watson.

ALFRETON

The third annual open show of the Alfreton C.B.S. took place Nov. 11, and proved a success. The exhibition was held in the large and nicely-lighted assembly room attached to the Red Lion Hotel. The entry was a capital one (240), and quality far better than on previous occasions. Prize money was on the sliding scale. Norwich were truly a superb lot, as was to be expected, considering that around this district many well-known fanciers reside. Mr. Wm. Vardy put down gems and took most of the spoil. Other rare specimens were staged by Messrs. J. Adnitt, Butler and Barlow, J. Smedley, and A. J. Smith. Yorkshires also were nice, Messrs. F. Potts, W. Vardy, Beardall and Walker, A. J. Smith, and W. Green putting down, in the best of fettle, real beauties. British were a treat; toppers were shown by Messrs. Hayter and Bunn and Lilley Bros. Hybrids of great merit were the Can.-Bullf. and Greenf.-Bullf. (Hayter and Bunn) and the Buff Goldie-Can., mkd. wings and eyes (A. Smith). Members' classes contained more than a few of real classical exhibits. Choice specimens were those of Messrs. F. Taylor, W. Taylor, S. Cook, T. Cook, T. Goddard, A. Spencer, and G. Sawer Bros.

Spl. most points in show, F. Potts. Best Brit., a magnificent Greenie, superbly staged by Messrs. Hayter and Bunn. Second best a delightfully coloured Siskin, Lilley Bros. Medal best novice bird, T. Goddard, a choice cl. yell. Nor. of magnificent colour.

The Committee is composed of well-known fanciers, and great credit is due to the following for the exertions they put forth, viz.: Messrs. J. Cockayne, C. Sower, A. Spencer, A. Webster, S. Newton, R. H. Holt, J. Adnitt, S. Henshaw, and A. Abbott. President is Mr. W. Marsh, who finely supports the Society. Mr. G. Sawer, the worthy sec., is courteous, and a great worker. Nothing is too much for him to do—a right man in the right place.

Amongst the many visitors we saw were Messrs. E. Fox (Long Eaton), W. Vardy and Barlow (Bucknall), D. Hunter (Scarbro), J. W. H. Boaler (Nottingham), J. Drew (York), W. Birchmshaw (Clay Cross), and others. Staging of exhibits was well done, and every bird seen at a glance.

Unfortunately in several cases the judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, had to disqualify specimens in the marked classes. These were birds far too lightly marked for the green or heavily marked classes. Birds eligible for this latter class must be more dark than light, but some here were wing and eye marks that should have been entered in the clear or lightly marked classes. Mr. A. Revill's birds, Burton-on-Trent, did not arrive until 7.30 Saturday night. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and gave full satisfaction.

NOR. OPEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Vardy, mkd. cheek, well up in size, grand shape, col. and feather, best of carr., 3 cl., plenty of subs., good feather, short, patchy in col. somewhat; 2, Butler and Barlow, cl., nice head, neck and chest, good feather, shows signs of "A.D."; vhc, Twine. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Vardy, red hot cl., magnificent feather, fine subs. and shape, clean cut away; 2, Adnitt, mkd. wing and eye, well up in size, capital shape and feather, rich in col.; 3, Smedley. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Vardy, yell. var., monster, exquisite feather and col., rattling shape, A1 wing carr., 2 buff green, short and thick set, superb feather, good size, tight as wax; 3, Adnitt, yell. var., lovely feather and col. Nos. 1, 2 and 6 W.C., too lightly marked. HEN (7): 1, 2, Vardy, cl. yell., delightful shape, beautifully feathered, rich col., fine size and carr., 2 shapely cl. buff, superb qual. and col., neatly frosted, can beat more than beats her; 3, Smith, buff, mkd. head, A1 feather and col.; vhc, Dean; hc, Smedley; c, Adnitt. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Vardy, cl., good feather and col., nice shape and size, clean cut, very promising, 2 mkd. head, full of col., superior feather, shapely, not the size, still real good one; 3, vhc, Smedley; hc, Butler and Barlow; c, Clark and Son. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Vardy, mkd. neck, round as a ball, full of col., will make up well, 2 mkd. head, good in size, all there for qual. and col. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Naylor, bonny cl. buff, A1 feather, good subs. and carr.; 2, Dean, var. buff, cobby, nice size, rich qual. and col.; 3, Beardall; vhc, hc, P. Smith. No. 2 W.C. STOCK PAIRS (4): 1, Vardy, massively built var. yell. cock, lovely col. and feather, and a neat and stylish eye tkd. buff hen, likely pair; 2, Adnitt, grandly shaped and beautifully feathered mkd. yell. cock, rich col., and a massive headed cl. buff hen, ran the winners closely; 3, Beardall and Walker; vhc, A. J. Smith. SELL. 20s. (3): 1, Butler and Barlow; 2, Holmes; 3, Adnitt. 10s. (3): 1, Butler and Barlow; 2, 3, Holt. YORKS. OPEN, CL. YELL., ETC. (7): 1, Potts, mkd. head, smooth as glass, straight as a rush, very lengthy, and well on leg, gem; 2, vhc, Vardy, cl., stands nicely, A1 qual. and col., good length, nice wing carr., very close up; 3, Green; hc, Lanckham; c, S. T. Wilson. BUFF (5): 1, Potts, neck tkd., straight, capital qual. and col., very lengthy, clever legs, beauty; 2, Green, lovely salmon tinted cl., nice pos. and length, good back flights and tail, pressed; 3, Vardy; vhc, Lanckham; hc, G. T. Wilson. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, A. J. Smith, buff green, good pos. and length, sound col., A1 qual., very stylish; 2, Beardall, very smart buff, heavy mkd., straight and well feathered; 3, Carnchery. Nos. 4 and 5 W.C., too lightly marked. HEN (6): 1, Green, buff mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as box, stands delightfully, good length; 2, Beardall and Walker, yell. mkd. neck, capital feather and col., good pos. and length, well on leg, close up; 3, Vardy; vhc, hc, Potts; c, Carmellery. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Potts, cinn. mkd., slim and lengthy, straight as a gun barrel, rich qual. and col.; 2, Vardy, mkd. neck, capital col. and feather, good length and pos., well on leg not far away; 3, Wilcox; vhc, Green; hc, Lanckham. BUFF (6): 1, Beardall and Walker, cl., grand pos., feathered to perfection, nice back and wing carr., plenty of leg; 2, Wilcox, cl., superior qual. and col., stands nicely, nice length and style, very close up; 3, Lanckham; vhc, Potts; hc, Vardy. NAT. COL. (2): 1, 2, Beardall, cl. buffs, nice feather, little between them. PAIRS (2): 1, Potts, smart and stylish cl. buff cock, and a neat and nervy mkd. yell. hen, well matched, and a very likely pair; 2, G. T. Wilson. SELL., 20s. (3): 1, Adnitt; 2, Beardall and Walker; 3, Goddard. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, Dawe, Goldf., lovely col., grand feather, good size and shape, lovely, well cut blaze, neat bars and buttons; 2, Evans, Bullf., very smart, good size and shape, in the pink; 3, Simms, Goldf., nice shape; vhc, Rush; hc, A. Smith. GREENF., ETC. (10), good class: 1, Hayter and Bunn, magnificent Greenie, grand right through, hard to find fault with, in fine fettle; 2, vhc, Lilley Bros., Bramble, nice size and shape, capital col. and markings, well shown; 3, A. Smith, Greenf., shapely and A1 qual., hardly so bright in col. as winner; hc, Mossendew; c, Dawe. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Lilley Bros., one of the prandest Siskins it has been our pleasure to see for many a long day, a real gem, greatly admired; 2, Hayter and Bunn, Twite, rich col., exquisite feather, beautifully mkd., in the pink, close up; 3, Sawer Bros., gem of a Redpoll, slashing col., smooth as wax, nice shape and size; hc, Mossendew; c, Webster. LINNET (6): 1, Simms, well up in subs., capital shape, rich nutty col., finely pencilled, steady as a top; 2, Sawer Bros., shade larger, good shape, well pencilled, clear and distinct, not quite the col., pressed very hard; 3, Adnitt; vhc, Dawe; hc, Lilley Bros.; c, Mossendew. A.O.V. (6): 1, Lilley Bros., a topping Yellow Bunting, very shapely, rare size, lovely qual. and col., superb head markings; 2, Marsh, Hawfinch, grand shape, nice feather, good bib, not of the biggest, but of the best; 3, Mossendew; vhc, Evans; hc, Dawe; c, no name. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (3): 1, Smith, buff Goldie-Can., bordering on a six-pointed, fine face, perfect trim; 2, 3, Stone, both var. Goldf.-Can., buffs, nice shape, col. and qual., 2nd best face, shown in nice style. DARK (5): 1, 2, Hayter and Bunn, Can.-Bullf. and Greenf.-Bullf. respectively, both fine size and shape, A1 col. and markings, pictures; 3, vhc, A. Smith; hc, Evans. GIFT (8): 1, Adnitt; 2, Butler and Barlow; 3, A. Spencer; vhc, Sawer Bros.; hc, c, Abbott.

THE MEMBERS' CLASSES.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Goddard, cobby red hot cl.; 2, T. Taylor, cl., plenty of size, longer; 3, Holmes; vhc, Spencer; hc, Cockayne; c, Henshaw. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Goddard, typical birds, winner has it in qual.; 2, T. Taylor, cl., beaten in size and col.; vhc, Spencer; hc, Holt; c, Henshaw. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, A. Spencer, very typical yell. green; 2, Cockayne. Nos. 2 and 3 W.C., too lightly mkd. HEN (7): 1, c, Spencer, big cl. yell., very bonny; 2, T. Taylor, buff, plenty of size, free in feather; 3, Holt, cobby cl. yell., beaten in size; vhc, Goddard; hc, Holmes. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, T. Taylor, eye tick, very promising; 2, A. Spencer, cl., good size, bit long; 3, W. Taylor; vhc, Goddard; hc, Webster; c, Cockayne. BUFF (4): 1, W. Taylor, very nice cl., good shape and feather; 2, T. Taylor; 3, A. Spencer; vhc, Newton. PAIRS (5): 1, W. Taylor, good cl. buff cock and smart yell. hen; 2, Marsh; 3, Holt; vhc, A. Spencer; hc, Cockayne. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Cook, full of style, good one; 2, Sawer Bros., very close up, bonny; 3, vhc, Parkin, hc, Cope; c, Newton. BUFF (4): 1, Cook, stands well, lengthy; 2, Goddard, beaten a little in qual.; 3, Sawer Bros.; vhc, Cope. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Cope, nice shape and carr.; 2, Sawer Bros., typical good feather; 3, Abbott; vhc, Parkin. HEN (6): 1, Cook, very charming all over; 2, Cockayne, not quite so stylish; 3, Sawer Bros.; vhc, hc, Abbott; c, Parkin. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Sawer Bros., full of true character, very promising; 2, Cockayne, just beaten in style; 3, Cope; vhc, Abbott. BUFF (3): 1, Sawer Bros., grand cl., full of style; 2, 3, Cope; vhc, Webster; hc, Andrews. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Abbott. PAIRS (5): 1, Cook, nicely matched; 2, Sawer Bros., very close up; 3, vhc, Parkin, bit open in feather; hc, Webster.

(Many Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CANARY PICKING ITSELF.

R. W.—As the feathers are also disappearing from the back of the head, it is clear that there is some other cause at work besides the bird constantly picking at its feathers to account for the baldness. You would do well to thoroughly examine the bird and cage to see if you can find any trace of either grey mice or red mites, and if so, take the necessary steps to exterminate them, when it is quite likely that the effects will soon pass away as a matter of course. If no insects are discovered treat as follows for a month or so. See that it is kept in a bright and cosy place, not necessarily overheated, nor yet on the cold side, and do not expose it to direct draughts or rapid extremes of heat and cold. Offer the bath on each bright, mild day, but leave it to the bird's discretion whether it bathes or not. If it does not choose to do so, do not attempt any more hand-washing. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition to this give separately every third day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On the following day each time add to the water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and on the remaining days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and also a morsel of banana or carrot, the latter either raw or boiled. A piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires for a week or two will help to divert the bird's attention from picking its plumage to pieces.

NORWICH HEN SOFT.

J. T.—The hen is in a soft condition, which may very well be due to the prevailing conditions of weather of late, to which unfavourable influences, possibly, she is susceptible. Keep her in a fairly warm place, but not overheated, free from direct draughts or damp, and in addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of raw or boiled carrot. Offer the bath twice a week on bright days, and early in the day, but do not worry if she does not take advantage of it. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of Syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

DAMP WALL IN AVIARY.

Yorkshire.—I should say the excessive dampness which you describe rises from the ground, or from some source on the other side of the wall, and until it is remedied the place will be quite unfit to keep your birds in permanently with any hopes of success. Your best course is to keep the birds indoors for this winter, and meantime try to discover the origin of the dampness and remove the cause, if possible, and in any case it would be a wise plan to make a drain below the surface of the ground at the foot of the wall. In addition to this take advantage of any spell of dry weather during the winter, so that the wall will then be comparatively dry, to give it a coating of some damp resisting fluid, several of which are on the market and can be bought at any paint and colour shop. One such preparation is "Petrifax," but there are many others, probably all much alike, as to which any colourman would advise you if you explained the purpose for which it was required. The stuff is painted on the surface similar to whitewashing, and in an extreme case such as yours it would be a good plan to give four coats, allowing each to dry before applying another, and to make a point to wait for a favourable opportunity when the wall is as dry as possible to make the applications.

A SLEEPY YORKSHIRE.

Gladys, N. W. T.—Possibly, the bird is more susceptible to cold than the others, and would do better for a time indoors in a cosy room where no fires are kept, but free from draughts and damp. Apart from this probable cause of his torpid condition, I am inclined to think there is little the matter except that he is probably overfeeding himself. After taking the above precautionary step give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and in addition limit the extras to a half a teaspoonful of egg-food, or the equivalent in bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, once a week, and on one other day a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, black rape and broken groats. When green salads cannot be obtained in fit condition for use give three times a week as a substitute a morsel of raw or boiled carrot, banana or sweet apple. In the drinking water for three consecutive days, and then every second day for the rest of the week, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Of course you will not dream of mating him for months yet, even if he does get in good condition and song. The end of March or beginning of April will be quite early enough for this in the best of circumstances. If he is not well and active in a month or six weeks from now write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further.

EARLY IMPOTENCE.

All Clear.—The failure to secure any results with any of four hens certainly points to the cock being the faulty partner, but to make this evidence conclusive the hens should have been mated with other cocks to see if normal results were then obtained. It is undoubtedly possible for a cock to lose his powers at any time, even after only the first season, or reproductive powers may even not be developed at all. Assuming that the bird was not more than two years old, and had bred successfully in its first season, its failure to fertilise eggs in its second season may have been due either to natural or mechanical causes. In the former case only a practical test next season could prove whether the bird would be of any use that season or not, and in the latter case the removal of the cause would in all probability ensure a normal amount of fertility at once. A quite common cause of this description is too dense and profuse feathering about the flanks and lower breast, and birds of this class should have the loose flowing tips of the feathers on these parts trimmed at the beginning of the breeding season. It is not necessary to disfigure a bird at all, but just clip off the loose straggling feathers to bring them to a smooth and well-fitting shape. With some birds loose and wobbly perches are also a source of clear eggs being produced, and a very frequent cause of the trouble is when mating invariably takes place in the nest. In the latter case it is a good plan when the hen is coming on for laying to place some object in the nest, for the greater part of the day, after it is completed, to prevent the hen squatting flat in the cup of the nest when calling to the cock, and continuing this until the third egg is laid and the hen is being put to sit. It would probably be well worth trying the bird for a first nest next season in order to give attention to these details, and see how the fertility of the eggs was affected thereby.

STILL MOULTING.

Pansy, Bargoed.—The bleeding to which you refer is almost certainly due to the bird knocking out a newly sprouting quill whilst it was in the sappy, or "blood" stage. As the bird is so active, it would be a good plan to throw a light cover over the cage for a fortnight or three weeks to keep it fairly quiet and avoid the risk of it being fluttered by trivial alarms until the larger quill feathers are well grown. Give the same staple diet as advised in last reply, but vary the seed mixture by making it of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, black rape, linseed and broken groats, with a sprinkling of gold of pleasure and mustard, and give the same quantity as before. Also add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the bread and milk each time you give it, and keep a morsel of raw carrot stuck in the wires of the cage for it to peck at. In the drinking water, instead of the Chemical Food, add a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight, and then if the feathers have not ceased dropping omit it for a week, and resume it and give for another fortnight.

TO BRING ON SONG.

Mrs. Wallace Barr.—It is not unusual for some birds to take a more or less long rest after moulting before they resume singing. Now and again one will not begin until the opening of the new year. When they are slow to resume song placing them near a bird in full, vigorous song, will very often incite them to begin almost at once, and practically always shorten the period of silence. If this method is not convenient the following treatment will help to bring them on song as quickly as anything, always, of course, assuming that the bird is in good health and condition. In addition to the staple diet give every third day, a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the intervening days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and give a morsel of banana. It will also prove helpful if you keep a little of the following paste stuck in the wires for it to peck at when it likes for a time. Mix together a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, ditto of pure honey, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, ditto of powdered grain of paradise, and as much finely powdered biscuit as will bring it to the consistency of a soft cheese. Keep a small piece pressed between the wires on the cross-bar at the end of a perch and renew it as often as necessary. A month of this treatment should bring it out into full song.

SEA SAND FOR CAGES.

P. H. P.—Yes, provided the sand is gathered from a clean and uncontaminated portion of the beach, such sand is quite suitable for use in cages instead of the usual grit bought in bags. The trace of salt which it contains is in no way detrimental; indeed it is more beneficial than otherwise. The only objection that could be found to its saline nature is that if strongly impregnated with salt it is apt to become damp in the cages in wet weather, but this objection vanishes if the cages are cleaned with commendable frequency, or, on the other hand it is quite easy to remove the salt by putting the sand through a bucket or two of fresh water and then spreading it out to dry before use.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH WITH GROWTH ON BEAK.

W. Mansfield.—The best treatment for the growth at the base of the beak is a careful operation, but this should be performed by someone skilled in such matters, and I would not advise you to attempt it yourself. If you should happen to know a medical man or chemist who is interested in birds, he would probably attend to it for you. A complete change in the bird's diet would possibly prevent it spreading. Give soaked seeds two or three times a week, and as much wild seed as you can manage. Give him an aperient of Epsom or glauber salts occasionally, and add a few drops of fresh lemon juice to his drinking water.

CONCERNING MULES FOR EXHIBITION.

A. T. K.—I must congratulate you upon your success and hope you have something good among your birds. Strictly speaking a dark Mule should be dark all over, no white feathers round the neck, in flight or tail, nor base of the body, which are the places they usually show. In some club rules one is allowed to exhibit as dark Mules those with "more dark than light plumage," but this is seldom the case in open competition; there a dark mule must be quite dark. A lightly marked mule would be one with light ticks or marks about the body, a feather or two in the wings, or perhaps grizzled. A two-pointed bird, that is, one with both wings marked, or both eyes marked, is allowed to be exhibited as a lightly marked bird, not as an even marked. In exhibiting one is guided by the schedule issued by the show officials; these vary considerably, according to the size and importance of the exhibition. A clear mule is a clear absolutely, but these are rare, and schedules are generally worded: "Any variety light Mule," "clear or lightly marked," and other definitions. As regards value, as a rule the nearer to clear the more valuable, but of course in judging these, size, colour, quality of feather, and condition are taken into consideration, so that it is possible for a marked Mule to beat a clear. If you have any promising birds I would advise you to keep them another year, as they make up, grow, and improve considerably.

BIRDS NOT MOULTING.

H. Hutson.—I fear you can do nothing now to induce your birds to moult. Had you written earlier we might have managed it. A change of temperature or a fly in an aviary will frequently succeed if given at the moulting period. I would advise you to feed them well and treat them in every way as if they had moulted. They may manage it in the Spring, or have an early summer moult. A few drops of whisky in the drinking water will frequently cure a slight cold.

KEEPING BIRDS OUTSIDE.

Wilfrid Saxon.—Many of our cage birds can be kept in an outside aviary. The Finches and Bunting are the most suitable, and a few of the softbills. Canaries may be kept in an unheated building, providing it is not draughty or damp. An outside aviary for breeding purposes cannot be too large, as room is essential where they are put up for breeding purpose. A cage to contain three pairs for breeding would be quite useless. If you could manage to erect a place about ten feet long it is quite possible that pairs of Greenfinches, Canaries, Goldfinches, or Redpolls, might nest. These generally agree together very well.

A BACKWARD GREYPATE.

Puzzled.—Perhaps yours was a late hatched bird and has not had time to finish his moult. The few patches of colour may be due to the bird having knocked out some of its nest feathers, and these therefore would be the first to grow. It will of course have to have a clean moult before showing its proper plumage. Be careful that you do not keep him in a draught, and give a bath of tepid water on fine days, this will assist. Let his food be good, and try him with a mealworm; if he will take it, give one every day.

FINCH WITH EYE TROUBLE.

A. M. C.—If, as you say, the sight is not impaired, you have no cause to worry about your Greenfinch. Possibly the bird has had a cold, and the watery matter from the eye has caused a few of the small feathers to come out. This would make the bird look very unsightly, and account for the redness you speak of. Catch the bird and bathe the eyes daily in a solution of boric acid. Put half a teaspoonful in a warm cup, then a few drops of water, and make it into a paste, filling up the cup with warm water. Bathe the eye with a small piece of soft rag or sponge, and dry with a clean rag. Do this daily. See that clean perches are given every morning; have a duplicate set, and wash those you take out even if they appear clean.

SAMPLE OF WILD SEEDS.

J. Hicks.—I have examined the sample of wild seed sent in, and consider it quite a good one, suitable for Linnets, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Twites, and Redpolls. The majority of it is a species of wild rape or mustard, but it also contains several other species such as dock, gold of pleasure, thistle, dandelion, grass, etc. These latter seeds would be picked out by the Goldfinch, and as the residue of rape would be practically untouched it could scarcely be called a suitable wild seed mixture for that bird.

OPINION ON RAPE.

P. G. S., Rugby.—The seed sent is cole. It is sometimes sold as rape, English rape, black rape, etc. The quality is good, but I do not consider it suitable to take the place of genuine summer rape in the staple diet. It is more suited to form part of a seed mixture for occasional use. Summer rape is about one third smaller than this, and of a reddish-brown colour in the bulk, though individual grains vary from red to blackish.

HENS PLUCKING COCK.

Bird Lover.—(1) Possibly the occasional plucking of a single feather from the cock is merely a mischievous prank due to the hens being in a little high condition for the season. The sexes would be much better now kept separately until time to mate next spring, and in your case it would be well to remove the cock to a cage by himself for singing, and tie a bit or two of coarse string on the wires of the aviary at the end of the perches if the hens turn their attention to the other birds when the cock Canary is removed. If this does not stop the habit the culprits should be caged alone. (2) Unless the 1914 hen has been an exceptionally good breeder and feeder you would do well to discard her for future breeding. It would be wisest to keep the 1916 hen for next year's breeding. (3) Yes, a 1915 cock will do all right for a stock bird next season if he is in good health and vigour. (4) A rich-coloured yellow would probably give you the best colour generally in the Mules, and a buff the best size. It is not essential to keep the hens with the Finches through the winter; but it sometimes serves to get them more sociable and friendly against the spring. (5) If a hen occasionally plucks a feather as yours have done it is no certain indication that they would pluck their young. Sometimes the habits alter considerably when a hen becomes mated. J,u 5a

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING GREY PARROT.

African.—Keep it in a warm room, but it must be one with a fairly regular temperature. Give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, to each ounce of its drinking water, every fourth day, so long as the bowels are not abnormally loose; if the latter occurs then only give the magnesia once a week. On the days you do not give the magnesia, colour the drinking water with chemical food. Give it as much ripe fruit as it cares to eat; also add to your seed mixture sunflower seeds and oats, and do not give much hemp. Twice a day give it a piece of biscuit on which honey and borax has been lightly spread. A few sips, two or three times a day, of diluted tepid milk, containing two drops of brandy or whisky to each tablespoonful, would be helpful at this juncture. Keep cuttlebone continually in the cage. You must continue the treatment for some time, as complete recovery will not be rapid. Report progress in three or four weeks, but if there should be any recurrence of unfavourable symptoms write again at once with full details.

WHAT LOVEBIRD?

Miss H. W. B.—Your description reads rather like that of the Blue-winged Lovebird (Passerine Parrakeet), but your description is not sufficiently full for me to be definite. Are these birds entirely green, except under the wings? Is there any other colour on the lower back? Are the flight and tail feathers entirely green? What is the colour of the beak and bare skin round eyes? Any markings or colour there may be about them, apart from the general body colour of Emerald green, you must describe, and I then hope to be able to definitely state the species. How are you feeding them?

IDENTIFICATION OF BIRD.

R. V. K.—Your description is somewhat vague, but I have little doubt that the birds you saw were Madagascar Weavers, which in the breeding season are entirely fiery scarlet. By watching our advert. columns or putting in an advertisement therein yourself, you would undoubtedly soon obtain a specimen. They are often advertised as Scarlet Weavers. In the avicultural world it does not do to say anything is impossible, but I should say the successful mating of a Weaver and a Canary was most improbable. Some time ago a correspondent claimed to have reared a hybrid between an Orange Weaver and a Canary, but in the writer's opinion the data supplied were somewhat unconvincing.

WHAT BIRD?

Novice, D.M.—I much regret that I cannot be definite concerning the bird you describe, as the colonial name you quote I cannot find in any of my books. Your dietary will ahout meet the case. In the meantime, I will take an early opportunity of looking into the matter further, and enlarging upon this reply. I think it may possibly be some species of Syealis (Saffron Finches), or some species of Spermophila (Grass Quits), but at the moment have not sufficient data to reach a definite conclusion. Your treatment would suffice for either genus.

FLAMINGOES

C. B., Anxious.—These birds are waders, have long stilt-like legs, and stand some four to five feet high. Some species are all white, with rosy-pink beaks and feet; others are more or less suffused with rosy-pink; others again are almost entirely rosy-red, and again others are rosy-red with wing-flights black. These brief descriptions are somewhat crude, but they should suffice to give you a general idea of range of colour. Most Natural Histories include figures of the Flamingo and you should have no difficulty in getting a sight of such, at any rate uncoloured.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. HARRISON.—Linnet succumbed to pneumonia, attributable to a cold; both lungs were affected, whilst all other organs were quite healthy, and the general condition of the bird good.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR

THE NEST OF THE GOLDFINCH.

J. Burnell.—The statement that "no one ever living knew of a Goldfinch nest in a thorn hedge" is certainly not a statement of fact. The favourite nesting places of the Goldfinch are in the forks of fruit trees, or on the branches of evergreens in shrubberies, but it certainly nests also in hedges. One does not generally go to the poets for accurate knowledge of bird life, but the following lines from the poet Grahame state the fact clearly:—

"Sometimes in hedge luxuriant, where the brier,
The bramble, and the plum tree branch,
Warp through the thorn, surmounted by the flowers
Of climbing vetch and honeysuckle wild."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all Insects. Harmless to everything else.

BARNSLEY.

Open Linnet contest, Nov. 19. 16 birds entered for 4 min. time sing; F. Shepherd timer, J. Walton, chalker. 1, Coles, 3min. 14sec.; 2, Jennings, 2-42; 3, Hardman, 2-35; 4, Fishwick, 2-14; 5, Norburn, 48sec. All the other birds did nothing, but the winners did very good time for the season.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Nov. 19; 18 birds sang. 1, Watson; 2, 3, Marshall. Judges, W. Wheelhouse, W. Lay.

Roller contest, Nov. 19, 18 birds. 1, Shaw; 2, Hirst; 3, Lockwood. Judges, A. Bamfield, H. Robinson.

Open Roller contest Nov. 26.—W. Lacy, sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Leeds, Nov. 19; 16 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard: 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, shared Wigfield and Tich Marshall. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Rd. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Nov. 18, 10 birds sang: 1, Gomersal; 2, 3, Stead. Judges, Naylor and Smith. Linnet contest, Nov. 16th, 20 birds sang. 1, Sellers; 2, Jim Chippendale; 3, Sissons; 4, Hayes; 5, S. Johnson. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant, Ineson. Roller contest, Nov. 19, 11 birds sang: 1, Stead; 2, Condliffe; 3, Smelt. Judges, Hayes, Grant, Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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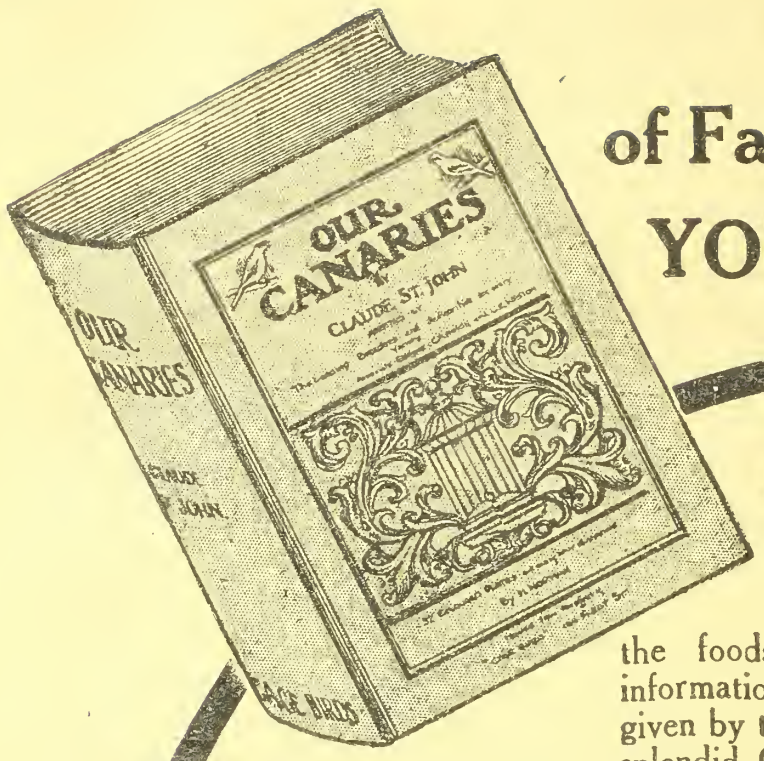
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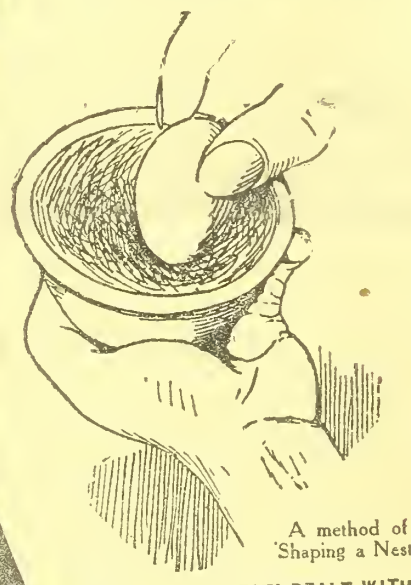
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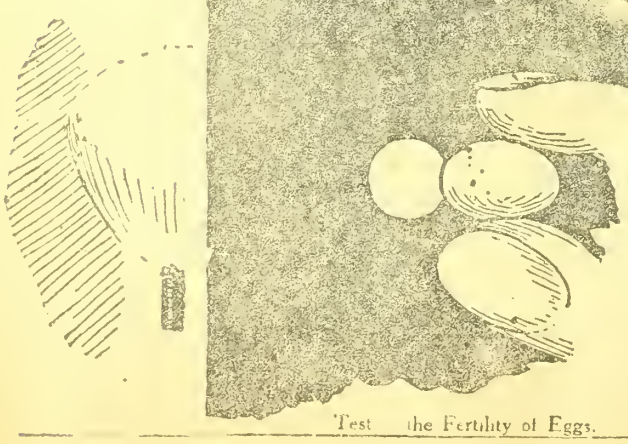
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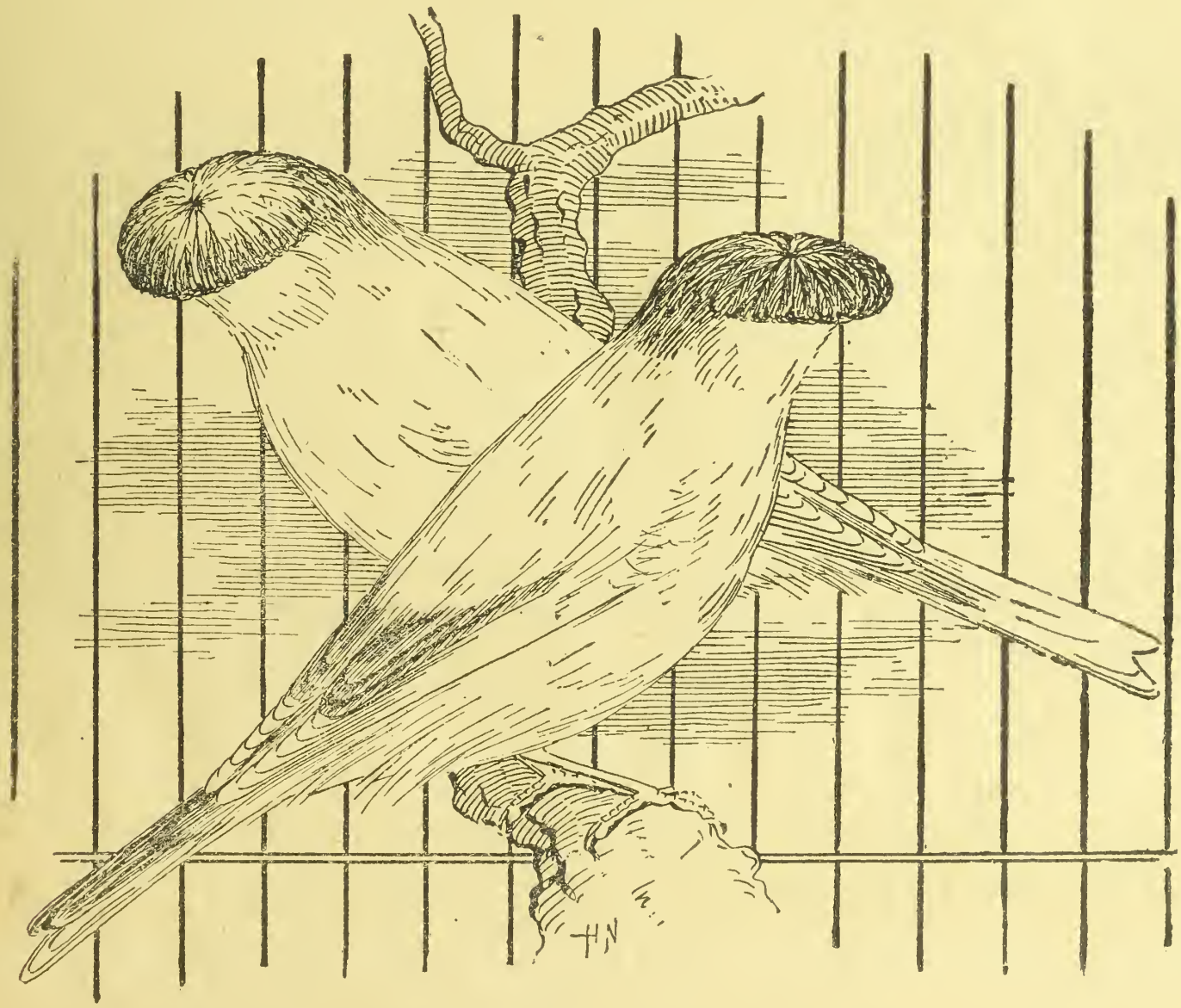
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Best Indian Millet	4/-	15/6	56lbs.	30/-
Summer Rape	4/6	17/6	52lbs.	36/-
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Teazle	4/-	15/6	28lbs.	60/-
Niger Seed	5/6	13/6	48lbs.	45/-
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BOOKS.

CASSELL'S "Book of Canaries and Cage Birds," 16 volumes of Shaw's "Zoology" (birds). 1899, many illustrations: Miss Alderson, Park House, Worksop. (687)

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GOOD cock Goldfinches, 4/-, 4/6; make good songsters: Alfred Rutter, Kirkby, moorside. (687)

WANTED, all kinds of British birds: Jones's Aviaries, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham. (681)

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FEW good Crests and Crestbreds, reasonable, on approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (643)

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LARGE dark-crested cock, 30/-; Crest-bred hen, 15/-, or exchange cock for one equal value: Dickinson, Queen's-rd., Kendal. (691)

TWO Crested cocks, two Crested hens, 12/6 each; one C.-B. hen, 8/6; all 1915; stamp reply: Wholton, 37, Aylestone-st., Leicester. (690)

TWO buff dark Crest hens, one variegated Crestbred cock, good stock birds, 35/- the lot, or separate: Brackenbury, 6, Bell-st., Lincoln. (688)

CREST and Crestbreds, several good birds, pairs or single; approval: deposit; stamp: B. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (660)

CRESTED hen Cinnamon, 15/6; heavily marked, 17/6: clear body, 21/-: P. A. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (686)

GRAND variegated Crest cock, nice drooping crest, 1916 bred, £5: another large Crest, £3; others cheaper: A. Piddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (689)

A few good Crests and Crestbreds, from well-known strains, from 14/-; pairs, 27/6, 35/6; approval: Miss Hacker, Beechcourt, St. Helens Park-rd., Hastings. (686)

CRESTS and Crestbreds; best blood; can now spare a few pairs and single cocks, from £2 per pair; state price; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (653)

HIGH CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, 35 years breeder of the best; many winners sold; grand birds for sale, reasonable, approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-road, Nottingham. (688)

EVINS BROTHERS offer healthy 1916 Crested cocks, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each, top value to clear this week; try one; you will be pleased: 259, High-st., Exeter. (681)

A few Crests and Crestbreds, Crested cocks, 10/6 each; plain, 7/6; plain heads, 3/6 each, and one green, finely marked Crested hen, 7/6: Miss Parsons, Middle Chinnock, Crewkerne, Somerset. (687)

CLEARING out. Eight pairs Crests, in one lot, or separate 30/-, 40/-, 50/- pair; breeding flight, show cages, travelling cases, aviary, odd hens, from 5/-; nest pans, etc.; seen Saturdays: Irving, 61, Cecil Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex. (686)

THOS. BEWICK, 30, Nursery Lane, Windy Nook, Gateshead, has a few Crest and Crestbred cocks to part with, same strain as my winners; two Crest cocks, 30/-, 40/-; Crestbred cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; clear body dark Crest cock, 1915, 50/-.

FORTY good pure pedigree Yorkshires, guaranteed my own breeding only; rare opportunity to secure genuine Tune bred stock of good quality, 15/- to 63/-; correct pairs corresponding, also, and 12½ bred Belgians, beauties, carefully bred, through best stock only, 21/- to 60/-: M. Nattrass, Raby Avenue, Bishop Auckland. (672)

LARGE 1914 wing marked and dark Crest cock and 1916 dark C.B. hen, 25/- pair; large 1915 green Crest cock and 1914 light C.-bred hen, 25/-; nice 1915 clear C. bred cock and 1916 wing marked dark Crest hen, off double Crests, 25/-; on offers in good Norwich pairs; approval; these are good for stock purposes: Wm. Forster, 16, Grange-terr., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. (691)

Greens

NORWICH Greens, Yellows, and Buffs, from 10/- each; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

Lancashires.

GRAND pair, yellow Plainhead cock, buff Coppy hen, 30/-, first cash; nice Norwich hen and common hen, exchange ½-inch net wire; offers Linnet-Bullfie, Redpoll-Greenie Hybrids, grand size and colour; winners; offers: Anderson, Campbell-st., Darvel.

Lizards.

LIZARDS, all Hamer, Rukin and Barnes' strains; 3 Silver, 1 Gold cocks, 10/- each; 10 hens, mostly Gold, 5/- each; 2 club show cages, 2/- each, or best offer for lot: Derricutt, 83, Athol-st., Burnley. (690)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

F. J. LACCOHEE, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich; reliable birds from 10/6; approval: 92, St. George's-st., Norwich. (593)

J. C. BARNES, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Norwich, well-known strain, winner of numerous challenge cups, trophies, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright: 113, Northfield rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

W. G. FELLOWS, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, winner of over three hundred prizes, challenge cups, etc.; reliable birds from £1 to £5 per pair; enquiries, stamp reply; all birds on approval: 44, Hill-lane, Southampton. (629)

EDWARD FOX, Breeder and Exhibitor high-class Norwich, winner Crystal Palace and all leading shows; good birds for sale from 10/-, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (671)

NORWICH cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

NOVICE winner, buff hen, 2nd prize, card sent, 10/-: Cooper, Lurdley-st., Norwich.

PAIR C.F. Norwich, winners, 35/-; Yorkshires, 20/-: Brooker, 15, Frome-ter., Dorchester. (689)

NORWICH, buff and yellow cocks from 10/- each: Bell: 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (691)

FEW nice half-bred Norwich hens, 3/6 each, or 6/6 for 2: Jones, Cranbourne-st., Brighton. (693)

2nd PRIZE club show, monster buff cock, clear, 20/-; card sent: Cooper, Show Sec., Norwich.

2nd NORWICH 1916, buff hen, slightly ticked, 10/-, card sent: Cooper, Lurdley-st., Norwich.

TWO clear buff cocks, 8/- each; three hens 4/- each; 1916 bred: Mrs. Gibbons, Boddington, Cheltenham (687)

NINE good cocks and five hens, Norwich, to clear, £4; cash or deposit: Rice, Friars-st., Sudbury, Suffolk. (687)

1915 YELLOW cock, 12/-; yellow cock, 1916, 10/-; marked buff hen, 6/-, 1915: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-ter., Plymouth. (688)

WHAT offers in Norwich for 14 yds. by 1½ inch mesh wire netting, good as new: Hall, Jun., Willett, Bicknoller, Taunton. (688)

A few good unflighted Norwich for sale; approval: John Gallacher, 8, Thornpark Terrace, John-st., Bellshill, Lanarkshire. (686)

THREE clear buff Norwich cocks, good strain, accept 15/6, 12/6, 10/6: Monkshouse, 67, Harriston, Aspatria, Cumberland. (686)

FEW exceptionally good birds to dispose of; come and inspect them; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (682)

TWO unflighted, high-class buff hens, green caps and even marked wings, 5/- each: Hughes, 40, Napier Avenue, Southend, Essex. (686)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (686)

TICKED buff cock, with marked yellow hen, 15/-; clear yellow cock, with marked buff hen, 15/-; 1916 bred: Moore, 49, Coventry-st., Leicester. (689)

FEW pairs Norwich, nice type and feather, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; approval, or seen by appointment; stamp reply: Sands, 69, Gordon-rd., Peckham, S.E. (687)

FOR sale, 3 unflighted buff cocks, 3 unflig. yell. hens, 4 unflighted buff hens, var. yell. cock; approval: W. Lee, 106, Bond-st., Macclesfield. (691)

A FEW well-bred clear and var buff cocks for sale, reasonable; approval, cash or deposit: McFadzean, 28, Park-st., Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. (692)

F. BENNETT has a few good Norwich for sale, own breeding, cocks from 12/6, hens 7/6; approval, cash, or deposit; stamp: 34, Bersham-rd., Wrexham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, breeder 35 years, best blood; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham.

FEW good buff Norwich cocks, 12/6, 15/-; buff hens 3/6; Sib. hens 7/6; two yellow Yorkshire hens, 8/- each; approval: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow.

NORWICH, 17/-, 20/- pair; yellow hens, 8/-; suitable for muling or exchange for good stock buff cock: D. Fyfe, 100, Craighall-rd., Glasgow, N. (690)

WANTED, Norwich clear or ticked unflighted yellow hen; must be good in head and subs.; sent on approval: state price: R. Scott, Sandfield-place, Leith.

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, offers unflighted clear yellow cock, 12/6; clear buff cock, 10/6; 1915 buff hen, 7/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply. (691)

REAL good Norwich, from exhibition stock, large yellow marked cock with short, stout clear buff hen, 1915 bred, 30/- pair, approval: A. Bridgwater, Warwick. (691)

REAL good Norwich (see wins Clapham, Dulwich and Peckham, etc.); can spare few cocks and hens: reasonable: H. Clemence, 151, Lordship-lane, E. Dulwich. (688)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich buff cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6 upwards; few good feeders; reasonable price, approval, deposit: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (687)

NORWICH, 16 entries, 5 shows, only two birds without cards; several same blood for disposal from 10/-; approval, deposit: Garbutt, 25, Regent-rd., Stockport. (677)

HEALTHY unflighted and flighted buff and yellow cocks, ditto hens, from 15/- each; outside bred; approval with pleasure: Dalgety, 10, River-st., Forfarshire. (691)

SPLENDID collection Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, all on approval; send for full free price list before deciding to purchase elsewhere: R. Hanford, Derby. (693)

NORWICH greens, cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; also a few Yorkshire hens, clears, 3/6; stamp; approval; deposit: Leadley, 31, Tabley-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

WINNER Norwich points medal, 1915, has good yellow and buff 1916 cocks, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, also hens, good feather and wing carriage; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (690)

NORWICH for sale, good birds, all kinds, show, stock, single or pairs; prices reasonable; approval, stamp reply: William Hampton, 25, Winnacre-rd., Brechin, Forfarshire. (693)

YELLOW variegated cock, 12/6, clear buff cock 10/6, buff marked hen 7/6; two clear yellow hens 10/6 each; all 1915; stamp reply: Wholton, 37, Aylestone-st., Leicester. (690)

MR. ECKERSLEY has a few to spare of the sort that has done his customers such yeoman service by producing winner after winner: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (675)

EXCHANGE pedigree Collie bitch for Norwich Canaries, good stock, to value of £3: what offers; this is a nice bitch; notice to put them away. Murdoch, Loura, Irvine. (691)

G. B. ROBINSON, 35, Bridge End-rd., Grantham, cup winning Norwich Plainheads, var. yellow cock, 30/-; ticked buff cock, 30/-; var. buff hen, 20/-; approval, cash or deposit.

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, offers unflighted and year-old birds of rare type and quality, all are large and healthy; cocks from 15/-, hens from 7/6; inspection invited. (658)

E. J. RIPTON, 82, Duke-st., Chelmsford, has 2 buff and 5 yellow cocks to spare, warranted own strain, same as my winner Clapham and Reading; no hens; stamp reply; approval. (688)

FEW good pairs Norwich and Yorkshires, large and typical, bred from winners, 15/- to 20/- pair; offers in good milking Nanny Goat considered; approval: Maisey, Aldermaston, Berks. (689)

HAVING secured the stocks of prominent fanciers, also own stock, over 60 birds, all from winning strain; moderate prices; no dealers; stamp reply: James Ward, 425, Main-st., Shettleston. (668)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good type and feather, bred from that champion strain of A. C. Brotherhood: cocks and hens from 10/- upwards; approval: Edward Dudley, 66, Wrekin-rd., Wellington, Salop. (691)

A. H. FILDES has for disposal, several 1915 and 1916 Norwich; hens 7/6, cocks 10/- upwards; see reports, Accrington, Liverpool, Ardwick; opportunity for amateurs; approval, stamp: 110, Croft-st., Hyde.

THREE grand marked yellow Norwich cocks, 15/- each; one large variegated yellow Norwich hen, 15/-; one clear yellow hen, 10/-; all unflighted and Fed: A. J. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (693)

R. W. SMITH offers a few of his noted Norwich, including 1915 yellow-marked cock, 2nd Newton Tie, 2nd Whitefham. 1916 buff, saddle-marked cock, 2nd Blaydon, 3rd Halifax; single or pairs; prices Tyne. (689)

TWO large stock buff cocks, fine birds, 35/- each; one clear, one ticked; two good yellow hens, from grand stock, 30/- and 25/- each; on approval, or seen by appointment: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

NORWICH, colour fed; 3 buff cocks, 12/6 each; 3 unflighted buff cocks, 10/6 each; 2 unflighted yellow cocks, 10/6 each; yellow and buff hen, from 5/6: Mr. Warburton, 98, Crawford-st., off Briscoe-lane, Newton Heath. (689)

CAN spare few buff cocks, unflighted, from this well-known stud, some head and neck, typical, and all properties desired; state requirements, from 12/6; seen appointment; approval, deposit: Griffin, 146, Maurice-av., Wood Green, N. (689)

CHAMPION Norwich, with large heads, same strain as winners at all leading shows; yellow cocks and buff hens and buff cocks and yellow hens, prices 20/-, 25/-, 30/- a pair; prices much below value; have them on approval and be convinced; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (694)

GRAND lot Norwich Plainheads, comprising nearly the whole of my stud, bred carefully and in line for many years, about 20 in all, cocks and hens, some winners, from 20/- to 50/-; a few at 10/- to 17/6; pairs matched for breeding, selected at agreed prices; approval: W. Titchner, 20, Chelmsford-rd., Southgate. (689)

MR. A. E. PRIEST, 5, The Station, Shincliffe, Durham, having had fair season, can spare a few Norwich and Cinnamon-Norwich hens, also few buff Norwich cocks and Yorkshire cocks and hens, hens from 5/-; cocks from 12/-; inspection invited, daylight; approval cash, or Cage Birds' deposit. See show reports. (686)

F. BOWYER, Barngate-st., Leek, Staffs., can offer marked buff cock, excellent quality, show bird, 50/-; clear yellow hen, 1st Hanley, 4th Manchester, 35/-; massive marked buff cock with big head, 25/-; large ticked buff hen, 25/-; typical yellow hen, 12/6; 5 buff hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also a few greens, all bred from the best strain; approval; stamp; deposit. (690)

EXCEPTIONAL offer. Prize winning strain; about 30 most typical Norwich, of symmetrical proportions, buffs, yellows, variegated, cocks and hens; for soundness, style, and head properties, etc., and quality of feather, there need be no better; hens from 6/-, cocks from 10/-, deposit, or inspection Saturdays or Sundays with pleasure: particulars: G. Bailey, 54, Mill-st., Barwell, nr. Hinckley. (687)

WM. PARKINSON

winner, Accrington Challenge Cup, special best three amateur birds, 1916, has for disposal clear buff cock, clear yellow hen, both 1916, 25/-; clear yellow cock, 1915, cap marked buff hen, 1916, 20/-, large typical birds, cash or deposit: 13, Cedar-st., Accrington.

J. C. BARNES

Well known strain; 25 years' study. One of the finest private collections of Norwich in England; type, quality, colour, and substance combined; to those who can visit me do so and see for yourself; 200 birds to select from, all judiciously bred; grand pairs, 30/- up; odd cocks, 20/- upwards; special pairs, £3 to £5; guaranteed correctly matched and robust; state requirements, stamp; approval; satisfaction ensured; all fanciers welcome and cordially invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

TWO PROPESLY MATCHED PAIRS

I can spare two pairs from my winners, correctly matched for breeding, viz.: massive cobby buff marked hen, 1915, fine head, deep wide chest, nicely filled back, short wings and tail, beautiful quality, and unflighted clear yellow cock, medium size (from big parents), nice wide short bird, will improve greatly, 70/- the pair; grizzle head, yellow hen, 1915, short, grand head, neat wings and tail, and unflighted clear buff cock, great size, short, fine head, good feather, £4 10s. the pair; approval; cash, deposit: George Baxter, Fochabers, N.B.

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BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend on Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1915. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars on Application: Heathfield, Sussex.

MISS THOMAS, Learnright, Richmond Park-rd., Bournemouth; B.R.C.C.; successful breeder of high class Rollers, Water Gluck, Deep Bass; stamp.

ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

BRITISH Roller cock, 5/-: W. G. Sutton, 8, Exchange-st., Aylesbury, Bucks. (686)

GLUCKE Rollers, cup winning strain, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-: B. Totney, 35, Holly Bush-st., Cradley Heath, Staffs. (687)

SONGSTERS, cocks, 7/6; hens 3/9; pairs 11/-: McMadan, 55, Vernon-st., Belfast. (684)

TWO pure Randall cocks, related to winner, £1 each: Hill, 58, Joshua-rd., Sheffield. (693)

GRAND songsters 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastnead Cottage, Dewsbury.

FOUR Roller hens from outdoor aviary, 10/- lot: Oglesby, 133, Bloomsbury-st., Birmingham. (687)

HEALTHY, well trained, British Rollers, Randall's, cocks from 15/-; hens, 5/-; approval: Moir, Cross, Alnwick. (667)

ROLLERS, 1916 birds, 6 cocks, 7/6 each; 6 hens, 2/6 each: Meredith, 33, Shirley-rd., Cotteridge, Birmingham. (690)

SCHOOLMASTER, 1915, last of my stock of Rollers, accept 10/- to clear; approval: Simmonds, 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (693)

TO clear, few good Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, best of blood, 5/- each: R. Vernon, 1, Newman ave., Springfield, Wigan. (682)

CHAMPION Rollers, Glucke, Water Glucke, 10/, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (687)

GENUINE bargain. Grand Glucke Roller cocks, 30/- and 35/- each, B.R.C.C. rung; hens 5/-: Johnson, Brunrich-ter., Stacksteads, Bacup. (688)

CHAMPION songsters, the real thing; have on approval, and test the veracity of this statement; list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

J. MAWHOOD, breeder and exhibitor of Water Glucke Rollers, cocks or pairs, selected: 26, Walton Lane, Nelson, Lancs. Stamp.

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, offers a number of his first-class Rollers, Randall's, Willow's, etc.; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 5/- each. (632)

ROLLER training cages, complete with cabinet, 4/- each; cages only 1/9; sent on approval and by return: Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham. (670)

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight songsters, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

GENUINE high-class water Glucke Roller cock, 25/-; hen, same strain, 4/-; satisfaction guaranteed: Howarth, 301, Bacup-rd., Cloughtould. (693)

ROLLER cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each, cash or deposit; cold-room bred; day and gaslight singers; approval: J. Lloyd, Hillthorpe Villas, Highley, near Bridgnorth. (693)

ONE cock (Tomlinson's), good bird, £1; also two hens, same strain, 4/- each, or 25/- the three; approval: Hinton, 110, Greenhill-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham. (687)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, 3/6, 4/6 each; also cocks in grand song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; a few extra good ones, 12/6 each; approval willingly; cash or deposit: Day 77, Porter-st., Hull. (696)

ROLLERS. Who wants a great bargain? Two pairs for sale (Randle's), cold room bred, and in perfect condition; only 21/- per pair: Connipp, 26, Corelli-st., Newport, Mon. (689)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, Randall and Ives noted strains, outdoor aviary bred, strong healthy birds, cocks 10/6, hens 4/-: S. Solomon, 69, Cecil-rd., Queen's Park, Northampton. (688)

SPECIAL for Water Glucke and 5th with 28 points, Wolverhampton, 90/-; also highly commended with 26 points, 60/-; two others, fit for contest, 30/- each; hens 10/6: Jones, 3, Sankey-st., Bilston. (689)

DEEP Glucke and water Glucke cocks from 20/-, hens from 7/6; bred from the stock which won mo second in B.R.C.C. young bird points competition, 1915: Mead, Yorkshire-st., Bacup. (691)

ROLLERS, Randall's pure Glucke strain, 1916 rung, better blood impossible to get, matched pairs for breeding, 15/-; hens 5/- and 7/6 each; approval: Leigh 57 Bobbet . Altrincham Cheshire. (690)

BRITISH Rollers, Randall's, cocks from 15/-; specially matched pairs from 20/-; good Schoolmaster, 50/-; all club rung; approval; cash or deposit system: Chetwin, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull.

ROLLER hens. J. H. Willows, draper, Wednesbury, has for sale few of his Roller hens, bred from first-class birds, deep Glucke and Keller strain, 10/- each; early application necessary as stock is very limited (685)

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Yorkshires.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

OGDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford.

L. DYKES, Breeder and Exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires living; see show reports all leading shows. Prices reasonable: 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (651)

MESSRS. AMBLERS, the old Bradford Firm (no connection with any other exhibitors of the same name), breeders of biggest champions and winners of highest honours possible over 30 years, many championships Crystal Palace, including championship for best Yorkshire last Palace show. As we are not exhibiting, have some of the best Yorkshires living for sale, exhibition or stock; wonderful quality and type, pairs 20/-, 25/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, to £5; single birds proportionate; these are not dealers' stuff, but the highest possible breeding; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 8, Rawson-st., Harrogate. (676)

YORKSHIRES, own breeding, cocks from 7/6; hens 5/-: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (685)

YORKSHIRE; 3 cocks, yellow 10/6, buff 7/-, yellow marked 7/6: 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (691)

FIRST-CLASS clear yellow cock, has won, £1: Radcliffe, Pomona Kennels, Rochdale. (693)

EXTRA typical Yorkshire cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, 40 for sale, prices reasonable: Neighbour, 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway. (676)

YORKSHIRES, lovely quality birds, 15/6 pair upwards: Wm. Guest, Stedalt, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

T. C. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne, can spare few good Yorkshires .(656)

YORKSHIRES, exhibition cocks and hens, prices reasonable: Brock, 28, Moffat-rd., Thornton Heath

HIGH class typical Yorkshires, reasonable prices, inspection invited: Hutton, Alexandra Hotel, Penge.

P. JOHNSTON (Sec. S.Y.C.C.), 13, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N. Good birds reasonable; stamp. (687)

GRAND singing Yorkshire cocks, good healthy birds, 7/6, 8/6: Standard Aviaries, Newton Heath, Manchester. (694)

SALE, 3 Yorkshire show cages and case, 5/-, approval, deposit, bargain: T. Wright, 30a, Shellfield-rd., Southport. (690)

PRIZE bred Yorkshires; cocks 10/-, hens 7/6 upwards; seen any time: Eastwood, 389, Manchester-rd., Hollinwood. (676)

YORKSHIRES, cocks 12/6, hens 5/-, pairs 15/-; home Wednesday afternoons: Walker, 59, School-rd., Stretford, Manchester. (689)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; few good birds for sale; prices reasonable; inspection invited: Last, 8, Bankbuildings, Purley. (687)

GRAND lot high class Yorkshires, reasonable; approval: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (688)

YORKSHIRES, greens and clears, cocks 8/6, hens 3/6; all 1916 birds: Meredith, 33, Shirley-rd., Cotteridge, Birmingham.

12-1916 Yorkshire cocks, full song, fine birds, to clear, at 9/- each; three for 25/6: Held, 9, Falcon Avenue, London, E.C. (685)

YORKSHIRES from winning strain, cocks from 8/6, hens 6/- upwards; pairs reasonable: A. Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond-st., Halifax

CHAMPION young Yorkshires or Norwich, 15/- to 60/- a pair; approval with pleasure: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (621)

FEW exceptionally good birds to dispose of; come and inspect them; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (682)

FOUR good Yorkshire hens; exchange for cock and hen Roller, healthy, or offers: J. Sharp, Belmont, Chapeltown, Sheffield. (691)

G. SIMESON has some high-class Yorkshires for disposal at reasonable prices; on approval: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Aconb, York. (692)

GENT'S 9ct. claw set garnet ring, value £1; exchange Yorks. to value; approval: West, 17, Kimberley-st., Briercliffe, Burnley. (691)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (686)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, stock and show birds, the best obtainable; cheap: ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (691)

EXTRA big buff cock, £1 10s.; lovely salmon cock, 15/6; fine long yellow hen, 12/6; good buff hens, 7/6: Wright, 16, All Saints'-st., Stamford. (692)

FOR sale, lengthy York. cocks, 12/6 upwards; hens, 8/6 and 10/6 each (1916); some pink eyed: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-c-Hardy, Manchester. (690)

UNFLIGHTED champion Yorkshires, some prize-winners, cocks from 12/6, hens 10/-; approval: Lloyd 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, London, N.W.

PRIESTLEY'S Yorkshires, from very best strain, cocks from 10/-, hens from 4/-; satisfaction guaranteed: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (677)

YORKSHIRES from winners, cocks 6/6, hens 5/-, unflighted yell, 15/-, winner 3rd; unflighted buff, 15/-, winner 2nd; approval: Cockcram, 66, Parker-st., Derby. (624)

WINNING Yorkshires, see reports, show and stock birds for sale, state wants; approval, deposit: Arthur Ridley, 48, Elmer Bank, Moldgreen, Huddersfield (685)

YORKSHIRES, few good class stock birds for sale, cocks and hens, also large flights, hold 40 birds each: reasonable: 39, Foyer-rd., Smallheath, Birmingham. (687)

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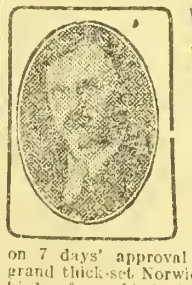
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GENUINE Sib. hens, bred good variegated Mules, 10/- each; cocks, 10/- each; pairs for stock, 20/- pair: Rowley, Elston, Crediton. (688)

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TWO typical Norwich cocks, yellow and buff (unflighted), 15/- each; exchange for healthy hens: Buckett, 51, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (688)

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CAGE BIRD SOCIETY 17th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

53 Open Classes. Judges: F. W. LAIDLOW, T. ALMOND, DAN HAMILTON, C. WATERS. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee, 1/6. All Classes stand; Champions and Novices. Schedules to last year's exhibitors; others apply—W. CURRY, Secretary, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle. ENTRIES CLOSE DEC. 4.

City of Birmingham C.B.S. Annual Show

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th AND 7th.

Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. Norman. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 for 1/6 entry, and numerous specials. SHOW MANAGER: Mr. A. C. SHIRLEY.

Enter from the following:—Class 1, Norwich, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.; 2, do. Buff; 3, Marked or Var. Yell. or Buff; 4, Hen Yell.; 5, do, Buff; 6, unflighted Yell.; 7, do. Buff; 8, do Hen Yell. or Buff; 9, Nat. Colour; 10, Norwich Cock Yellow, Novice; 11, do. Buff Novice; 12, do. Hen Yell. or Buff Novice; 13, do. Unflighted Yell. Novice; 14, do. Buff Novice; 15, Yorkshire Cl. or Tkd. Yell.; 16, do. Buff; 17, do. Mkd. or Var. Yell. or Buff; 18, do. Hen Yell; 19, do Buff; 20, do Unflighted Yellow; 21, do. Buff; 22, do. Unflighted Hen Yell. or Buff; 23, Novice Yorks. Cock Yellow; 24, do. Buff; 25, do. Hen Yellow or Buff; 26, do. Unflighted Yellow; 27, do. Buff; 28, Crests, any var.; 29, Crest-bred, any var.; 30, Crests, 1916; 31, Crest-bred 1916; 32, Novice Crest or Crest-bred, any var.; 33, Cinnamon Yell. or Buff; 34, do. 1916; 35, Border Fancy Yell.; 36, do. Buff; 37, A.O.V. Canary Champion; 38, A.O.V. Canary Novice; 39, Selling, single or pairs, including cage, 25s.; 40, do. single 15s.; 41 do. 1916 bred, single, 20s.; 42, Light Can. Hybrid; 43, Dark do. (not Can.-Bullie); 44, A.O.V. Hybrid, including Can.-Bullie; 45, British Goldfinch; 46, do. Field moulted; 47, Bullfinch; 48, Linnet; 49, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 50, Bramblefinch; 51, Chaffinch; 52, Bunting; 53, A.O.S. Seedeater; 54, Hen (Seed-eater); 55, Any Species Seed-eater Novice; 56, Softbill not larger than Waxwing; 57, Foreign not larger than Cardinal. **Entries close to-day, Saturday, December 2nd, but to-day's post-mark accepted.** (All exhibits collected from stations by our own vans.) J Bastock, Joint Secy., 75, Springfield Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

MANSFIELD

and District Cage Bird Society. Annual Open Show on Saturday, December 16. Judge, J. Robson, of London. Schedules now ready. Plenty of money specials.—Sec., B. Gabbitas, 57, Montague Street, Mansfield, Notts. (692)

WADEBRIDGE

Dec. 11th, Open to Cornwall. Show of Cage Birds, etc. Entries close Dec. 4th.—E. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., Egloshayle Road, Wadebridge.

ABERDARE

and District Cage Bird Society. The Great Welsh Open Cage Bird Show. President, C. Kenshole, Esq., High Constable. Proceeds in aid of Aberdare Auxil. Fund. Specials, Open Section.—1, Cup, value £6 6s., for most points in show, to be won 3 times, not necessarily in succession. 2, Silver medal, greatest no. of points, British Section. 3, Silver medal, best bird bred 1916, Novice Norwich Section. 4. Silver medal, greatest no. of points in Nov. Yorkshire Section. 5, special (2s. 6d.) best Crest or Crest-bred, C. or H. 6, G.C. medal, best bird in Novice Norwich Section 7, Special (value 5s.) for best Border. 8, Special (2s. 6d.) for best unflighted Yorkshire C. or H. 9, Special (2s. 6d.) for best Mule or Hybrid C. or H. 10, Silver medal, best Norwich. 11 Special (2s. 6d.) for best bird Foreign Section. Prize winners present at show may be paid day of show on application to Secretary. All prize money guaranteed within 14 days. Will fanciers please rally round and give us a bumper as entries are short. **Entries accepted up to 1st post on Monday, Dec. 4th.** Schedules from Shelby-James, 38, Trevor Street, Aberdare.

IPSWICH

RED CROSS SHOW.

Dec. 9th, 1916. Art Gallery, High Street, Ipswich. Under the patronage of the East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club. Six open classes for Norwich Plainheads:—20, A.V. Norwich Plainhead cock Yellow, 5s. special; 21, A.V. Norwich Plainhead cock Buff, 5s. special; 22, A.V. Norwich Plainhead Hen Yellow, 5s. special; 23, A.V. Norwich Plainhead Hen Buff, 5s. special; 24, £5 Limit A.V. unflighted N.P.H. cock, 10s. 6d. special; 25, £5 Limit A.V. unflighted N.P.H. Hen, 10s. 6d. special. Entrance fee 1s. 6d. per cage. Full prize money on 8 entries per class. Prize money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 3rd. Judge, John Robson. Esq. Hon. Sec., W. Barritt, 47, York Road, Ipswich.

MARDY,

Glam., Dec. 14th. Judge, T. L. Castrees, Esq. 23 classes in C. Birds. Prizes 10 -, 5/-, 2/6; 4th a card. Entry 1/6. All Canaries guaranteed. Entries close Dec. 7th.—D. D. Jones, Sec, 19, Edward St., Mardy.

WHITEHAVEN

Yorkshire Fanciers' C.B.S. 3rd Annual Open Show, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, in Tangier Hall. Classes: York 8, Novice 3, Border 5, British 5. Judges, Mr. F. Coulson, Millom, and Mr. J. Ellwood, Cockermouth. Entries close Dec. 11th. Schedules from—J. McLaughlin, Hon. Sec., 37a, George-st., Whitehaven.

BORDER FANCY CAN BY CLUB SHOW (open to the United Kingdom) will be held in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, King's Stable Road, Edinburgh, on Sat., Dec. 30th, and Monday, Jan. 1st, 1917. 24 Classes, popular judges and numerous specials. W. B. Smart, Secretary, 13, High St., Loanhead.

GLASGOW QUEEN'S PARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Eighth Annual Show will be held in Victoria Halls, 476, Victoria Road, Crosshill, TO-DAY, Saturday, 2nd December, 1916. Doors open at 2 p.m. Admission 4d. A. K. Hunter, Sec., 142, Aitkenhead Road, Govanhill.

FELINFOEL

Show, December 16th. In aid of the Local Boys who have joined the colours. Judge, W. J. Harry, Esq. Thomas J. Davies, Hon. Sec., Parkview, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm. (683)

HAMILTON

OPEN SHOW,

SATURDAY, 9th DEC.

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Distribution of specials. Election of officials for coming year, and fixing members' show for January.—Geo. Sawer.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Dec. 5, St. Thomas' School, Ardwick, 8. Ticket money to be paid in. Lecture on Mules and Hybrids by Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport).—A. E. Thorpe.

Accrington C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers; proposed alteration of rule re Baker cup competition. Washing exhibition by Messrs. Hirst, Crawshaw, and Hartup; non-members cordially invited.—Jas. Stuttard.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Dec. 5, Park Hotel, 7.30. Business important. Arrangements about a members' show, etc.—G. Johnson.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business. Local fanciers heartily invited.—G. Havver.

Barry F. & F.S.—Dec. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Closing nominations for officials and committee. Report on result of show and presenting cups and medals.—H. P. Thomas.

Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 4, Barley Mow Hotel, 8. Usual business.—Joseph Nicholl.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 5, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Report of members' show. Lecture by Mr. G. Snead on "Colour-feeding." A hearty welcome to all.—J. Spencer.

Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A.—Dec. 2, 7.30. Special meeting; important business.—D. McFarlane.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Presentation of cups, medals, and specials won at annual show.—W. D. Fryett.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Dun Cow Inn, 8. Prize money to be paid; ticket money due in and other very important business.—A. Wright.

Coventry O.S.—Dec. 6, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. Very important.—J. Kent.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Pay prize money and specials members, and settle up open show business.—Smith and Lees.

Chorley C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Shepherds Hall, 7.30.—R. Hatch.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. General meeting and treasurer's report for the year.—J. L. Smith.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Black Bull, 7.30. Allotting of specials, stewards, etc.—H. Lumby.

Derby C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Paying prize money and specials; special business.—F. W. Jordan.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Presentation of special prizes and members prize money from annual show. All open prize money has been paid.—W. Hodson.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Dec. 4, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. General business and election of office-bearers, new members enrolled.—R. S. Spence.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—Dec. 7, 142, High Street, 8. Financial meeting.—A. Bell.

Falkirk, Grangemouth and Bannockburn.—Dec. 9, Union Hall, Falkirk, 7.30 a.m. To consider business.—D. Aitken.

Garston B.B.A.—Dec. 2, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road. Annual show, open 3. 52 classes, 15 British, 26 specials. Judge, W. Young.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Dec. 2, Station Hotel, 7.30. Very important.—B. Hainsworth.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Mechanics' Hall, 7.30. Important business.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 2, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Report of annual show and arrangements for members' show.—J. J. Dunn.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Nightingale Hotel, 8.30. Open meeting and distribution of prizes.—R. Brooks.

Idle C.B.A.—Dec. 6, Springfield Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. Chippindale.

Irvine C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Templars' Hall, Bank St., 8. Appointing of stewards and other show business.—J. Paterson.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Rutland Hotel, 7. Clearing up of open show and other special business.—T. Smith.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 5, White Swan Hotel, 8. Table show: Mk. or var. yell. hen, ditto buff (old birds), green hen any age. Same classes, novice, British Bullf.—Day and Roberts.

Landore, Plasmarl C.S.S.—Dec. 2, George and Dragon Hotel, 6.30. Arrangements for show on Boxing Day.—H. Fry.

Lancashire & Lizard F.A.—Dec. 3, Volunteer Inn, George Street, Oldham, 6.30. Show business, entries, etc.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, 7.30. Table show of hens.—J. Chambers.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 2, 7. Open show business of an important nature. Specials list to be made up.—T. J. McGregor.

Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Combination.—Dec. 2, Barley Mow Hotel, 3. Second old feather show. Judge Mr. S. Wilcock. Judging commences at 3.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 2, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Interesting paper on the Roller's tours, by a well-known judge.—H. Rest.

London & P.O.S.—Dec. 7, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street E.C., 7.30. Annual general meeting.—H. L. Huggins.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Ante-room Drill Hall, 6. Classification for matched pair show. Arranging specials for same, also washing exhibition and competition.—W. Grewar.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. Most important business.—O. Cozens.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Princess Alice, 6. Mr Carr will demonstrate and lecture on hand washing. Come early: time is limited.—T. C. Deans.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Dec. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 8. General business and judge for January show.—F. Wilkinson.

Manchester Amalgamated United Club.—Dec. 8, Homing Society Rooms, 32, Victoria Street, Manchester, 3. Meeting of delegates; bus., gen., Important.—A. W. Newton.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 5, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Unsold tickets and other business.—A. Colley.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. General meeting; business of great importance.—F. W. Laidlow.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Dec. 13, 8.30. Room, back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw. Delegates' report, Amal. show, sale of surplus stock, Annual show. Dec. 26.—A. W. Newton.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Headquarters, 6.30. Important show business.—W. D. Lewis.

Reading C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Palmer Hall, 8. Many important items down for discussion; balance-sheet of show.—O. C. Smith.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 6, Victoria Hotel, 7. Business, open show; important.—Long and Craven.

Springburn, Possil Park, C.B.C.—Dec. 4, Secretary's address, 7.30. Taking entries, etc., for annual show.—J. Waugh.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 5, Headquarters, 8. Election of officials for 1917.—E. C. Job.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Mrs H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, Sacriston. 5.30. Confirming schedule and other business; committee and stewards please bring badges in.—W. Dodd.

South-West London C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, S.W. Members' 20th annual show. Canaries and British. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Birds in room by 2.15. Open 6.30. Admission free.—W. Lilley and A. J. Mason.

Southampton C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. General business.—G. J. Slade.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Dec. 5, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Taking entries and other show business.—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Headquarters, 8. Important business.—W. Mallinson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Horse and Groom, 5th monthly show; birds staged 6. Judge, Mr. C. E. Walker.—W. Chapman.

West Bromwich and Handsworth C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Nomination of officers.—P. T. Cowley.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—Dec. 14, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, 8. Arrangements for annual show. Distribution of specials won at young stock show.—H. J. Maynard.

West London F.A.—Dec. 7, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, 8. Balance-sheet of annual show and judges for pair show.—J. Dewhurst.

Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 2, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 3. Ordinary business and members' show.—J. Isherwood.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, open sing, Nov. 19; 16 birds entered. 1, 2, 3, Jones. Open sing Nov. 26; 24 birds entered. Mr. Jones won all three prizes again. First club sing Dec. 2.—S. Pugh, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Nov. 26; 17 birds faced the timer in a four minutes contest, Brushy timer, Bamforth chalker, the winning bird doing record time for this season. 1, Coles, 3 min. 31 sec.; 2, Fisher, 3.15; 3, France, 3.2; 4, Jennings, 2.41; 5, Hardman, 2.40.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Nov. 26; 18 birds sang. 1, 3, Wigfield; 2, Tich Marshall. Judges, T. C. Summers and A. Binns.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Nov. 25; 10 birds sang. 1, Sissons; 2, Stead; 3, Gomersall. Judges, Grant and Naylor. Linnet contest Nov. 26; 19 birds sang. 1, Jim Chippindale; 2, Sellers; 3, T. Ward; 4, Sissons. Judges, Grant, Ireson, Hardcastle. Roller contest Nov. 26; 12 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Condliffe; 3, Sissons. Judges, Grant, Naylor, Hunter.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Nov. 26; 22 birds sang. 1, Marshall; 2, Watson; 3, Butler; dead heat, 4, Marshall, Oliver. Judges, W. Lacy, R. Dearlove. Roller contest, Nov. 26; 12 birds sang. Dead heat, 1, 2, Shaw, Thompson; 3, Playforth. Judges, T. Summers, C. Biss. Open Roller contest Dec. 3.—W. Lacy, Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Club singing contest, Prince of Wales, Wadsworth Street. Linnet sing: 1, Bachelor; 2, Dobson; 3, Jennings. Judge, Miller. Canaries at night, Viaduct night: 1, 2, divided Kipling, Goodwill; 3, Bachelor. Judge, Mr. Sellers. Canary contest, Dec. 3, Prince of Wales, Wadsworth Street, Leeds. All welcome. (Advt.)

Club Reports.

SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Nov. 8, Liberal Club, Sattevats, Mr. Jackson chair. Proposal to join Association of Roller Societies carried. Members' show date still uncertain, owing to Mr. Tomlinson being unable to give date yet.—Jas. Macdonald, Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Monthly meeting Nov. 21. Mr. W. French presided over a good number. The sec., Mr. W. A. Dyer, read the show statement, which shows a balance to the good of £2 16s., a splendid result from a members' show, and also a credit to himself, seeing this is the first show he has carried out. I hope we shall be able to keep him in this position. Next month a pair show will be held, when we hope members will make a good entry.—J. E. Rowe, Press correspondent.

HIRST (East End Social Club

Meeting, Nov. 4, Mr. C. Tapson presided over a good attendance. Decided to hold the annual show Dec. 30. Mr. E. Thompson, Woodhorn, judge. Show to be held in Club. Next meeting Dec. 9. Still open to new members.—W. Hall, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Nov. 9, Mr. Bidal presiding. Members' show postponed until Dec. 2. Mr. Barnes, judge. Entries taken Nov. 30, at headquarters, 8 to 9, or may be handed to me at the Sheffield Show. The society has no radius, fanciers desirous of joining will be welcomed, and further particulars can be obtained from me. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. R. Smith on the death of his wife. Next meeting final table show.—E. Sisson, 262, Springvale Road, Sheffield.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting Nov. 25. Mr. Almond presided. Show business was the agenda. We will be pleased to see as many members as possible on Friday night previous to show, to give a hand to unpack the birds, etc., also on Thursday night to erect the staging. The following specials (confined) will be competed for: Special most points, second most points, 5s. most points Norwich, special Crests, special Yorkshires, 5s. Scotch and Borders, 5s., 2s. 6d. for Mules, British and Foreign, 2s. 6d. for best British shown by a novice member. I will be greatly obliged by having members' entries in early.—W. Curry, Sec.

BARGOED C.B.S.

A Fresh Start.

After a year of "nothing doing" we had a very successful meeting at new headquarters, the Gwerthonor Hotel, Nov. 23. A very respectable number turned up, and we have the promise of over a dozen more for our next meeting. Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. T. Horton; treas., E. Williams; assist. sec., Mrs. Blewitt. Decided to have a members' show early in January. Mr. D. Price promised a cup for the best Yorkshire, and we have a cup running from when we were doing business before. We hope to get the support of all fanciers around here. There is a hearty welcome to all we have not been able to approach. Our next meeting is Dec. 7, when we have a good many items to be attended to. Any communications should be sent to E. J. Chisholm, Sec., 13, Railway Terrace, Gilfach, Bargoed, nr. Cardiff.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Meeting of the Show Committee, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, Nov. 18, Mr. Jas. Lumsden chair. The following were added to committee: Messrs. T. Todd, R. Weir, J. Little, J. Mickie, and D. Dalgleish. Unanimously agreed to accept Leith Printing Co. offer for printing, and prize cards. Decided to charge 3d. each for cards this year to all in prize money; replies from judges were read, and the following were successful: Clears, Mr. T. McCreadie, Dumfries; Marks and Variegated, Mr. J. W. Duncan, East Wemyss; Greens and Cinnamons, A. Forrest, Whitburn. Sec. read reply from sec. of Western Club, granting use of their staging for our show, and the offer was accepted. Prize list was then gone over and a few alterations made. Decided again to have Breeders' Cards in schedule and catalogue, classification to remain as last year, namely, 24 classes, and agreed to extend prize money down to 5th bird. Sub-committee appointed to allocate specials Saturday, Dec. 2, when it is hoped that all specials will be forward in time. Messrs. Lumsden, Buglass, and see. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—W. B. Smart, sec.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY "THE POULTRY WORLD" CHRISTMAS NUMBER NEXT WEEK.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Dec. 2-4.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.) C.A.H.
Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. Bastock, 75, Springfield Rd., Moseley, Birmingham). H.N., J.H.R.
Dec. 9.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.
1917.
Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton). A.A., W.G., T.R., W.S.C., W.P.C., A.C.
Dec. 15-16.—**Larkhall C.B.A.**—(T. McGregor, 48, Sarahville Crescent.)
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)
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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Dec. 7.—**Aberdare C.B.S.**—(J. M. Shelby-James, 38, Trevor St.) J.H.P., E.J.D.
Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Portb, Glam.) J.R., S.J.N.
1917.
Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

The members' show of the Warrington C.B.S. will be held to-day, in the Blue Bell Sale Room, writes Mr. H. Warburton. Mr. A. Wellings will judge.

Mr. E. M. Stauton, Patricroft, wishes us to inform the many applicants for his new price list that he hopes to have it ready in about three weeks.

Mr. W. Hearfield, hon. sec., Darlington C.B.S., writes that the judge at the show of the N. Yorkshire and S. Durham Federation at Darlington, Dec. 30, is Mr. F. Archer, Huddersfield, not Bristol, as in schedule.

In addition to specials appearing in our schedule, writes Mr. Walter S. Wilson, Sec., Hamilton C.B.A., a cash special of 5s. is given by Mr. D. Whitelaw for the best green or cinnamon exhibited by a novice of B.F.C.C.

In the schedule of Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S. open show, Dec. 14, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, class 39, Foreign birds, is stated to have no entrance fee; this is a mistake, the entrance fee is as other classes; no entrance fee applies to the gift class.

The winning number for bird and cage given at the open show of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand, is 378, write Messrs. Day and Roberts, hon. secs., and if the holder of that number will apply to Mr. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St, Leicester, he will be pleased to hand it to him.

First in the Field.

The date of next season's show of the Sheffield O.S., has already been fixed for Nov. 2-3 next, and the 1917 annual show of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. for Nov. 3-5.

Thanks from Swansea.

I wish to thank all who exhibited at our show and helped to make it such a success, writes Mr. J. H. Ford, Sec., Swansea C.B.A., and I hope all the birds got home without any mishap. Every case was got away by 8.45 Thursday evening.

Correct Show Report

In the Buff Border class at Glasgow C.B.A. show, Mr. J. Craig won 3rd, not Lyall, as reported. In the Amateur Yorks., Hen class at Ardwick, 2, vhc, should read Shaw, not Snow as printed. At Leith, Mr. G. W. Brown's Yellow Green Border Cock won the cup for best Border, not his Buff Hen as stated.

Prize Money Paid.

We learn that prize money in respect of the following shows has been paid. If any exhibitor has been overlooked he should apply to the secretary concerned: Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., Muirkirk, Barrow, Ardwick and Manchester, Eastleigh, Reading, Old Shildon.

Talent Free for Musical Evenings.

Mr. J. H. Jowett, of 466, Harewood St., Bradford, Yorks, writes that he will be pleased to assist any society giving a musical entertainment on a Saturday without charge except his return railway fare. Mr. Jowett is a "classical banjoist, light conjurer, and comedian, late of the Darktown Minstrels, etc.," so his offer should be welcome to the organisers of fanciers' social evenings around Bradford.

Proposed Joint Club Show at Manchester.

Societies willing to join in an amalgamated club show, radius 16 miles from Manchester, writes Arthur W. Newton, Hon. Sec., Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S., should send two delegates to a meeting at the Homing Society Club, 32, Victoria St., Manchester, on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m.; near Exchange Station, opposite the Victoria Hotel.

Entries for Gateshead Show.

Mr. W. Curry, Sec., Gateshead C.B.S., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle, writes that he will accept entries up to Tuesday night. Catalogues ordered by exhibitors to be sent by post will have the awards written in by members who have volunteered to undertake the duty. Exhibitors should send their birds to arrive on Friday, Dec. 8. Arrangements have been made to collect promptly all birds arriving at the station on Friday night.

Aberdeen's Cheerful Show.

I hope the fancy in general will rally round us and give us a record entry for our show on Saturday, Dec. 9, in aid of the prisoners of war, writes Mr. R. J. Robertson, Sec., 4, Hosefield Road, Aberdeen. We offer a splendid classification, and a special for every class. Messrs. Jeyes give a valuable case of specialities for most points in classes 1 to 12, and one guinea for the best British bird is offered by our President. Exhibits from a distance will receive every care and attention, on arrival and despatch by a committee of ripe experience. If too late to receive schedule, send on, and I will classify.

Cups and Guaranteed Classes at Llanelly.

At the show of Llanelly C.B.S., Jan. 9, writes Mr. Hy. Webster, Hon. Sec., "Hazelbank," St. Pauls, Llanelly, S. Wales, six or seven cups (one in each section) are to be won outright. British classes are to be increased slightly in number; and a good few of these are already guaranteed; the Yellowhammer class by Mrs. Dalton, Swansea; Bullie hen, F.M., Mr W. Thomas, Waunarlwydd, Greenfinch, F.M., Mr. T. Holborrow, Waunarlwydd, etc. I shall be pleased to receive applications for schedules and will forward same as soon as received from printers.

ROLLER "NOTES."

THINGS WE HEAR, AND THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR.

That the Roller Fancy is certainly booming when both Leeds and Wolverhampton open the show season with record entries.

Whether some fanciers are unaware that their birds are frequently judged under artificial light, and that if they trained them to sing accordingly it would probably be beneficial both to judge and owner.

When the light fingered individual, or individuals, are apprehended who were responsible for the receipt by Mr. Shipley of an empty cage from Wolverhampton, that should have contained his best old cock.

That at least one of the cages at Wolverhampton were without any kind of fastening to the small side door

Whether the price of timer is responsible for ill-fitting exhibition cage perches.

Whether an owner would like to see his birds on arrival at a show, when he has omitted to empty the drinking tins before dispatching.

Why there is discrepancy in the shades of enamelling in show cages.

That there are fanciers who have the new style of Bell-Glucke, and don't know it?

That one, a well-known Roller fancier has been asked to write a short article on the old style and the new, to clear the misunderstanding that abounds regarding the Bell-Glucke Tour.

That Scotland is awaiting a date from one of our judges for their show.

That there are some good birds around Glasgow, but that at least one fancier has had vile luck during the breeding season?

Whether Leeds cannot pat itself on the back on drawing such a gathering of the clans.

An Alario Greenfinch Hybrid

And How it was Produced

By S. A. REYNOLDS (Stourbridge).

A nicely told story of a very very interesting occurrence.

IN placing on record the entry of my Alario-Greenfinch Hybrid into the annals of the Hybrid breeders' world it may be as well to introduce the father to the aviculturist who is not familiar with this optimistic little fellow. Although his native home is in the East, where birds of brilliant hue are numerous, he carries none of these bright colours, but wears just a simple coat of brown with a vest of grey and a black silk cap; a sombre garment, but beautiful to those who can appreciate this blend. Then he is one of the few foreign birds which have the sweet pure song that can be a match for our native songsters. My Alario will chant his own sweet lullaby and then pour out the Linnet notes as clear as the Linnet himself and even louder in the breeding season. Indeed I have said he is "Gentle Chibiabos."

"He the sweetest of all singers.
He the best of all musicians."

He is the first to hail the break of morn, the last to bid farewell at eve. This bird came into my possession in the autumn of 1914; he scoffed at our English winter, and even preferred to make his bed in the sheltered branches of a growing pine rather than use the warm shelter in the aviary. When the pine was laden with snow he still found a cavern on one of the branches wherein he could rest. . . . A bird is ever beautiful. . . . so wonderfully delicate, and yet so perfect in every detail, but place him amidst the snow-covered branches of a sleeping pine tree with all its purity and soft splendour, and you will enjoy a sight of unsurpassed beauty that will ever remain with you. Thus it is that Nature in the dark days of winter has wonderful pictures to paint to those who care to view.

His wife is but a modest Greenfinch, I caught her the same winter in the pheasant aviary as she was robbing the corn, and as she appeared to be of good size and colour I put her in the aviary with the Finches.

A Laudable Ambition.

As the warm days of spring grew nearer, and the birds began to think of partners and nests, the Alario took the highest perch he could find and commanded that all should see what a fine bird he was and be thrilled by the beauty of his song. First he sang about the beauty of foreign climes, but as they were nearly all British subjects in the aviary he got but little applause, the cock Linnet with his song of English hedges and gorse covered moorlands was more in favour, and the Alario knew it and brooded a little, but his optimistic spirit prevailed, and he thought to himself, "I will tackle that English tune." After he had gone over it quietly by himself he again took the high perch, and this time they all stopped to listen. Never was a bird more proud or stately now he had learnt the English songs.

He had had his eye on the Greenfinch for some time. She was rather shy, it was true, but she was a beautiful bird, not a feather out of place, so that now he could speak her language he felt sure he could win her love. She was so awfully shy at times that she would stay for days in the thickest privet bush; the Alario sang at her from every angle, and tempted her with the dantiest fare he could find, but it was not until the end of May she condescended to answer him. Even then it was only just a faint "churr," but it was enough for the Alario. He was beside himself with joy, he never let her out of his sight for a second, when he sang he filled the aviary with music, even the Linnet could not out-sing him, he swayed as he sang and his wings expanded and covered his legs, so overjoyed was he.

He was anxious that the home should be proceeded with forthwith, and he explored every likely tree with his beak full of dry grass. He fed the Greenfinch now with the choicest shepherd's purse and dandelion, and about the middle of June they started to build their wonderful home, the joy in these little hearts was beyond all human knowledge, you could gain something of it when you heard him calling to her softly and her gentle answer. It was in a gorse bush, the neatest little nest you ever saw, so much time had been spent on it . . . so much love.

In due course five eggs were laid and the Greenfinch covered them fondly. The Alario took up his watch on a branch near by and cheered his mate with all the songs he could think of; woe betide any bird that ventured near this sacred abode. Our spirits were high, we thought of the remarkable babes that soon we should see and possess..

The time soon came when the babes should arrive, and an anxious time it was, but there was no signs of anything on the appointed day, but as the Alario was hopeful we waited a few days. No mother was ever more patient than the Greenfinch, four days she waited and then in sorrow gave it up.

They made yet another attempt, with three eggs this time, but only to meet with the same result in the end. The Alario, overwrought by his constant attention, went into the moult. So ended the season for 1915.

When April came again with all its promise of sunny days, when Nature clothed herself in wonderful garments of green, and the soft Zephyrs murmured: "Awake, spring is here," it found this happy pair full of their old ardour. Many happy moments I spent watching them, but it was not until sweet May had gone that they started the new home. They chose as a site a last year's Blackbird nest which I had previously put in a thick gorse bush; this nest was, of course, much too large for them, so they built a very neat lining inside, and in due course four eggs were laid. I had great sympathy for these two birds; they were a model pair, but I felt sure they would meet with the same sad result again this year.

However, one fine June morning I noticed the Alario was very excited, he was in a desperate hurry to obtain the pick of the aviary's larder, so I just took a peep into their nest, and lo, sure enough a little fluffy head raised itself from out among the three eggs. I do not know which of us was the most excited then; it was only one, it was true, but that one was something to be thankful for after all the trials we had had. The other eggs were unfertile.

I don't suppose a baby ever received better attention than this young bird; in a week he was a monster. To avoid mishap I put the nest and bird into a cage and for weeks the parents fed him. The last week in August I let the hybrid fly in the aviary, and even then I noticed the Alario would feed him occasionally.

Unfortunately the hybrid carries little of the Alario in plumage, the only obvious part is the shape of the head, probably this is due to it being a hen, as it has never made an attempt to sing.

Several of CAGE BIRDS readers saw this bird at Clapham Show, and I can well understand the arguments reported in CAGE BIRDS. I thank Mr. Robson for his reply stating that he marked the cage "Wg. Cl.," as he was "unable to make it other than a cinnamon coloured Greenfinch x Canary." Now, as I had no Canary flying loose at the time this can hardly be correct. The species in the aviary were as follows: Cocks, Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskin, Redpoll, Bramblefinch, and Alario Finch; hens, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Twite, Yellow Bunting. The Hybrid in no way resembles any of these.

I shall be glad to send it to any show with A.O. Hybrid or Greenfinch Hybrid class. This little adventure was witnessed by local fanciers, who, if necessary, will provide corroboration.

[In proposing to exhibit this interesting Hybrid in a class for Any Other Hybrid or for Greenfinch Hybrids our contributor should not forget that it is implied, if not expressed, that classes in the Hybrid section at most of our shows are for birds bred between two British birds. Of course if a class were provided for Foreign Hybrids, as is sometimes the case at important shows, the bird would be eligible, but otherwise it would run the risk of disqualification even if the judge could distinguish its proper parentage.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

OBITUARY.

MR. C. BARNWELL (Harrogate).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. H. Hamlyn, that I have to announce the death of Mr. C. H. Barnwell, at his residence, 20, College Road, Harrogate, Nov. 17. He has been for many years Hon. Sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S., whose members will feel his loss greatly. They extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Barnwell and family.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Wigan Roller C.C.—Legs of Man Assembly Room, Old Arcade. 2nd annual singing contest, Dec. 15-16. Judges, J. Tomlinson, Lyons, J. Kilshaw. 5 classes: Champ. Young, Nov. Young, Champ. Old, Amat., Novice. Prizes: 12s., 10s., 8s., 6s., 4s., 2s. in young birds; 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. other classes. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Dec. 11 to P. Greenall, 581, Ormskirk Rd., Pemberton, nr. Wigan.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—Music Hall Buildings, Dec. 9. Judges, G. Bennett, J. Strachan, G. Finnie. 43 open classes: Nor. 17 (4 nat. col.), Finnie. 43 open classes: Nor. 17 (4 nat. col.), Crests 3, Bord. 1, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Self. 4, Hyb. 2, Brit. 9, For. 2. Prizes 9s., 6s., 3s. if 9 entries. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4 to R. J. Robertson, 4, Hosefield Road, Aberdeen.

SPECIAL SHOW PAGES EXTRA.

SWANSEA.

Wonderful Show of Canaries, Hybrids and British.—Seventeen Yellowhammers in a Class.

The 15th annual open show of the Swansea C.B.A., Nov. 16, was marked by a record entry of over 700 exhibits, nearly 100 in excess of the next highest total in the history of the society. The Canary section contributed 406, Mules and Hybrids 72, and British 250, representing a galaxy of feathered beauty such as is seldom seen at a provincial show. It speaks volumes for the management that this huge collection was handled and cared for without a hitch. The show managers, Messrs. E. M. Evans and J. E. Jeffries, had a big task in hand, which they carried out in masterly fashion, the birds being staged and ready for judging by 9 a.m. They were ably assisted by a hard-working committee, Messrs. A. C. East (chair), A. Richards (vice), J. W. Ford, T. Holborrow, M. Glover, J. H. Richards, C. Jones, W. Mabbett, J. H. Davies, H. Sherratt, W. H. Dalton, A. Addison, T. H. Myles, and W. Palmer. The Sec., Mr. J. H. Ford, is an ideal official, and carried out his duties in a very thorough and obliging manner.

Norwich were a grand lot, Mr. Collings' yell. cock and Messrs. Stubbs Bros.' buff being much admired. Other notable exhibits in this section were put down by Messrs. Tedstone, Hitchings, Mabbet, Heath, Davies, and Jenkins. Yorks were splendid, and we do not remember such a collection at this show for many years. Every class was full of tip-top exhibits, and condition only separated the winners, two sets of which could easily be found in nearly all of them. The cold played mischief in these classes, many notable winners having to stand back owing to the judge not being able to get them to work properly. We were much struck by Mr. Greenslade's brace of unflighted hens, Mr. Bale's unflighted buff, and Mr. Wooton's yell., all birds of grand length and perfect position. Borders were disappointing in numbers, still the quality was all there, most of the noted teams being represented. Mr. D. Jenkins carried off premier awards in the first three classes, Messrs. Owens and Histon accounting for the other two. Greens, notwithstanding the patronage of the G.C.A., only two of whose members competed, were also poor in numbers, Messrs. Montgomery and Johnston carrying off the chief awards with teams of real gems. Cinnamons only numbered 15 in two classes. The Novice Borders class provided 19 entries, the clear buff of Mr. Pattison, a real little swell, heading a very level lot. An extra attraction was provided for visitors in the beautiful White Canaries exhibited by Mr. Gatehouse, which were greatly admired.

Canary Mules and Hybrids came up very strong, both in numbers and quality, the six classes all running into double figures. Here the local Hybrid crack held a strong hand with a well-balanced team, put down in the pink of condition. Mr. E. J. Lamb won cleverly with a remarkably fine Redpoll-Bullfinch in the very best of feather and bloom. Practically all the birds able to get in the tickets were of excellent merit. It was a pity to see Dr. Wilson's variegated Greenfinch-Canary entered in the clear, ticked, or evenly marked class, had to be marked "wg. cl." Had he been in the uneven, marked or variegated class, no doubt he would have secured high honours. Hard lines, Doctor. It is distinctly a variegated bird, and a beauty at that.

British birds were a remarkably fine lot throughout the seed-eating classes. Goldfinches led the way and gave evidence of the quality of South Wales Finches. Bullfinches came up grandly, 24 cocks, most of them fine birds. Bullfinch hens were fine all through. Linnets were very strong, and in both classes made a fine display. Lesser Redpolls, H.-M., were not so numerous as usual here, but the F.-M. Lessers were great in numbers and quality. The Yellowhammer class was a treat, and Mrs. Lilian Dalton deserves credit for her perseverance in trying to keep this class going. Seventeen of them, and most of them of exceptional merit. Brambles Chaffinches and Greenfinches were good, and the winner in each case stood out well. No. 10 in Greenfinches was very down in condition when we saw it, or might easily have been in the first three. Mr. Chick held a strong hand in the A.O. Species, both cocks and hens. Mr. J. H. Roe judged Canaries, and Mr. C. Houlton the remainder.

MR. J. H. ROE'S CLASSES.

The Norwich Canaries.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Collings, a gem, grand col. and qual., full head and neck, good subs., splendid wings and tail, well cut; 2, Jones, paler col, neat head, neck, good deep chest, best of wings, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Jenkins, cl., good col. and qual., nice cobby shape, well-braced wings, plenty of daylight behind; 4, Palmer, cl., lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, good type, well put down; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; hc, Davies; c, Richards. BUFF (17): 1, Stubbs Bros., real beauty, feathered like wax, grand head and neck, deep chest, good cobby shape, fine col.; 2, Dutton, cl., lovely col. and qual., good chest, fine wings and tail, splendid head; 3, Greaves, cl., nice col., neat head, well-filled neck, good subs., nicely cut away; 4, Davies, good col. and qual., nice head, neck, plenty of subs., hardly as cobby; vhc, Matthews; hc, c, Richards. VAR. CK. (12): 1, vhc, Tedstone, var. buff, grand subs., good head and neck, well-braced wings, nice cobby shape, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Stubbs Bros., saddle mkd. buff, splendid feather, good head and neck, nice chest, fine cobby shape, best of wings and tail; 3, Mabber, var. buff, fine size, very shapely, lovely col. and qual., hardly subs. of leaders; 4, Richards; lightly mkd. buff, good col., qual., and cond., neat head and neck, good wings, shade longer; hc, No. 12; c, Ford. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hitchings, var., an old face in new hands, neat head and neck, good deep chest, well-braced wings and tail, good subs., col. and qual.; 2, Adlison, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, plenty of subs.; 3, Mabbet, var., paler col., good head, nice chest, plenty of subs., good qual. and cond.; 4, Collings, cl., lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, hardly subs. of leaders; vhc, Palmer; hc, Tedstone; c, Ford. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Mabbett, lovely brace, both cl., fine size, neat head and neck, grand type and qual., fine wings and tail; 2nd close up, correct type, perhaps hardly as neat head as winner, still a good one; 3, Stubbs Bros., tkd., grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, good chest, wings and tail; 4, Palmer, cl., nice col. and qual., good head and neck, fine wings and tail, shade longer; vhc, Collings; hc, Dutton; c, Rener. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Stubbs Bros., cl., grand col. and qual, fine shape, splendid head, neck, wings and tail; 2, c, Thomas, var., lovely col., neat head, good chest, fine wings, splendid subs., grand cond. and qual.; 3, 4, we could not find when we took notes; vhc, Palmer; hc, Collins. BUFF (14): 1, Heath, tkd., fine size, lovely col. and qual., grand chest, good wings and tail, well cut behind; 2, hc, Stubbs Bros., var., neat head, good chest, fine wings and tail, grand subs., col. and qual.; 3, Morris, heavily var., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, nice shape, col. and qual.; 4, Davies, grand col. and qual., nice flights and tail, shade longer; vhc, Palmer; c, Thomas. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Davies, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., plenty of subs., neat head, neck, wings, and tail; 2, Thomas, var. buff, splendid qual., nice head and neck, fine cobby shape, well cut; 3, Stubbs Bros., cl. yell., grand qual., good head and neck, fine subs., shade paler col. than leaders; 4, Mr. and Mrs. Wecks, var. buff, grand subs., lovely col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; hc, Jones; c, Hitchings. NON-FED (21): 1, Tedstone, cl. yell., fine size, col. and qual., good head and neck, nice cobby shape, neat wings and tail; 2, hc, Davies, another good one, grand head and neck, nice deep chest, fine wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Roberts, var. yell., nice col. and qual., plenty of subs., neat head, shade longer; 4, Jones, var. buff, grand size, col. and qual., good cobby shape, well-braced wings; vhc, c, Glover.

The Yorkshire Canaries.

YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, Watkins, cl., splendid col. and qual., grand pos., fine wings and tail, nice leg; 2, Moore, cl., close up, shade paler col., lovely qual., neat head, good shoulders, splendid back, wings and tail, grand leg and pos.; 3, Brennan, another good cl., correct head, very shapely, splendid back, nice leg and nerve; 4, c, Jones, tkd., beautiful length, col., qual., nice back, neat wings and tail, good pos.; vhc, Pritchard; hc, East. BUFF (13): 1, D. Brown, a gem, grand col. and qual., good head, neck and shoulders, fine back, wings and tail, lovely length, pos. and leg; 2, East, cl., neat head, good shoulders, nice straight back, fine wings and tail, nice pos., good nerve; 3, Pritchard, grand col., slimly built, finely packed wings and tail, grand type, pos. and length; 4, J. H. Brown, cl., nice col. and qual., very shapely, fine nerve, well up on leg; vhc, Owens; hc, James and Wells; c, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. VAR. CK. (13): 1, Pritchard, var. buff, finely built, grand col. and qual., well packed flights, good pipe tail, nice pos., grand leg; 2, Wooton, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice head, neck and shoulders, fine leg, grand pos. and nerve; 3, James and Wells, eye tkd. buff, another good one, nice head, good shoulders and back, beautifully moulded, fine wings and tail, stands well; 4, Fry, var. buff, grand length, good back and wings, splendid type and pos., nice leg; vhc, c, Jones; hc, Bale. HEN (15): 1, Owens, eye tkd., a gem, grand col. and qual., good head and shoulders, nice back and wings, fine length and pos., stands well; 2, Lawrence, tkd., nicely proportioned throughout, good col. and qual., grand leg and pos.; 3, Bevan, wing tkd., beautifully feathered, good head, fine shoulders and back, best of wings and tail, good nerve and pos.; 4, Mock, eye and wing tkd., shining like satin, beautifully moulded, grand back, wings and tail, well up on leg, good nerve, hardly col. of leaders; vhc, Latham; hc, Hollinshead and Edwards; c, Ford. BUFF (12): 1, Brennan, cl., nice col. and qual., grand pos., fine length, neat head, good shoulders and back, lovely length, stands well; 2, Mock, grizzle mkd., nice col. and qual., fine head, neck and shoulders, good back, wings and tail, grand length, lovely pos. and qual.; 3, East, grizzle mkd. on back, beautifully feathered, neat head, good back, finely packed wings and tail, grand pos. and length; 4, Owens, cl., nice col., grand qual., beautiful length, fine nerve and pos., splendid type; vhc, Brown; hc, Pritchard; c, Bale. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Wooton, a gem, lovely col. and qual., nice back, wings and tail, stands like a rush; 2, Greenslade, another good cl., beautifully feathered, neat head, good shoulders and back, well packed flights and tail, perfect pos.; 3, Owen, neck and wing mkd., grand col. and qual., good head and shoulders, grand back, fine pos. and nerve, lovely length; 4, East, cl., well moulded throughout, grand wings and tail, lovely pos., col. and qual.; vhc, Jones; hc, Bale; c, James and Wells. BUFF (13): 1, Bale, tkd., real gem, grand feather, good head and shoulders, straight back, well packed flights and tail, lovely col., splendid pos. and style; 2, 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, cl., good head, fine back, flights and tail, well moulded, nice nerve and pos., 3rd head tkd., grand type and qual., splendid wings and tail, well up on leg, nice pos.; 4, Gregory, cl., good col. and qual., fine leg, nicely proportioned, tip-top cond.; vhc, Wooton; hc, Owens; c, Mock. HEN (19): 1, 2, Greenslade, a brace of gems, tkd. yell. leading, grand feather and col., stands erect, good head, neck, shoulders and back, well packed flights, very nervy, 2nd neck tkd. buff, very typical, good glossy feather, lovely style, length and pos.; 3, 4, East, good ones, cl. buff leading, tip-top head and neck, good straight back and tail, correct wings, nice type and pos., 4th wing tkd. yell., hardly as rich col. as winner, beautifully proportioned, grand length, good nerve, well up on leg, lovely qual.; vhc, Brennan; hc, Griffiths; c, Fry. NON-FED (15): 1, c, J. H. Brown, cl. yell., nice tone of col., neat head, good shoulders and back, grand length and pos., nice qual.; 2, 3, Mock, a pair of good cl., both grand col. and qual., correct type, splendid length, fine pos., stand well; 4, Hocking, head tkd., good head and neck, fine shoulders and back, well packed flights, grand length, pos. and nerve; vhc, East; hc, Legg.

The Border Fancies.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, Jenkins, both cl., a pair of gems, feathered like wax, beautiful shape, very jaunty, grand heads and neck, best of wings and tail; 2, Owens, cl., grand model, beautiful feather and polish, lovely shape and style; 4, Madagan, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head, shapely body, tip-top order; vhc, Thomas; hc, Elston; c, Parry. BUFF (17): 1, Jenkins, cl., grand shape, lovely head and neck, good wings and tail, feathered to perfection; 2, Madagan, cl., lovely shape and style, good head, neck and wings, good col. and qual.; 3, Thomas, wing mkd., nice col. and qual., splendid type, very shapely; 4, hc, Edgington, tkd., close up, grand boxy feather, neat head, neck, wings and tail, jaunty carriage; vhc, Owens; c, Price. YELL. HEN (19): 1, vhc, Jenkins, cl., beautiful col., grand type, best of wings, jaunty action, put down in splendid style; 2, Madagan, cl., shade paler col., correct type, well packed wings, very shapely, lovely qual.; 3, c, Davies, cl., lovely col. and qual., good head and neck, well moulded, tip-top order; 4, Owens, grand qual. and cond., good type, very stylish; hc, Elston. HEN (9): 1, Owen, cl., little gem, fine boxy feather, neat head, good wings, very typical, good col.; 2, no name, cl., another good one, correct type, splendid col. and qual.; 3, Richards, wing tkd., beautiful polish, very typical, nice jaunty action; 4, Jenkins, cl., very shapely, lovely gloss, nice action; vhc, Parry; hc, Hoddinott; c, Thomas. VAR. (12): 1, c, Elston, E.-M. buff, nice size and shape, lovely col. and qual., very jaunty, inclined to cross wings when we took notes, otherwise a real gem; 2, Hocking, cinn. var., beautiful feather, grand shape, very jaunty action, grand col.; 3, 4, Hill, var. yell., nice col. and qual., sweet shape, grand type, 4th var. yell, shade paler, correct type, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Edgington; hc, Sampson; No. 8, Messer, var. yell., a real good one, must have been suffering from cold when judged; hard lines. GREEN YELL. SELF OR FOUL (13): 1, Montgomery, a real good one, grand head and neck, very shapely and jaunty, good wings and tail, pure col.; 2, Johnston, close up, splendid grass-green col., grand type and qual., very typical, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Williams, good col. and qual., very shapely and typical, hardly as bold head; 4, Hocking, beautiful col. and qual., neat wings and tail, true Border type, well put down; vhc, Bobbott; hc, Thomas; c, Sampson. HEN (8): 1, 3, Montgomery, a brace of good ones, fine col., lovely qual., grand heads and necks, very jaunty action, staged to the moment; 2, Johnston, little to choose between, splendid type and qual., well laced, good col. and qual.; 4, Nicholas, good col.; vhc, Hocking; hc, Bobbott; c, Sampson. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 2, Montgomery, leader nice col. and qual., well laced, grand head and neck, fine type, 2nd foul tail, very shapely, good type and qual; 3, no name, nice size and shape, good head and neck, well pencilled; 4, Nicholas, purest col. in class, tails head to leaders; vhc, Johnston; hc, c, Williams. HEN (7): 1, 2, Montgomery, very shapely, grand type and qual., good head and neck, fine back, well pencilled, lovely col., 2nd close up, true Border type, good in all points, perhaps hardly as bold as leader; 3, Johnston, another good one, fine shapely exhibit, beautifully laced, shade smokier col.; 4, Hocking, good col., neat shape, good wings, hardly as bold head as leaders; vhc, Williams; hc, Jenkins; c, Richards. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Bobbott, nice size, good shapely body, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, fails head, 3rd hardly length leader, nice col., good qual. and cond.; 2, Nicholas, many preferred, good head and neck, very shapely, best of wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; 4, Thomas, foul tail, nice size, very shapely, grand qual. and cond.; vhc, Delaney; hc, Gilbert. BUFF (9): 1, Jenkins, nice col., beautifully laced, good wings and tail, very shapely; 2, vhc, Nicholas, lovely qual. and cond., good head and neck; 3, Edgington, nice size, good loses trifle head; 4, Yeandle, foul, good col. and qual., well laced, hardly qual. of leaders; hc, Delaney; c, Bobbott. NOV. BORD. (19): 1, Pattison, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., good head and neck, fine wings and tail, very typical and jaunty; 2, 3, Thomas, cl. yell. leading, grand col. and qual., nice type, best of wings and tail, nice carr., 3rd cl. buff, fine shape, good wings and tail, well moulded throughout; 4, Gilbert, cinn., nice tone of col., neatly pencilled, grand type and qual., well put down; vhc, Price; hc, Morgan; c, Daniels. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, c, Gatehouse, a trio of grand White Canaries, leader the best yet seen, fine subs., lovely pure col., grand qual. and cond., 3rd beautiful col., shade slimmer; 2, 4, Mrs. Burgess, a brace of grand Gold Lizards, beautifully spangled, feathered like wax; vhc, Ford; hc, Jones. SELF., 15s. (7): 1, Griffiths; 2, J. W. Ford; 3, Jenkins; 4, c, Jeffries; vhc, J. H. Ford; hc, Wedlake.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

CL., ETC., CAN. HYB. (10): 1, 4, Jeffries, cl., buff Goldf.-Can., and a mkd. yell., both of good merit, former takes two local and one open special; 2, Crone, fine 6-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., rare big bird, in grand cond.; 3, Ball, tkd. eyes, lovely shape and qual., buff Goldf.-Can.; vhc, Oldham; hc, Wilson; c, Evans. UNEVEN, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Jeffries, a pretty pair, 1st variegated yell. Greenf.-Can., 3rd variegated Linnet-Can., both in lovely feather; 2, Lamb, fine uneven buff Goldf.-Can., in splendid cond.; 4, Dr. Wilson, smaller, grand cond.; vhc, Evans; hc, Hughes; c, Oldham. DARK GOLDF (14): 1, 4, c, Jeffries, a strong trio, 4th might have won, but was wet at judging time; 2, Tonks, well up to winner, fine cond.; 3, Bevan, shade smaller, nice order; vhc, J. W. Ford, very good buff; hc, Dalton. DK. LINNET (11): 1, 2, hc, Jeffries, a grand pair of yellows, leader rare size, shape, col and cond.; 3, Addison, fine big bird, A1 cond.; 4, Crone, nice shape, markings; vhc, Whitney; c, Jones; all very good birds. A.O.V. DK. CAN. (12): 1, c, Jeffries, yell. Greenf., good size, shape, col. and cond.; 2, Holborrow, rare good Siskin-Can., in grand bright cond.; 3, vhc, Dalton, good Greenf.-Can., bit smaller, in fine order; 4, Sampson, big bouncing buff Siskin-Can., nat. col., lovely feather; hc, Brailli. HYBRIDS, TWO BRIT. (12): Capital class, all winners good: 1, Lamb, tip-top Redpoll-Bullf.; 2, Ball, Goldf.-Bullf., best of bloom; 3, vhc, hc, Dr. Wilson, Greenf.-Bullf., Bramb.-Chaff., and Redpoll-Bullf., latter only beaten by 1st in size; 4, Jeffries, finest Linnet-Bullf.; c, Jones, good Goldf.-Bullf. GOLDF., H.M (23): 1, Jeffries, well-known winner, in grand order; 2, Watkins, clean cut blaze, shade smaller, fine tan, moons and bars, good cond.; 3, Lloyd-James, the best of tight feather, will improve in col. tones, very neat; 4, Oldham, gives way a little in width and underneath to-day; vhc, Palmer, grand blaze, but was wet when judged, hard lines; hc, J. H. Ford; c, Sam Roberts. F.M. (18): 1, Folkes, very faint Pea throat, grand all round bird in all else; 2, Griffiths, well up in colours; 3, Palmer, fine bold bird, bit fiery in action; 4, Rees, similar to 3rd; vhc, Lloyd-James; hc, Edwards; c, Johns. BULLF. CK. (24): Very fine class: 1, Dr Wilson, real good H.M., wins well; 2, Hepworth and Hampton, fine bold bird, grand cap, lovely breast and back; 3, c, Graham Thomas, jr., a real good pair in fine feather; 4, Lucas Bros.; hc, Gregory. HEN (12): 1, Chick, rare subs.; 2, Osborne, similar type, well up indeed to 1st; 3, Davies, pretty shape, cap, feather and cond.; 4, Holborrow, another of the best, in fine order; vhc, Lucas Bros.; hc, Sherratt; c, B. Jenkins. LINNET, H.M. (20): 1, Nicholas, grand size, shape, col., markings and cond.; 2, Dalton, shade smaller, grand markings and cond.; 3, Watkins, very cobby, full of marking, bit fiery on perches; 4, Thomas, fine shape, markings and cond., vhc, Bancroft; hc, J. W. Ford; c, Pitt. F.M. (22): 1, vhc, Jeffries, fine, big, promising pair, markings etc., good; 2, 3, Parlett, big, deep col., red-breasted old birds, 4, E. M. Evans, compact, full of markings; hc, Gregory; c, Lucas Bros. TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, Sampson, good all round Twite, shows all points well; 2, Jeffries, pretty Siskin, full of good work all over; 3, 4, Dalton, nice Twite, bit smaller than 1st and a nice Siskin; vhc, Edwards; hc, Evans; c, Gregory. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (9): 1, Mrs. Dalton, regular waggon horse build; 2, 3, J. W. Ford, both like 1st and very close up; 4, Bevan, shade smaller, fine cond.; vhc, Davies; hc, Lucas Bros.; c, Jones. F.N. (30): All the winners fine Jonque, promising birds: 1, Johnston, a gem; 2, 4, Dalton, both fine order; 3, hc, c, Jeffries, rare good trio; vhc, Rees. YELL. BUNTING (17): And well worth a class, too: 1, 3, Chick, leader a tip-topper, markings, size, shape and cond. all A1, 3rd smaller but very smart; 2, hc, Holborrow, grand col. and markings, glossy, shade smaller; 4, Tonks, fine bird, gives way a little in markings only; vhc, c, Dalton, just beaten in strength of markings a little. BRAMBLE (9): 1, Chick, crack of the season, in A1 form; 2, Ford, fine bird, grandly mkd., only shade behind in subs.; 3, Chick, smaller than 1st, all else good; 4, Lucas Bros., full of work, nice feather, etc.; vhc, Evans; hc, Davies; c, Edwards. CHAFF. (8): 1, Poole, fine size and shape, very bright in col., markings good, shows well, good cond.; 2, Chick, deeper, dense col., longer, in fine feather; 3, Davies, bit smaller, nice shape, markings and col.; 4, J. W. Ford, nice markings; vhc, Jones; hc, Rees; c, Guiley. GREENF. (15): 1, Oldham, fine bird, wins well; 2, Holborrow, very smart cond., shade smaller; 3, Gregory, sen., runs up to leaders well in all points; 4, Tonks, good buff, nice order; vhc, Dalton; hc, Edwards; c, Davies. A.O. HARDBILL CK. (5): 1, 2, Chick, well-known crack Hawfinch and Corn Bunting; 3rd same owner, good Reed Bunting; 4, Edwards, smaller, good Hawfinch; vhc, Shaw. HENS (11): 1, 2, c, Chick, Hawfinch, Corn Bunting, and Yell. Bunting respectively, all good; 3, Edwards, good Bramble, in rare feather; 4, Davies, equally good Chaff.; vhc, Dalton; hc, Sherratt. SOFTBILLS: 1, Chick, Wheatear, where are all the Softbills? FOR.: 1, Davies; 2, J. W. Ford.

HANLEY.

The tenth annual open show was held Nov. 9, in the Assembly Room at the Angel Hotel, a capital room for the purpose, spacious, lofty and well lighted. Unfortunately the day was a very dull one, which necessitated the use of electric light the whole of the time, which did not improve matters from a judging point of view. The entry was rather meagre; open Norwich classes had been cut down from previous years, only four being provided, and of these three were cancelled, and open Yorks fared but little better, only three out of eight classes standing, while the British and Mule section also had the blue pencil applied to four classes. The Novice classes fared better, all ten standing, though only two filled.

The management was quite of the best, everything being in perfect order. An early start was made with the judging, and all awards promptly fixed as classes were judged. Mr. C. Beckett, although new to the post of hon. sec., did well, and was well backed up by a large committee of management, who paid every attention to the exhibits entrusted to their care. A nice list of specials was provided, chiefly "point" specials. Special winners were: Best' Yorks. Hen, open, Baldwinson; Yorks. Nov., Drew; Members' Nor. Wilde; Yorks., Dale; Unflighted, Chadwick; Sandiford's Colour special for hottest fed member's, Hawley. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Brotherhood, leader cl. Yell., grand size, capital shape, broad full head and neck, rare col. and qual., nice carr. and subs.; 2nd, cl. Yell., shade smaller, cobby in build, well cut away, splendid head, best of feather, gets well across perch; 3, Steele, cl. Buff, nice size, grand shape, rare good head, fine qual.; 4, Bowers; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Such. YORKS. HEN. YELL. (5): 1, Baldwinson, thigh tkd., splendid length, nice even col., neat head, good cond. and qual.; 2, Beckett, head tkd., not quite the length of leader, bit shorter on leg, well filled back, neat waist; 3, Hall, lengthy cl., good qual.; 4, Beckett. BUFF (6): 1, Baldwinson, cl., fine length, rare length of side, neat head, nice qual.; 2, Piggott, cinn. mkd., not the length of winner, nice feather, shorter on leg; 3, Hawley, cheek mkd., nice length and shape, neat shoulders, fine qual. and cond., we liked for 2nd; 4, Hawley; vhc, Beckett; hc, Robinson. UNFLIG. HEN (5): 1, Piggott, thigh tkd. Buff, nice length, neat head, nice shoulder and back, good qual., nicely packed tail; 2, Beckett, Yell., very stylish, good qual. and shape, neat head and waist, shows well; 3, Hawley; 4, vhc, Robinson. SELF. (20/-) (7): 1, 2, Ault; 3, T. Walker; 4, F. Walker; vhc, Davies; hc, Such; c, Beckett, Jun. (12/6) (7): 1, 3, vhc, Beckett, Jun.; 2, Bowers; 4, Robinson; hc, Such; c, F. Walker. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, 2, Jeffreys, leader Linnet-Can., fine size and shape, grand col., in tip-top order; 2nd, Goldf.-Can., good size, nice blaze, very smart carr., fine polish; 3, Gilbert, Greenf.-Can., rare col. and qual., tight as wax; 4, Moreton; vhc, Banks and Hesketh. HYB. (4): 1, Jeffreys, Linnet-Bullf., fine size, capital breast col., shows cross nicely, in fine trim; 2, 4, Gilbert, leader Greenf.-Bullf., good size, nice breast col., in capital order; 3, Moreton. GOLDF. (7): 1, Leadbeater, medium size, full square-cut blaze of good col., splendid tanning, nice moons and bars, very steady, in fine bloom; 2, Degg, more cobby, not the depth of tan, best of bars and buttons, hardly so well up in blaze; 3, Piggott, grand size and shape, nice tan, paler in wing bars, hardly up in blaze yet; 4, hc, Critchlow, unsteady; vhc, c, Hartley. LINNET (13): 1, 3, Leadbeater, leader grand shape, sound col., full of neat pencilling right through, well up in size, very steady, in fine trim; 3rd, similar in size and shape, more open at throat; 2, Piggott, quite equal to 1st in size and shape, good whites, hardly so well pencilled at throat, full of work on breast; 4, Pitchford, nice shape and col., more clouded in ticking; vhc, Bates; hc, Beckett, Jun.; c, Moreton. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Bowdidge, Mealy Redpoll, grand size and col., beautifully mkd., very steady, in good bloom; 2, Leadbeater, Lesser Redpoll, grand depth of col., well pencilled, nice bib, steady, in fine fettle; 3, Hartley, Twite, well up in col., nicely mkd., lovely cond.; 4, Hunt; hc, Bates; c, Jaycott. NOR. YELL. NOV. (3): 1, Fox, wing tkd., unflig., medium size, nice shape, good head, short wings and tail, hot col., best of qual.; 2, Moon, good size cl., grand head, not so warm in col.; 3, Bowyer, neck tkd., bit longer

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in tail, rare col. and qual.; 4, Cooke; vhc, Bracegirdle. BUFF (11): 1, Fox, heavily mkd., capital shape, very cobby, nice head and neck, rare qual., 2, Barnett, uneven mkd., rare size and shape, paler in col., bit too fat; 3, Walker, cl., nice size, shape and qual., hardly so good in head; 4, Moon, good size and type; vhc, Colclough; hc, Wilde; c, Koskie. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Wilde, cl., good size and shape, nice head, well cleaned out, rare col. and qual., good carr. and finish; 2, F. Bowyer, shapely cl., hardly so full in head; 3, Fox, heavily mkd., hot col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Beckett, Jun. BUFF (7): 1, Cooke, neck tk., nice size and shape, grand head, well filled neck, short silky feather, nice cond.; 2, 3, Colclough, leader cl., rare qual., not the head of leader, longer in barrel; 3rd, cl., neat shape; 4, Beckett, Junr.; vhc, c, Maiden; hc, F. Bowyer. BEN (7): 1, F. Bowyer, cl. Yell., good size and type, rare head, nice depth of front, well cut away; 2, Bracegirdle, cinn. mkd. Buff, capital shape and qual., nice full head and neck, short and compact, nice one; 3, c, Maiden, uneven Yell., splendid size, very cobby, nice width and depth of front, rare qual., worth her place; 4, Fox; vhc, Cooke; hc, Colclough. YORKS. YELL. NOV. (7): 1, Beckett, cl., grand length and shape, good head, neat waist, gets well up, well packed tail; 2, Drew, cl., capital length, smart and stylish, neat waist, gets well up on good legs, must have pressed hard; 3, Banks and Hesketh, cl., capital length and shape, not so warm in col., good qual.; 4, Walker; vhc, Barnett; hc, Pritchard; c, Mycock. BUFF (7): 1, Dale, cl., rare length, nice shape and feather, good qual., bit unsteady; 2, Grocott, uneven mkd., nice length, well filled back, neat waist, shows well; 3, Banks and Hesketh, cl., nicely drawn, neat head, well tapered, rare qual and style; 4, Beckett; vhc, Drew; hc, Walker; c, Cliff. HEN (13): 1, vhc, hc, Drew, cl. Yell, nice wedge shape, good head, looking bit soft when we took notes; 2, Luxton, stylish cl., well drawn, nice style and shape, close up; 3, Mycock, splendid length cl. yell., long-sided, plenty of leg, good feather; 4, Timmis, cinn. mkd. Buff, nice length, neat head, good back, not so stylish; c, Worrall. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Drew, cl., grand length, well cut away, nicely filled back, grand col. and qual., crosses wings a bit; 2, Pritchard, smart length, long-sided, neat shoulder, good qual. and cond.; 3, Barnett, nice length, neat shape, rare carr. and style; 4, Mycock; vhc, Luxton; hc, Beckett; c, Cliff. BUFF (7): 1, Luxton, cinn. mkd., nice length and style, fine qual. and shape, nicely rounded back, nice pos.; 2, Pritchard, long-sided cl., nicely cut away, gets well up, hardly so neat in head; 3, Beckett, wing mkd., capital length; 4, Barnett, neat cl.; vhc, Burden and Downs; hc, Dale; c, Mycock. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Colclough, nice cl. BUFF (1): 1, Wilde, uneven, nice col. and qual., takes spl best members' Nor. HEN (1): 1, Colclough, four-pointed Buff, nice shape and qual. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Colclough, cl., neat shape, rare col. and qual.; 2, Wilde. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Colclough, cl. and uneven, both nice type and qual.; 3, Wilde. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Dale, cl., capital length and shape, rare feather; 2, Hawley, eye and wing mkd., fine length and col., nice qual.; 3, Chadwick, well drawn, smart and shapely; 4, Beckett, lengthy cl., bit free in feather; vhc, Piggott; hc, Timmis; c, Banks and Hesketh. BUFF (4): 1, Piggott, cl., grand length, nice length of side; 2, Hawley, lengthy cl., not so neat at waist; 3, Hawley; 4, Rawlinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, no name, uneven, fine length, good head and back; 2, 4, vhc, c, Piggott, capital cl.; 3, Robinson, wing tkd., hot col., finely drawn; hc, Dale. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, Piggott, leader head tkd., smart and shapely; 2nd, big cl., nice length and style; 3, Beckett, nice cl., rare length; 4, Hawley; hc, Timmis. UNFLIG. HEN (7): 1, Chadwick, lengthy cl. Buff, nice qual.; 2, hc, Piggott, shapely head mkd. Buff; 3, Banks and Hesketh, hd tkd. Buff, nice shape and qual.; 4, Hawley; vhc, Robinson. BRIT., A.V. (3): 1, Hawley, nice size Greenf., very steady; 2, Wilde, Bramble, nice size and col.; 3, Robinson. GOLDF. (3): 1, 2, Piggott, nice Finch, good tan and blaze; 2nd, hardly so forward. LINNET: 1, 4, Piggott, nice size, shape and col., well pencilled; 2, 3, Bates.

CITY AND SUBURBAN C.B.A.

Twenty-first annual show Nov. 8 and 9, in the Church Institute, Marylebone. Entries numbered a little over three hundred, quite as many as expected, considering the number of members away and other circumstances, and quality, as usual, was quite tip-top. Spl. for best bird in Champ. Nor. went to Mr. Bailey's Yellow, Mr. Martin winning the Norwich Cup for best Unflighted, with a yell. of good substance and quality. Yorkshires made a grand display, competition in some of the classes being particularly keen, and in this section the best bird in the show was found, Mr. Ayres winning with a magnificent Buff. Mr. Watcham won the cup for best Crest. The Amateur and Novice sections were well patronized. Mrs. Stopher won spl. best Amat. Nor., Mr. Johnston spl. best Yorks. British, as usual, were quite a nice lot; a lovely Blackcap sent in by Mrs. Bloomfield was judged to be the best in the section.

The management was all that could be desired, the birds being neatly arranged round the hall, and every attention given to them by the stewards. Mr. F. J. Martin managed the secretarial work, and no doubt the success of the show was to a great extent due to his energy and ability. He had for assistants a splendid lot of fanciers, among them being such well known enthusiasts as Messrs. Curtis, Shepherd, Ayres, Sanders, Runciman, Prance, Burt, Francis, etc. The show was well attended on both days. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries and Mr. C. Prior the remainder.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL.: 1, Bailey, plenty of subs., bold head, nice qual., sound rich col.; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Burt, fine team, the leader fine size, nicely proportioned, not so massive as winner, but real Norwich. BUFF: 1, hc, Burt, in the pink, has made up wonderfully; 2, Martin, lovely type, very thick-set, nicely proportioned a dash might have put him on top; 3, Wills; vhc, Bailey; c, Thurley. HEN: 1, Bailey, good Yell., capital size, nice full head, hit down in col., but capital qual.; 2, 3, hc, c, Burt, good team, big clear Buff leading, nicely filled in; 3, var., grand qual.; vhc, Thurley. UNFLIG.: 1, Martin, capital subs., nicely proportioned, well filled in, sound col., good qual.; 2, 3, c, Burt, lovely var. Buff, rare qual.; 3rd, thickset Yell., nice full frout, good back and wings. CREST: 1, Watcham, massive full grizzled crest of fine size, good shape and droop. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Shepherd, two big var. birds, grand subs., full crests of good shape, neat centre, nicely drooped, beautifully veined; 3, vhc, Watcham, var., fine size, neat crest, scarcely so richly veined, but beautifully formed. C.B.: 1, vhc, Shepherd, var., grand subs., good bold head, nice width of skull, capital feather; 2, 3, Watcham, fine size, grand heads, nicely domed. 1916: 1, 3, Shepherd, leader a beauty, good bold crest, nicely formed and well filled in, and drooped, beautifully veined; 2, Watcham, good C.B., good subs., capital bold head, nice length of feather. YORKS.: 1, Ayres, head and wing mkd., good length, slim and stylish, nicely balanced, excellent qual.; 2, 3, Hall, lovely cl., grand length and style, good head and wings; 3rd, very fine mkd., not far behind; vhc, hc, Lloyd; c, Clark. BUFF: 1, Ayres, beautifully proportioned, slim built, yet nicely rounded, good pos., and style, lovely qual. feather; 2, hc, King, lovely var., nicely balanced, neat head and wings, grand cond.; 3, Hall, grand type and style, good pos., neat wings, nice qual.; vbc, Clark; c, Lloyd. BEN: 1, Ayres, lovely unflig., beautiful type, sweetly moulded, grand qual.; 2, 3, Saunders, leader wonderful length and style, grand shoulders, full of qual., must have pressed; vhc, c, King; hc, Scudder. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, c, Saunders, grand length, neat head and wings, well up on legs, grand qual.; 3rd, very stylish; 2, vhc, hc, Ayres, beautifully moulded and balanced, hot col. BORD. YELL.: 1, Last, beautiful type and style, well braced wings, grand qual.; 2, hc, Pegg, all there for type and style, but scarcely the polish; 3, Sayer, good style and type, neat head; vhc, c, Hobden. BUFF: 1, Last, nicely moulded, neat head, well braced wings, grand qual.; 2, vhc, Pegg, capital type, nice style, neat head and wings, beaten cond.; 3, Sayer, lovely qual., nice style, capital wings, bit pale. HEN: 1, Last, stylish, beautifully moulded, neat head and wings; 3, Pegg, nicely proportioned; vhc, Hobden. 1916: 1, 2, Hobden, grand type and style, good heads and wings, full of qual.; 3, Pegg, neat and stylish, well filled in, grand cond.; vhc, Last; hc, c, Sayer. AMAT. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Mrs. Stopher, beauties, capital size and type, nicely filled in, grand qual.; 3, Offord, scarcely so compact, neat head, good cond.; vhc, E. Offord; hc, Bevington. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Stopher, flue subs., nicely moulded, grand qual.; 2, Clark, not the subs., but very typical, grand qual.; 3, Offord, hot col., nice subs., neat head. HEN: 1, Bevington, cobby, nicely moulded and filled in, good head and wings; 2, E. Offord, good cl. Yell., capital type; 3, Clark, shade smaller, typical neat head and wings. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Offord, good cl. Yell., capital size, nice proportions, sound col. and qual.; 3rd, good Buff, very typical; 2, E. Offord, scarcely the size, lovely type, nicely filled in, good head and wings; vhc, hc, Mrs. Stopher. CREST: 1, 2, H. Offord, leader capital D.C., good shape and size, lovely qual. YORKS YELL.: 1, Johnston, good length and style, neat head and wings, A 1 qual.; 2, Hannaford, capital style, well up on leg, neat wings; 3, Runchman, good var., lovely type and style, nice qual.; vhc, Knight; hc, Bevington. BUFF: 1, Hannaford, lovely cl. Buff, fine length, good type, neat head and wings, A 1 qual.; 2, vhc, Bevington, grand wing and head mkd. Buff, fine length, good wings and tail, neat head; 3, Knight, fine cl., lovely qual., well up on leg, neat wings, A 1 cond.; hc, Johnston. HEN: 1, 2, c, Hannaford, fine length of wing, good head, back and wings, A 1 qual.; 2nd, capital type; 3, Runchman, stylish var. Buff, nice length, beautifully drawn, neat head and wings; vhc, Bevington; hc, Knight. UNFLIG.: 1, Johnston, grand length, good head, back and wings, capital qual.; 2, 3, Hannaford, 2nd good wing mkd. Buff, grand length, stylish, good wings, A 1 quality; vhc, hc, Knight; c, Runchman. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Huggins, good subs., nicely proportioned, well filled in, neat wings, sound col. and qual.; 2, Wingate, scarcely so big, but good type, col. and qual. BUFF: 1, vhc, Wingate, capital Buff, nice size, A 1 qual., and cond.; 2, Huggins, neat and stylish; 3, Kelly, wing mkd. Buff, good type, neat head. HEN: 1, Marks, capital Yell., grand size, well filled in, good head and wings; 2, 3, Wingate, leader grand subs., nicely moulded, scarcely so full of polish. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, hc, Wingate, leader very fine Yell., good size and type, nice qual.; 3, Marks, big bold bird, nice cond.; vhc, Kelly; c, Huggins. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Eadie, wing and cheek mkd. Yell., fine length, good pos., and style, grand qual.; 2, c, Howick, very fine wing mkd., grand length and style, nicely moulded, lovely qual.; 3, Wingate, nice cl., good type; vhc, Brock; hc, Mabey. BUFF: 1, Rumble, capital cl., fine length and style, nicely moulded, good qual.; 2, Raine, good var. Buff, nice length of wing, neat head, capital qual.; 3, Brock, very fine head and cheek, mkd., good type and style, nice qual.; vhc, Harper; hc, Mabey; c, Huggins. HEN: 1, 3, Eadie, lovely cl. Buff, nice length, stylish, good pos., capital qual.; 2, Brock, good Yell., fine length of wing, neat head, clean-cut, good cond.; vhc, Raine; hc, c, Harper. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Eadie, nice cl. Yell., capital length, good head and wings, A 1 cond.; 2, Harper, lovely cl., neat and stylish, grand qual.; 3, Mabey, typical, neat head and wings; hc, Rumble; c, Raine. MULE, DK.: 1, Overman, good dark Goldie, shapely, nice col. and qual.; 2, Offord, bold Greenf., stylish, nice size and qual.; 3, hc, Shilcot, Goldf., good col.; vhc, c, Soper. GOLDF.: 1, Mrs. Cook, nice size, good shape, blaze of fine depth of col., full of polish; 2, Knight. GREENF., ETC.: 1, vhc, King, very fine Greenf., good subs., nicely proportioned, lovely qual.; 2, Knight, bold Bramble, good shape, sound rich col., nicely spangled; 3, Clark, bold Chaffinch, nice depth of col.; good cap. LINNET: 1, 2, Clark. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Clark, lovely Twite; 2, Offord, grand Siskin; 3, Knight. HEN: 1, 2, Richards, leader charming Siskin, shapely, full of pencilling, lovely qual.; 2nd, good Corn Bunting; 3, Knight, very fine Chaffinch. SOFTBILL: 1, Mrs. Bloomfield, charming Blackcap, fine size and shape, grand cond. LARGE: 1, Richards, grand Waxwing, in the pink; 2, Shepherd, lovely Thrush, beautifully spotted. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Shepherd, well-known team of Mynahs, in grand condition. LINNET GOLDF.: 1, Clark; 2, Richards. GREENF.: 1, Hobden; 2, hc, Offord; 3, Richards; vhc, Clark. SISKIN: 1, Hobden; 2 Offord; 3, Clark; vhc, Richards. SOFTBILL: 1, Richards. SELL.: 1, vhc, Offord; 2, Runchman; 3, c, E. Offord.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

A SPLENDID ENTRY AND A GOOD GATE.

12th annual show, Nov. 11, of the Blaydon C.B.S., in the United Methodist Church Schoolroom, with a total of 600 entries in the open classes, although the classification was curtailed considerably compared with that of previous years. The 24 classes for members brought the total up to 706. The schoolroom is very cosy, well lighted, free from any draught, and only three minutes' walk from station.

The show was well handled by the worthy chairman and show manager, Mr. J. Dobson, who worked all day like a trojan, always pleasant and obliging, especially to fanciers from a distance who had to catch early trains. He was well backed up by a grand working committee, Messrs. J. Hillary, T. Wardle, J. Hands, C. Graham, T. Boyd, H. Cresswell, and J. and J. H. Cross, every one a trier. Special praise must be given to Mrs. Jos. Carr, who did good work in watering and staging the birds, and seemed to be quite up to the work. In the sec., Mr. Geo. Havver, the society has an ideal man, nothing being too much trouble, but we must not forget "Bob" Havis, the treasurer, who did an enormous amount of work and ably assisted the sec.

The judges were Messrs. T. Dixon (Norwich), T. Robson (Crests and British), R. Tindale (Yorks.), W. Espie (Borders). Among the fanciers present were Mr. J. Stewart, Whitehaven; F. F. Lawson, Carlisle; and many others from a distance whose names we did not obtain. The room was well filled in the afternoon.

Among the Norwich the quality was such that some excellent birds had to be left out of the cards. Messrs. R. W. Smith, A. Holden, T. W. Laidlow, C. Godley, and F. F. Lawson put down some good exhibits. The winning yellow cock in class 1, Laidlaw, is a real stormer, and was much admired by all. In the Crests G. Dobson was much to the fore, and won the silver cup presented by Col. F. R. Simpson, J.P., for best bird in show, with an old Crest cock, a wonderful bird. British were good all round, and we noticed an enthusiastic exhibitor in Mr. Curry, the sec. of Gateshead, weighing up the winners; he has turned "British," and did well. Mr. Wilson's silver cup for most points with three birds shown by a member was tied for by J. Hands and J. Hillary.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.
Judge: Mr. T. Dixon.

YELL. (14): 1, Laidlow, eyes and wing mkd., rare shape and subs., nice col., splendid qual., massive head, grand wings, well staged, a stormer; 2, 3, Lawson, heavy mkd., hot col., grand qual., rare size, well put down, 3rd griz. head, good feather and qual., nice wings; 4, Crass, cl., good subs. and qual., not so good top end, well staged; vhc, McKay; hc, Bird; c, Smith. BUFF (10): 1, Wakenshaw, cl., rare size, good head, nice qual., grand cond., hot col.; 2, Crass, cl., good col. and qual., nice front, close up; 3, Godley, griz. head, hot col., rare subs., nice qual., in fine bloom, we liked; 4, vhc, McKay, griz. head and wing, good head and subs., hot col., in fine trim; hc, Holden; c, Seely and Sons. HEN (13): 1, 3, Lawson, mkd. eyes and wings, rare subs., hot col., splendid shape, in fine bloom, wins; 2, Thwaites, tkd. wing, pale col., lovely qual., good subs., nice head, fine shape; 3, cl., good subs. and qual., a little longer than leaders, shows well; 4, hc, Godley, nice shape and size, broad head, not quite up; vhc, Holden; c, Laidlow. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Lawson, mkd. wing, hot col., grand qual., rare subs., good head; 2, Riseborough, cl., nice qual., fine bloom, good col., longer than winner; 3, Matthewson, griz. neck, not quite the size of leaders, nice qual., in fine bloom; 4, Holden, variegated, not a big one, but all there for type and qual., hot col., splendid wings, well put down, we preferred; vhc, Lowery; hc, Godley; c, Dobson. BUFF (15): 1, William, cl., rare subs., fine qual., grand shape; well staged; 2, Smith, mkd. wings, lovely qual., good col., grand head, rare subs., not quite ready; 3, McGinn, cl., grand col. and subs., fine qual., good head, cobby, in fine bloom; 4, Godley, tkd. head, grand col., fine qual., not so full in front; vhc, Holden; hc, McKay; c, Thwaites. HEN (20): 1, Moore, variegated, lovely qual., good subs., nice col., good head; 2, McGinn, tkd. wing, good head, fine qual., fair subs.; 3, Hands, cl., nice qual., not quite subs., shows well; 4, Holden, cl., smaller, lovely qual. and col., sweet; No. 20, cardless, we thought worthy of a place; vhc, hc, Godley; c, Thwaites. NOV. CK. (13): 1, Wardle, cl., rare qual. and subs., good head, nice front wins; 2, Walker, variegated, hot col., not quite subs., fine qual.; 3, Cresswell, cl., good col. and subs., nice head, loses in qual.; 4, Leightly, cl., good qual., subs.; vhc, Williams; hc, Makepeace; c, Thwaites. HEN (14) 1, Williams, cl., good col. and qual., fine subs., good head; 2, Wardle, cl., lovely qual., not quite the subs., nice head; 3, Lucas, a little longer, fine qual. and subs., well shown; 4, Dodds, fine size, good qual. and col., might have gone up; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Walker. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Carr, variegated, good qual. and head, trifle long; 2, Matthewson, mkd. head, good col.; 3, Dixon, mkd. head and wing, grand qual., nice type, in fine bloom, we preferred for 2nd place; 4, F. M. Dixon, rare col. and qual., good front, nice head, some made an easy winner.

THE CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.
Judge: Mr. T. Robson.

CRESTS (12): 1, Dobson, variegated, well-known winner, in fine form, crest of great size, good radiation, grand droop and centre, wins cup for best in show; 2, 4, Bewick, cl. body, good dark crest, leafy feather, good size, not so massive; 3, c, Marshall, nearly self green, fine round crest, grand opening, not quite the quality; 4th clear body, dark crest, not quite such a good round crest and a little rough; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Mrs. T. Taylor. C.B. (10): 1, Bewick, variegated, grand head, good feather, nice size; 2, vhc, Dobson, variegated, larger, good wide skull, grand feather; 3, Tait, lightly mkd., fails head, good lash; 4, Thwaites, nearly green, grand size, good shaped head, a good one, many preferred; hc, Mrs. T. Taylor; c, Simpson. CREST. 1916 (7): 1, Dobson, variegated, good size, grand leafy feather, fair frontal; 2, Marshall, cl. body, self crest, grand qual., loses in roundness of crest, well put down; 3, hc, Bewick, mkd. wing, dark crest, good qual.; 4, vhc, Armstrong variegated, rare size, good round crest, wee bit weak in frontal; c, Simpson. C.B., 1916 (9): 1, Bewick, good size, grand turnover, coppy shaped; 2, Simpson, lightly variegated, good size, fails entrance, very good turnover; 3, vhc, Dobson, green, not one of the largest, grand entrance and turn over, well up; 4, Stanger, green, a big one, grand shaped head, good turn over, some preferred; hc, Marshall; c, Mrs. T. Taylor.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
Judge: Mr. R. Tindale.

YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Crawhall, cl., very straight, good length, grand qual., perfect wing carr., wins; 2, hot col. fine and straight, good wings, grand qual., not quite the length; 3, 4, Stewart, cl., lovely qual., very straight, good pos. and type; 4, cl., longer, fine pos., good flights, well carried, fails top end; vhc, Heggie; hc, Havis; c, Tweedy. BUFF (10): 1, Stewart, cl., lovely qual., good head and neck, fine wing carr.; 2, vhc, Heggie, mkd. eyes and wings, hot col., good qual.; 3, hc, Crawhall, good length and pos., long sides, grand wings, unsteady; 4, Carlisle, fine length, nice qual., good pos.; c, Havis. HEN (13): 1, Crawhall, cl. buff, well known winner, in fine form, wins spl. best in section; 2, Leck, cl., yell., rare length, fine qual., good pos., not quite the type of winner, close up; 3, 4, Heggie, not quite the length, grand qual., good pos., 4th variegated, rare length, good qual., wild; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Stewart; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Crawhall, grand col. and qual., nice length, good pos., well put down; 2, Coomber, good length, col. and pos., very straight, not quite the qual. of leader; 3, Havis, lovely qual., good type and pos.; 4, Carlisle, nice type and pos., good wings and tail; vhc, Hands; hc, Leck; c, Ridley. BUFF (17): 1, Carlisle, rare length and pos., nice wedge shape, good wings and tail; 2, 4, vhc, Havis, not a big one, but all there for type and quality, stands well; 3, Tweedie, good length and col., fine qual., damaged foot spoiling pos. or might have been further up; 4th good qual., fine pos., good wings and tail; hc, Crawhall; c, Coomber. NOV. CK. (19): 1, Barrie, rare length and pos., hot col., good qual., stands well, wins; 2, c, Shields, not quite the length, lovely qual. grand type, fine pos., close up; 3, Reed, another good one, fine type and qual., very straight, well up on leg; 4, vhc, Cleverly, good length, nice and straight, fails cond. HEN (16): 1, Collins, grand length and pos., fine qual., very sweet; 2, 3, Cleverly, equal length, not so smooth, grand pos., 3rd hot col., fine qual., not the length; 4, Shields, grand type and qual.; hc, Barrie; vhc, Beadle; c, Reed.

THE BORDER FANCIES.
Judge: Mr. W. Espie.

YELL. CK. (11): 1, Foster, right stamp, good wings, nice cond., very taking, wins; 2, Nicholas, good cond., well put down, loses in back to leader; 3, Graham, good col., looking a bit soiled; 4, Johnston, very neat, might have gone up; vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Watson; c, Higgins. BUFF (9): 1, Johnston, grand type, neat wings and tail, grand cond., in the pink, an easy win; 2, Graham, hardly so stout, yet very neat, good col. and qual.; 3, Watson, good qual., no doubt would have gone up but very wild; 4, Gentleman, grand head and qual., shade hollow in back; vhc, Hay; hc, Couchman; c, Smith and Son. HEN (18): 1, Watson, nice yell., in the pink, sweet head, wings and tail, excellent qual., wins; 2, Nicholson, grand exhibit, good all over, very near to leader; 3, Affleck, nice sweet head, good col. and qual., nice wings and back, worth her place; 4, Couchman, charmer, hard lines; vhc, W. Smith; hc, Higgins; c, Johnston. VARIEG. (12): 1, Smith and Son, grand cinn. mkd. yell., grand pos., neat head, good col., back, wings and tail, a treat; 2, Johnston, mkd. buff, well put down, good qual.; 3, Nicholson, the old warrior often heard of, not looking his best to-day; 4, Hillary, yell., very nice and taking; vhc, Greenwell; hc, W. Smith; c, Dixon. YELL. OR CINN. (9): 1, 2, Nicholson, good green, excels in markings, very neat head, back and wings, 2nd cinn., in good order, well worthy of her place; 3, Greenwell, another good green, bit soiled or probably would have been higher; 4, Johnston, good cinn., nice and taking; vhc, W. Smith; hc, Davidson; c, Affleck. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Johnston, grand cond., champion lacings, very sweet in head, wings nicely braced on a good body, wins; 2, Nicholson, cinn., good one, very neat, hardly the finish; 3, Render, buff green, hardly the weight of leaders, otherwise good, worth its place; 4, Affleck, nice exhibit, might have gone up; vhc, W. Smith. HEN (11): 1, 2, Johnston, 1st grand yell. green, 2nd buff green, need no comment, hard to separate; 3, Gentleman, cinn. buff, very sweet, nice head and back, good in wings and tail; 4, Greenwell, good exhibit, pressed hard; vhc, Affleck; hc, Chapman; c, Render. NOV. CK. (26): 1, Cook and Adams, yell, grand col. and qual., sweet head, good pos., neat wings and tail, could hold its own with champions; 2, Wilson, nice exhibit, but not so good in back as leader, otherwise good; 3, Heron, yell. green, good all over, not far behind; 4, T. Nicholson, very stylish and neat; vhc, Furness; hc, Lucas; c, Potts. HEN (23): 1, T. Nicholson, grand cl. yell., good all over, hard to find fault with; 2, c, R. Topping, mkd. buff, nice head, good pos., neat wings and tail, worth her place; 4, Cook and Adams, nice yell., very sweet; vhc, Furness; hc, Affleck.

THE MULES AND BRITISH.
Judge: Mr. T. Robson.

MULES, LIGHT (2): 1, Stanger, Linnet, neck and wing marked, not so large, nice exhibit; 2, Boyd, Goldf. Mule. DARK (3): 1, Hooper, yellow Greenf. Mule; 2, Drabble, buff Greenf.; 3, Stanger, buff Greenf., not much to choose between the three. GOLDF. (7): 1, Almond, very tame, fine blaze, square cut, beautifully burnished, in grand form, wins; 2, Stewart, not quite so good in blaze, nice chestnut breast, smaller; 3, Rowan, bit wild, wants handling, not so good in col.; 4, Dixon; vhc, Philipson; hc, Waters; c, Carr. BULLF. (8): 1, Simpson, a gem, steady, rich breast, fine cap, good wing bars; 2, Johnston, not the size yet, a grand bird; 3, Hooper, nice size, rich breast, good wing bars, might have gone up; 4, Rutherford, nice exhibit, worthy of its place; vhc, Curry; hc, Iveson; c, Brown. GREENF. (11): 1, 3, Johnston, grand yell., good all round, hard to find fault with; 2, Curry, not so bold in head, otherwise good, 3rd another good one, shade smaller than winners and not quite so good in col.; 4, Drabbley, good exhibit, some fancied for a higher place; vhc, Boyd; hc, Philipson; c, Simpson. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Hetherington, Twite, very large, grand con., rare qual.; 2, R. Johnston, Redpoll, grand size and col., good bib, nicely mkd; 3, c, Waters, Redpoll, good one, nice cond.; 4, J. Johnston, an extra good one, some thought the best in class; vhc, Fleck; hc, Montague. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (5): 1, 3, Philipson, Chaffinch, extra good, easy win, 3rd Yellowhammer, good, shows well; 2, Simpson, Bramble, very nice exhibit, worthy of its place; 4, Johnston, good Bramble, presses hard; vhc, Waters; hc, c, Hooper, Cirl Buntiug, very nice exhibit, might have gone up. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, hc, Robson, good size, nice type, good col., beautifully pencilled; 2, Stewart, loses in head, hardly the type, good col.; 3, Young, slimmer, nice col., neat head; 4, Philipson, very taking, well put down; vhc, Waters; c, Thompson. F.M. (15): 1, Robson, good size and col., nicely marked, wins; 2, 4, Curry, both good col., shapely, hardly size of leader; 3, Hetherington, smaller, wild; vhc, Boyd; hc, c, Patterson. SELL., 20 (9): 1, c, Matthewson; 2, Moore; 3,

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Gillespie; 4, Walker; vhc, Holden; hc, Archbold and Lascelles. 15/- (8): 1, Archbold and Lascelles; 2, Dobson; 3, Botham; 4, Gillespie; vhc, Robson; hc, Stanger; c, Smalles. 10/-: 1, Stanger; 2, Crass; 3, Gillespie; 4, Dinning; vhc, Carr; hc, Robson. 7/6: 1, Dixon; 2, 4, Smith and Son; 3, Gillespie.

THE MEMBERS' CLASSES.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Crass; 2, Dobson; 3, Cresswell; 4, Crass. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Crass; 3, J. H. Crass; 4, Dobson; c, Graham. HEN YELL.: 1, Hands; 2, Thompson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Crass; 4, hc, Dobson; vhc, Cresswell; c, Graham. NAT. COL.: 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Havver. NOV.: 1, 2, Wardle; 3, Cresswell; 4, Walker. CREST: 1, Bewick; 2, Simpson. HEN; 1, Dobson; 2, Bewick; 3, Simpson. C.B.: 1, Bewick; 2, hc, Simpson; 3, vhc, Dobson. HEN: 1, 2, Dobson; 3, Simpson. YORKS. YELL.: 1 Hands; 2, Leck; 3, Havis; 4, Lynn; vhc, Graham. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Havis; 4, Graham; vhc, Hands; hc, Leck; c, Lynn. HEN: 1, Leck; 2, 4, Hands; 3, Havis; vhc, Lynn; hc, c, Graham. NOV.: 1, 4, vhc, Reid; 2, 3, Shield; hc, Lynn. BORD. YELL.: 1, Hillary; 2, Simpson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hillary; 3, Simpson. HEN: 1, 2, Hillary. NOV.: 1, 3, Bolam; 2, hc, Watts; 4, Harrison; vhc, Robson. PAIRS: 1, 3, Hands; 2, Crass. MULE: 1, 3, Boyd; 2, Leck. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Johnston; 2, Boyd; 4, Leck; vhc, hc, Carr. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, 3, Johnston; 2, 4, Boyd; vhc, Cresswell; hc, Crass; c, Robson. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Thompson; 2, Boyd; 3, Johnston; 4, Harrison; vhc, Robson. F.M.: 1, 2, Boyd; 3, 4, Johnston; vhc, Crass.

HALIFAX.

Although the entry at the show of the Halifax O.S., at the Friendly and Trades Hall, Nov. 17 and 18, was not quite so large as last year, it was good for the reduced classification and the times. Thirty-four classes were scheduled, and only one, that for British softbills, failed to fill. The classes which stood totalled 418 entries, an average of nearly thirteen, and had the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, under whose patronage the show was held, done their bit, the average would have been much better, as the ten classes provided for them only contained 96 entries, whilst the seventeen Yorkshire classes yielded 280. British, ever a weak spot in Yorkshire shows, came up fairly well, totalling 54 in the four classes which stood.

Yorkshires were a very smart lot, but whether it is that fanciers, owing to the stress of the times, have not the necessary leisure to train their birds, or that we are breeding a wilder race of birds, there is no gainsaying the fact that many of them were far from steady. We have noticed this at other shows this season, and have heard the fact commented upon by a number of judges and fanciers. No matter how good a Yorkshire may be, if it is not well trained it will not show its properties, and worse still, its wildness on the judging bench upsets other birds and makes them wild.

The pick of the Yorkies here was undoubtedly Mr. Dyke's neck ticked young yellow. By general consent it was awarded the palm, and it well deserves it; it knows its work, and is ever ready to show its style and figure. Messrs. Burdekin Bros.' winning buff was another that stood out as most typical and stylish. Mr. Hartley's yellow hen is a peach, this and the hen which won for Bolton Woods in the young class, are indeed a charming pair of Yorkshire lasses. Greens, both open and novice, were only moderate, two or three good ones, the rest—so, so. Why is it that the men of Liverpool will not support the classes made by Yorkshire societies? Novice classes were somewhat like the curate's egg, yet amongst them were a number of birds that could give a good account of themselves in more extended competition. Amongst such were Mr. Speak's buff hen, a real little gem, full of quality and style; Mr. Barron's yellow hen, which well deserved the appellation of "sweet"; Mr. Sugden's brace of winners, particularly his young buff; and Mr. Barnes' young yellow.

Norwich, although not numerous, were quite up to the average one sees at Northern shows. A visit "down Devonshire way" would be a revelation to those fanciers who only know the Norwich of the North. Mr. Cook's buff is something like the real thing, and might well be taken as a pattern. It was quite the pick of the basket here, and his grizzle capped hen was another that took our fancy. Mr. Thomas's hen is of good type, but hardly the richness of complexion of some of the others. The sensation of the British section was a field-monited Linnet shown by Mr. J. Davis, a perfect little wonder which set the tongues of all the British men a-wagging, and made their eyes gleam with envy.

Good management has ever been associated with the Halifax O.S., and it is as good to-day as in the days of long ago, when its shows were held in the Old Talbot Assembly Rooms, and that is going back longer than some of us like to remember. Mr. D. A. Macpherson, president, sets his fellows a good example which is ably followed by the vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Robertshaw, S. Haigh, W. Speak (one of the old brigade), and by the rest of the committee. Mr. Dunn, the sec., is a worthy follower of the good men and true who have served the society. Mr. C. A. House judged the Yorkshires, and Mr. H. W. Battye the remainder.

MR. C. A. HOUSE'S CLASSES.

YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Rigg, long slim raking bird, on a good pair of legs, got well up to his work, tail not quite finished; 2, Helliwell, grand type, neat head, paler in col. and hardly so perfect in wing carr.; 3, Burdekin Bros., splendid body and style, lovely feather; 4, Mundell, about the best in the class, a real gem of a Yorkie when on the bench, a bit wild when handled; vhc, hc, Bingham and Furness; c, Inman. BUFF (16): 1, Burdekin Bros., perfect picture, full of qual., grand type and style, in lovely feather; 2, 4, Sharp, 2nd hardly so perfect in feather, grand type and carr., 4th pretty eye and wing marked, full of qual. and type, very warm col.; 3, Dykes, gem for shape, style, and qual., seemed to be feeling the cold, and it was cold; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Woodhead; c, Thomas. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Hartley, a living picture, neat outline, grand feather, full of style; 2, Priestley, somewhat stouter, but full of nerve and beautifully feathered, showed well; 3, Sharp, typical and and racy variegated, not so level in col.; 4, Ellis, grand type and carr., but not quite so much bloom; vhc, Mundell; hc, Thornton and Robertshaw; c, Broadley. BUFF (12): 1, Hartley, model for shape, feather and pos., lets her wings go occasionally; 2, Priestley, hardly so finely drawn, but beautiful feather and style, with a good top end; 3, hc, Thornton and Robertshaw, very shapely, good qual.; 4, Burdekin Bros., grand shape hen, lovely feathers; vhc, Dykes; c, Baldwinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Dykes, neck tkd., just what a Yorkie should be, on the bench or in the hand he is always ready, and was in rare form; 2, Stobart, wing and cheek tkd., grand shape and feather, hardly so steady when handled; 3, Thomas, splendid type, feather and col., tail not always compact; 4, Sutcliffe, neck tkd., fine shape, well drawn, nervy; vhc, Cumming; hc, Speak; c, Harrison. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, finely drawn, racy, gets well up to his work, grand wings, lovely feather; 2, Atkinson, more length, not quite so much style, good shape and feather; 3, Hartley, grand head, back, wings and tail; 4, Spencer, very nice outline, stands well up, good tail; vhc, Holroyd; hc, Baldwinson; c, Pilling. HEN (18): 1, Dykes, very sweet yell., full of qual., nice even col., rare wings and tail, shows for all she is worth; 2, Rigg, magnificent buff, real gem, quite worthy of 1st place, rare feather and style; 3, Hartley, equally good buff, full of qual., grand head, wings, and tail, but not quite so much polish, a wash would have made all the difference; 4, Harrison, very slim yell., rare head, shoulders and back, full of style; vhc, Bingham and Furness; hc, Thomas; c, Thornton and Robertshaw. GREEN (6): 1, vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin, long, shapely yell., nice grassy col., good feather and style; 2, 3, hc, Riley, buff, and a yell., capital col., shows well; 4, Ellis, nice shapely yell., but shows bronze on thighs. NOV. (16): 1, Sugden, thigh tkd., long, slim and racy, full of nerve, just the sort to breed with; 3, Stansfield, full of style, gets well up on leg, nice head and back; 4, Howarth, very hot in col., rare shape and style; vhc, Sykes; hc, Barnes; c, Holroyd; wrong class, No. 5, Richards, a variegated buff. BUFF (14): 1, Thornton, not a lot of col., but a typical Yorkie, full of style; 2, No. 14, no name, a little wider in head, but in body shape and length a stormer, plenty of style; 3, Mann, grand shape, length, and feather, wild when handled; 4, Cockroft, full of col. and qual., grand shape, if more steady would take some beating; vhc, Horsman; hc, Speak; c, Stansfield. BEN YELL. (15): 1, Barron, cheek and wing tkd., full of style, grand feather, shows for all she is worth; 2, Horsman, beautiful head, neck, wings, and tail, lovely qual., but feeling the cruel North-Easter, and was slow in the hand; 3, Barnes, shapely, grand wings and tail; 4, S. Hartley, very slim, racy, stylish variegated; vhc, Senior; hc, Thornton; c, Drake. BUFF (18): 1, Speak, a gem, full of qual., not a feather out of place, beautifully finished, full of style; 2, Talbot, cheek tkd., wonderful shape and quality, rare style, needs just a bit more length to be a stormer; 3, Whitham, cheek ticked, fine length, capital feather; 4, Mitchell, shapely, good style, stands well; vhc, Horsman; hc, Wilson; c, Drury. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Horsman, cheek tkd., smart, and stylish, nice length, capital feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Sugden, variegated, grand shape, full of qual.; 3, Mitchell, good length, shape, and pos.; 4, Stansfield, grand shape and style, lovely head and back, rare wings and tail; vhc, Hulton; hc, Briggs; c Thornton. BUFF (11): 1, Sugden, beautiful col. and qual., neat head, nicely balanced wings and tail, very nervy; 2, Whitham, rattling good variegated, rare shape, feather and col.; 3, Corney, very sweet, neat and tight in feather, grand style; 4, Dewhirst, rare shape, col. and style, seemed to have been dried too quickly and was a bit twisted on cheeks; vhc, Gilder; hc, Senior; c, Drury. HEN (17): 1, Barnes, very neat, shapely yell., grand carr., rare wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, No. 17, no name, yell., grand shape and length, shows well; 3, Horsman, yell., variegated, grand top end, neat wings and tail, very stylish; 4, Holroyd, shapely and stylish; vhc, hc, Mitchell; c, Francis. GREEN (12): 1, Smith and Cowen, yell., long, stylish, nice grassy col.; 2, Scrutton and Harris, shapely buff, good col. and style; 3, 4, Leach, yell. and buff, nice col.; vhc, Shaw; hc, Mitchell; c, Briggs. HEN (10): 1, Briggs, smart, foul tailed yell.; 2, c, Scrutton and Harris, shapely buff, nice col., rather wild; 3, Smith and Cowen, buff, fair style, not so grassy; 4, Leach, smart yell., bit bronzy in col.; vhc, hc, Horsman.

MR. H. W. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Wharton, cap and wing mkd., good head and chest, rich col., nice feather; 2, Dickinson, bouncing clr., very shapely, good col.; 3, 4, spls. best 3rd and 4th, Turner, plenty of size, plenty of col.; vhc, spl, best vhc, Chippindale; hc, c, Heap. BUFF (8): 1, 2, spl. best 2nd, Cook, two of the most typical birds in the section, grand col., sound and even, capital feather and style, well shown; 3, Clegg, larger and not so fine in feather, plenty of col.; 4, Mitchell, shapely and stylish, better feather, not so much col.; vhc, Hartup; hc, Spencer; c, Dickinson. HEN (6): 1, Heap, very smart buff, capital shape, beautiful feather, sound col., nicely mealed; 2, Dickinson, variegated yell., good col., nice shape, shows well; 3, Huggins, cap marked buff, stands well across perch, good head and chest, nice col. and qual.; 4, Hartup, rich col., good qual. stylish variegated yell.; vhc, Turner; hc, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Cook, shapely, stylish bird, nice head and shoulders, good wings and tail, rich even col., nicely feathered; 2, Leach, neat and compact, nice qual. and col., free shower; 3, Heap, cap mkd., rich even col., nice feather, capital shoulders and chest; 4, Waters, good col. and feather; vhc, Turner; hc, Hartup; c, Blincoe. BUFF (6): 1, Priestley, plenty of size, good shape, capital col., just a bit rough in feather; 2, Heap, good body, plenty of col.; 3, Smith, saddle mkd., capital type, beautiful col. and qual., we liked; 4, Thomas, another of the neater sort, good in style, col., and shape; vhc, Blincoe; No. 6, Tose, absent. HEN (13): 1, 4, Thomas, grand head, neck, shoulders, and chest, capital style and feather, rather pale in col., 4th griz. cap., capital type and style, nice even col., good silky feather; 2, Cook, griz. cap, rare shape and feather, capital wings and tail, even col.; 3, Wharton, rare shape, well balanced wings and tail, lovely col., nice feather, all four very nice hens; vhc, Waters; hc, Huggins; c, Meadowcroft. AMAT. YELL. (7): 1, Weights, eye and wing mkd., neat head, wings, and tail, capital carr., sound even col.; 2, J. Rushton, rattling good clr., rare shape and carr., nicely balanced wings and tail, in rare form; 3, 4, spls. best 3rd and 4th, H. Rushton, three nice bodied clrs., capital col. and style, 4th very hot variegated, bold and shapely; vhc, Jordan; hc, Ismay; c, Parvin. BUFF (7): 1, Rolfe, griz. head, bold, good body, plenty of col., but needs fining down; 2, Parvin, very neat cap and wing mkd., grand col., nicely feathered, more the type we like; 3, Weights, chubby eye and saddle mkd., grand even col., beautifully feathered; 4, Corney, stout bodied clr.; vhc, spl. best vhc, Shorlock; hc, Townsend; c, Derricot. HEN (10): 1, c, Shaw, wing mkd. buff, nice shape and style, good col. and feather; 2, Jordan, variegated yell., capital col., nice feather, shapely body; 3, Corney, clr. buff, nice type and style, even col. and meal; 4, H. Rushton, wing tkd., stout and chubby, with a lot of good properties; vhc, Weights; hc, Rolfe. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 3, 4, J. Rushton, yell., typical, stylish, well feathered, sound col., nicely balanced, 3rd another good yell., but longer in tail, which spoils its balance, 4th shapely, nice col., buff; 2, hc, H. Rushton, good bold shapely buff capital head, shoulders and chest nice col. and feather, vhc, c, Smith. GOLDF., ETC. (14): 1, Cumming, beautifully feathered, stylish Goldie, nice blaze and bars, good buttons; 2, 3, Parlett, grand chested Bullie, rare shape, lovely cap, back and breast, 3rd fine bold Goldie, larger blaze than 1st, good wings and buttons, not so fit; 4, Davies, nicely feathered Bullie, good cap and breast; vhc, c, Alexander; hc, Barnes. LINNET, ETC. (15): 1, hc, Davies, one of the finest field-moulted birds we have ever seen, feathered like a Java, beautiful wings and tail, very rich col., grandly mkd., and as steady as a crow; 2, Inman, Twite, large, rich col., well mkd., capital feather, shows well; 3, 4, Parlett, 3rd very shapely bold chested Linnet, grandly mkd., nice col. and feather, 4th well mkd. Siskin, rich col., neat feather, capital cap, wings and tail; vhc, Macpherson; c, Alexander. BRAMBLE, ETC. (15): 1, Chick, well-known Bramble, looking very fit; 2, Alexander, Chaffinch, very steady, nice shape, well mkd.; 3, Fairhurst, gem of a Green., brilliant col., feather, tight as wax; 4, vhc, Macpherson, Chaffinch, rare size and col., but wild and had disarranged his plumage; hc, Haigh; c, Baines. A.O.V. HARDBILL (10): 1, Chick, magnificent Corn Bunting, in rare form; 2, Burnell, large, shapely, beautifully feathered Hawfinch, neat bib, good wings and tail; 3, Haigh, very nicely mkd., rich col. Yellow Bunting, in rare form; 4, Macpherson, lovely hen Corn Bunting, rare size, shape, col., feather and marks.; vhc, Bedford; hc, Inman; c, Dunn. SELL., 20/- (27): 1, 2, Speak; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Ambler; vhc, Talbot; hc, Wilson; c, Priestley. 15/- (11): 1, Ellis; 2, Dunn; 3, Barron; 4, Priestley; vhc, Spencer; hc, Derricot; c, Pilling.

ABERAVON.

With an entry of 254 the first show of the Aberavon and Port Talbot F.A., Nov. 9, may well be described as a success, especially when the excellent quality of the exhibits is considered, and the large amount of patronage given to the event by the public. The birds were staged in a large, cosy room, apart from the other exhibits. Owing to an unfortunate oversight in the late delivery of certain exhibits, a number of birds were not judged with the rest. They were discovered later in the day, and the committee instructed Mr. House to award them such honours as they were entitled to, and to those who got them would pay extra prizes. The birds were nicely staged, and all their needs attended to by most enthusiastic and efficient committee men. Judging by this show we should say the Cage Bird Fancy in Port Talbot has a good future before it. Mr. Morris, the secretary, was most energetic and obliging, and Mr. Coulson made an excellent show manager.

Yorkshires were hardly so good either in numbers or quality as is usual at South Wales shows, yet amongst them were some beauties, notably Mr. Each's yellow, which won the special, and Messrs. Coulson and Brennon's buff hen which ran it close. Norwich were splendid, the classes abounding with birds of rare type and quality, and the competition was keen. Borders, naturally, were most excellent, but some of them would have done better had they been put through the bath. A Border of all birds must be spotless if it is to show its best. Splendid were the British, and exhibits which stood out in hot company were the Linnets of Messrs. Davies and Nicholas, and the Greenfinch of Mr. Holbrow's. We congratulate the executive on the result of their first venture and hope it will encourage them to go forward. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, 2, sp, Each, lovely racy ck., beautiful shape and style, in grand trim; 2, not quite so rich in col., rare shape, style, and feather; 3, vhc, Preddy, long, shapely bird, nice feather; 4, Bevan; res, Coulson and Brennan. BUFF (5): 1, D. Brown, cheek mkd., grand feather, full of style, nice pose, just a bit strong in build; 2, Owen, not quite so sturdy, nice length; 3, James and Wells; 4, J. H. Brown; vhc, Bevan. VARIEG. (5): 1, Wootton, tkd. neck and wing, long, slim, nervy yell., nice head and shoulders, plenty of length, good legs; 2, James and Wells, heavily mkd., very smart and shapely, good qual.; 3, Fry, cinn.-mkd. buff, beautifully feathered, stands well; 4, Tucker; vhc, Jones. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, hc, Wootton, very neat, shapely cl. yell., and a closely feathered, heavy mkd. buff, stylish birds, good shape and pose; 3, Hughes, shapely, nice qual. yell., hardly so long, and not so well shown; 4, Moulder, useful yell., but crosses wings at times; ex. 4, C. Jones, tkd. head, nice body and pose; res, Each; vhc, Tucker. HEN: 1, Coulson and Brennan, lovely slim buff, a model, exquisite feather, beautifully shaped, splendid carr.; 2, Each, very shapely, grandly modelled, close feathered buff, real good one; 3, Fry, tkd. shoulder, buff, lovely position, nerve, and feather, just a bit stouter; 4, Owen, stylish yell.; res, Preddy; vhc, Wootton; hc, Tucker; c, Brown. NOV. (11): 1, Hughes, eye and wing cinn.-mkd., gem, feathered like a Java, rare shape and pos., wins easily; 2, res, J. H. Jones, very racy, stylish yell., grand pos., neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Fry, big, bold, stylish, nice feathered yell.; 4, Westlake, good, shapely, stylish buff, nice qual., hardly recovered from the wash; vhc, Bowden, Hughes; hc, Chapple; c, Sparks. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, Hughes, very slim, neat, and stylish, grand wings and tail, full of nerve, just a bit open in front; 2, J. H. Brown, nice shape and length, not quite so stylish and nervy; 3, Each, nice shape, length and style, but needed tubbing; 4, Fry. BUFF (7): 1, Coulson and Brennan, cheek tkd., one of the sort we read about, but seldom see, beautifully finished in every point, a little model; 2, Moulder, cl., lovely feather and style, grand head, bit stouter in body; 3, D. Brown, beautiful shape, grand feather; 4, Huntley, good length and shape; res, Hughes; vhc, Each; hc, no name. NOR. (4): 1, Stubbs Bros., rare shape, col., and qual., easy win; 2, James and Wells, shapely, nice qual., not so much col.; 3, D. Jenkins; No. 4, Huntley, a buff. BUFF (15): 1, Matthews, grand short, chubby body, nice head, capital wings and tail, capital qual. and col.; 2, Davies, grand shape and feather, not so rich in col.; 3, vhc, Greaves, nice col., and qual., not quite so chubby; 4, James and Wells, capital type, nice feather; res, Hutchings; hc, Meek; c, M. Evans. VARIEG. (10): 1, Stubbs Bros. saddle mkd. yell. grand shape, red hot, beautiful silky feather, in grand form; 2, Heath, heavily mkd., grand type and qual., not so rich in col., but a good Nor.; 3, James and Wells, good bodied, saddle mkd. buff, nice col. and feather; 4, hc, G. T. Jones, eye and wing mkd. yell., good shape, nice col. and qual.; res, Matthews; vhc, c, Tedstone; No. 8, Stubbs Bros., very handsome bird, very lightly tkd. on saddle, but not "mkd.," passed as wrong class. UNFLIG. (12): 1, sp, Jolliffe, cap and wing mkd. yell., rare type, beautiful qual., sound, even col., in grand form; 2, vhc, Thomas, mkd. eyes, cheeks and wings, grand shape and feather, full of col.; 3, Maggs, good bodied cl. yell., nice qual.; 4, Matthews, cheek mkd. yell., nice shape and col.; res, hc, Stubbs Bros.; c, G. T. Jones. HEN (8): 1, sp, Jolliffe, very sweet yell., full of type and qual., rare wings and tail; 2, vhc, Hutchings, very neat eye and wing tkd. buff, grand feather and shape, in nice form; 3, Stubbs Bros., stout, chubby buff, nice col., good wings; 4 James and Wells neat bodied grizzle tarked yell.; res, E. Thomas; vhc, D. E. Jones; hc, F. J. Jenkins. NOV. (9): 1 vhc, A. Williams, well feathered yell., good bold shape nice col.; 2, 3, D. H. Davies, very nice bodied yell., and buff, capital col., and feather, not quite so full in skull and neck; extra 2, H. Lewis, very neat and chubby, lovely feather and col.; 4, Meek, good buff, not over well shown; ex. 4, No. 9, no name, nice col., not quite so chubby; res, F. J. Jenkins; hc, Westlake. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Tedstone, cl., good bold shape, close feather; 2, vhc, Hutchings, heavily mkd., grand shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Maggs, good bodied eye and saddle mkd., nice feather; ex. 3, S. Lewis, eye and wing mkd., nice, shapely, well feathered bird, good style; 4, Hull, stout bodied green, good col. BUFF (8): 1, F. J. Jenkins, cl., neat, silky feather, typical, in grand form; 2, Stubbs Bros., tkd. neck, grand stamp, silky feather, good col.; 3, James and Wells, shapely, cl., good col. and qual.; 4, Greaves, nice col. and feather; ex. 4, Hutchings, nice col. and feather; res, G. T. Jones; vhc, Bond. BORD., YELL. (8): 1, 3, Owen, lovely shape, size, and pose, neat head, rare wing and tail carr., feathered like wax; 3, grand style, wings, and tail, beautiful feather, not quite so slim, 2, D. Jenkins, even better type than winner, grand wing and tail carr., but not so well polished; 4, hc, Hughes, grand shape and style, rare wings and tail,; res, Tedstone; vhc, W. R. Williams. BUFF (9): 1, Owen, sweet and neat, lovely qual. and style, nicely finished right through, full of style; 2, W. R. Williams, grand shape and style, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, D. H. Davies, rather larger, but full of style, grand feather, capital wings and tail; 4, Mrs. Payne, grand type, but needed more bloom; res, c, Edgington; vhc, E. Hughes; hc, Tedstone. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, D. Jenkins, finely drawn, beautiful upright carr, neat head wings and tail, in rare form; 2, W. R. Williams, full of style, rare wings and tail; 3, D. H. Davies; res, Owen. BUFF (7): 1, E. Hughes, lovely Davies; 4, Tedstone; res, Owen. BUFF (7): 1, E. Hughes, lovely head, shoulders, and wings smart in the hand; 2, D. Jenkins, carries a bit more bloom, rare shape and carr., grand wings and tail; 3, W. R. Williams, a little gem for feather and style, lovely head, wings, and tail; 4, vhc, Owen, grand shape and feather, not quite so steady; res, Elston; hc, No. 6a, no name. VARIEG. (11): 1, Messer, eye and wing mkd. yell., beautiful shape and carr., grand head, wings, and tail, very fit; 2, D. Jenkins, neck and wing mkd. buff, lovely type, splendid carr. of body, wings, and tail, in nice form, a toss up; 3, Elston, eye and wing mkd. buff, not quite so slim in body, lovely wings and tail, grand qual.; 4, Hocking, eye and wing, cinn.-mkd. yell., a sweet little thing, not quite so erect; res, E. Hughes; vhc Middleton; hc, no name. GREEN, ETC. (12): 1, no name, No. 11a, lovely yell. green, beautiful bright col., grandly mkd., neat head, wings, and tail, splendid feather and carr.; 2, res, Middleton, very neat yell. cinn., capital col. and qual., rare style; 3, vhc, Edgington, good grassy buff green, grand shape and style, not quite so tight in feather; 4, c, Nicholas, buff cinn., lovely feather, col., and style, grand wings and tail; hc, Simpson; wg. cl., Jenkins, tkd. buff. NOV. (8): 1, Pattison, smart little yell., tkd. head, grand shape and feather, beautiful wings and tail, erect carr. 2, Daniel, cheek and wing mkd. buff, very nice shape, feather, and style, good wings and tail; 3, 4, G. Evans, eye and wing mkd. yell., capital shape and carr., not so firm in feather; 4, stylish buff, nice feather; res, hc, 1. Hughes; vhc, No. 5a, no name. BUFF (9): 1, sp, No. 9, no name, grand bold chest, rare shape and feather, deep glossy cap, lovely breast, back, and bars, perfect feather; 2, Holbrow, hardly so rich in breast col., grand cap, back, and bars, very neat feather; 3, T. Davies, beautiful col., and bloom, grand wings; 4, Bond, capital shape and col., splendid cap; res, hc, c, Matthews and Renfry; vhc, Cozens. GOLDF. (13): 1, sp, Wm. Evans, beautiful blaze, back, and bars, neat collar, good cheeks, beautifully feathered; 2, J. E. Jeffreys, rare shape and feather, nice collar and cheeks, hardly so bright in col.; 3, Roberts, neat shape, capital body feather and col.; 4, Lee and Gates, not so large in blaze, but beautiful col. and feather, grand bars and buttons; res, Edwards; vhc, Heatley; hc, No. 13, no name; c, Coulson and Brennan. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, sp, D. J. Davies, wonderful bird, magnificently mkd., beautiful rich, nutty col., tremendous size, grand shape and feather; 2, Nicholas, tip-top, wonderful feather, shape, and mks., grand size, hardly so rich in col.; 3, Ford, beautifully mkd Redpoll, grand col., plenty of size, nice shape, silky feather, very steady; 4, E. M. Evans, rich, glossy col. Twite, beautiful silky feather, grand shape and size, shows well; res, vhc, hc, c, Matthews and Renfry. GREENF., ETC. (16): 1, sp, Holbrow, magnificent Greenie, a real gem, wonderful rich, grassy col., splendid bars and tail, rare shape and feather, beautifully shown; 2, c, Matthews and Renfry, rich col. Chaffinch, nice head, brilliant breast and rump, beautifully mkd., rare feather; 3, G. Edwards, bright, rich col., Bramble, well spangled, full of sheen, shows well, in grand form; 4, vhc, F. Edwards, large, well shaped Greenie, excellent feather; res, E. M. Evans; hc, No. 9a, no name. MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, sp, J. E. Jeffreys, handsome team, beautiful cl. buff Goldf. Can., nice blaze and bars, perfect feather, very steady; 2, Linnet-Bull., rare shape, grand mks., rich col., silky feather; 3, smart, showy, lightly tkd. Linnet-Can., in grand form; 4, res, Locke and Veale, large Goldie-Can. ,rich col., close feather, variegated; vhc, M. Evans; hc, Huntley; c, No. 1a, no name.

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SHOWS

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HUDDERSFIELD.

A Fine Entry of over 400.

Annual show, Nov. 18, in St Peter's St. Assembly Rooms, a place well adapted for a Union show. The patronage of all the Yorkshire Specialist Clubs was here, and considering it is half way through the season, and that the show clashed with Halifax, an entry of 406 was really marvellous.

All the noted cracks were on view. Mr. T. Bennett's unflighted yellow was the envy of all; rumour says he refused £17 10s. for him. The room was packed with visitors. We noticed Mr. Hancocks (Crewe) and Mr. T. Rowlands (Liverpool) among the Yorkies. Sales were above the average, many £5 birds and a £10 bird changed hands. Money is no object with these Yorkshire men when a good bird is on hand.

The Society is lucky to have at its head a working President in Mr. G. Wood, who is no mere figurehead, but a fancier whose first thought is the care of the birds in the Society's charge. He is backed up by one of those go-ahead secretaries in Mr. A. Lawford, who uses modern ideas in running the show. Everything he touched he made plain sailing for everybody. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Gledhill, shouted himself hoarse to get exhibitors to come for their prize money. The stewards, Messrs. Buttle, Armistead, Cheetham and Whitehead are a hard-working quartette, no wonder they are christened the "Harmony Four," they had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, Bennett, long racy exhibit, wedge shape, perfect wings and tail, tremendous legs; 2, Dykes, stouter and more round, rare top end, clean waist, A1 cond.; 3, Stobart, capital back, clean cut waist, nice drive; 4, Mallinson and Son, nice length, square shoulders, very shooty, close up; vhc, Hartley; hc, Bray; c, Chittenden. BUFF (12): 1, Snead, full of swank, marvel for qual., neat head and neck, red hot, nice win; 2, Dr. Craig, another of the right sort, good top, wedge shape, A1 cond., clips wings; 3, J. Thomas, straight as a gun barrel, topper for style, very close up; 4, Hartley, built on rounder lines, grand pos. and qual., well staged; vhc, Hartley; hc, Jebson; c, Hodgson. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Dykes, wing tk., stormer for type and qual., neat legs and waist, steady and well staged; 2, Dr. Craig, check mk., bit stronger built, rare col., wings perfect, wears very well; 3, Hirst, rare good bird, but appeared a bit weak in neck; 4, Brown; vhc, Dyson. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, "hot 'un," flier for type, perfect wings and tail, glorious qual and cond.; 2, Dyson, check mk., stouter, bottle shape, should do some good in stock room; 3, Snead, wing mk., very racy, full of go, in faultless form; 4, A. Radley, a rare good 'un, just shade on small side; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Taylor; c, Hartley. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Bennett, uneven mk., wonderful chap, extra good in type and qual., a Yorkie throughout, lucky to go home; 2, P. Hirst, another good one, bit stronger and a shade loose to-day; 3, Snead, smart and perky, all there in Yorkie props, not a feather wrong; 4, Towers, wing mk., shooty, perfect pos., grand outlines; hc, Clegg; c, Fisher and Dyson. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, strong upstanding bird, full of nerve, grand feather, rare legs, will make a name; 2, P. Hirst, on more racy lines, all swank, a right Yorkie; 3, Padgett, grand bird, neat wings and tail, close up; 4, Mallinson and Son, grand shape, rare size, good top, not too well staged to-day; vhc, Hellewell; hc, Taylor; c, Jebson UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (12): 1, P. Hirst, one of the best we have ever seen, a perfect lady, feathers fitting like a glove; 2, Thomas, shade longer, not quite so round, but a real gem; 3, Dykes, very upstanding, ful of nerve, rare style, well dressed, good top; 4, Taylor, varieg., stylish, straight as an arrow, round as a bottle; vhc, Bray; hc, Towers; c, Ellis. BUFF (12): 1, Snead, little wonder, not a fault, as true a Yorkshire hen as was ever bred; 2, A. Radley, stouter, but also a marvel, well staged, hard luck to meet winner; 3, 4, P. Hirst, charming ladies, very stylish, 3rd rather better top end; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Bennett; c, Hartley. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Padgett, monster for length, a bit of subs. at top, clean waist and correct wing carr.; 2, Dykes, again a strong lady, may be better qual. than winner; 3, Snead, a right hot 'un, no corners, only fails size to winners, perfect type; 4, Hellewell, very robust, grand back and wing carr., full of go, close up; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Jebson; c, Ratcliffe. BUFF (8): 1, Bray, cap and wing mk., neat top, grand qual., full of style, will improve; 2, A. Radley, round as a pencil, neat waist, perfect carr.; 3, vhc, Hellewell, grand hen, best of lot, wants tubbing, will then want beating; 4, Fisher and Dyson, cap mk., A1 shoulders, long sided, pipe tail; hc, Taylor; c, Hartley. EVEN, ETC. YELL (8): 1, Dykes, "Dreadnought," often described, still looks remarkably well; 2, L. Hodgson, rare length, grand style and pos, marvel at top end; 3, Morrison, upright and fearless, grand back, shade faulty in wings; 4, vhc, Taylor, rare qual. and pos., even wings, clean waist, staged; hc, Clegg; c, Ellis. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, upstanding, good legs, A1 feather, long sides, pipe tail; 2, Dykes, looks a good one, but very soft; 3, Clegg, not quite the length, grand style and qual.; 4, Dyson; vhc, Brown; hc, Hartley; c, Radley. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Clegg, tremendous length, grand legs, well braced wings, might be fuller at top end; 2, Hodgson, lovely hen, rare outline when fit, but bit soft; 3, Ellis, slimmer, full of style, grand wings, wedge shape; 4, Midgeley, rare good 'un, wants tubbing; vhc, Morrison; hc, Gledhill; c, Snead. BUFF (11): 1, Towers, straight as guardsman, lovely style, well filled in neck, A1 wing carr.; 2, Radcliffe, about equal, either could win; 3, Dykes, slimmer, grand hen, showing slight frill rare legs; 4, Taylor, lovely bloom, ideal type, shade small, full of nerve; vhc Hartley; 4, Midgeley; c, Clough. CINN TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Dykes, grand top end for a cinn. mk., compact feather, carries wings well; 2, Towers, on slim lines, A1 cond. long sided; 3, Dr. Craig, real "good 'un," but crouches very much over perch to-day; 4, Brown, racy and fearless, grand feather, perfect legs; vhc, Ellis; hc, Morrison; c, Chittenden. BUFF (10): 1, Ellis, long and racy, full of style, grand wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Dykes, wing mkd., looks a winner, but soft; 3, Sutcliffe, stylish, capital pos. and legs, A1 qual.; 4, Mallinson and Son, made on sharp lines, wee bit short at top end; vhc, Ratcliff; hc, Bennett; c, Morrison YELL. HEN (11): 1, Dr. Craig, lovely shape, perfect frame, will take some beating; 2, Dykes, on rounder lines, well filled in, A1 wings and tail; 3, Clough, very racy, capital qual and cond., well up on leg; 4, Sutcliffe, slim and compact, long sided and wedge shape, well staged; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Midgeley; c, Skinner. BUFF (8): 1, Dr Craig, well known winner, looking better than ever, staged to the minute, quite a credit; 2, Dykes, stronger, but a real good hen, just a shade thick at waist; 3, Chittenden, more racy, wedge shape, lovely feather and cond., full of nerve; 4, A. Hirst, lady, grand top for a cinn. mk., slight frill kept her down; vhc, Morrison; hc, Towers; c, Battye. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Turner, wing mkd, bonny head and thick neck, broad back, perfect carriage of wings; 3rd, rather slimmer, grand qual., nice tone of col., moves well; 2, 4, Crawshaw, cap mkd. shorter just beaten head and neck, close up; 4th, eyes and wings mk., perfect shape, clean waist, bit soft; vhc, Kaberry; hc, Mennard; c, Livingstone UNFLIG. (14): 1, Lingard, varieg. yell., rare size and cond, bold head, fearless eyes in the right place, not browy; 2, A. Hirst, cl. buff, bonny shape, Nullfinch top end, short wings, hard lines to meet a yellow; 3, hc, Benuett, wing mk., all front, compact wings, clean cut as a cameo; 4, Crawshaw, cl. yell., flier for type and cond., only fails size; vhc, Thomas; c, Clayton. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Thomas, cl., great size, marvel in head and neck, short sided, a real topper; 2, A. Hirst, similar, just beaten in head, very clean at waist; 3, Turner; 4, Crawshaw; vhc, Mess. BUFF: 1, 2, Kaberry, rare shape and subs, excels in qual. for a "big un," put down in form; 3rd, wing mark, shade longer, rare qual., well carr. wings and tail; 2, A. Hirst, bold head and neck, short wings, very good at waist, stylish; 4, vhc, Crawshaw, chubby and compact, broad skull, wee bit soft; hc, c, Turner UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, 3, hc, Crawshaw, a wonder, rare head and cheeks, as broad as long, easy win; 3rd, varieg. buff, mealed to perfection, shone like silver, shade longer; 2, c, Ringard, yell., magnificent feather, short wings and clean cut; 4, vhc, Livingstone, yell., grand hen, full of Nor. poperties, brilliant col.

THE NOVICE CLASSES

YORKS YELL. (13): 1, McEwan, erect, straight as gun barrel, ideal type, round shoulders, and well staged; 2, Lodge, more raky, full of breed, rare qual. and col., good legs and wings; 3, Crowther, red hot, full neck, grand pos., well carried wings, pipe tail; 4, Wood, teeming with qual., well up on leg, round as a pencil; vhc, Bray; hc, c, A. Taylor. BUFF (18): 1, Chapman, best Novice we have seen for some time, erect, round, carries glorious qual., and a Yorkie throughout; 2, Firth, on more racy lines, very breedy, rare legs, long sided; 3, Sykes, similar type, perfect wing carr, full of swank, close up; 4, Morley, neck tkd., very round at top, plenty behind leg, shooty, vhc, Andrew; hc, Medley; c, Wheatley and Sons. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Sykes, grand top end, clothed in rare style, champion breeding hen; 2, McLaughlin, very shooty, full of go, rare feather and cond.; 3, M. Radley, stylish cut, very sharp, rare character, A1 feather; 4, Northop, not a big 'un, but all there in shape and qual., easily paired up; vhc, Cowell; hc, McEwan; c, Armistead. BUFF (13): 1, Hamlyn, well up in size, square built shoulders, wedge shape, mealed to perfection; 2, Crowther, more stylish, slimmer body, plenty of leg for a buff; 3, Firth, a bundle of nerves, rare swank, ideal breed hen; 4, Chapman, varieg., bonny head and full neck, even wing carr., stylish; vhc, A. Taylor; hc, Swift; c, Morley and Hill. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Wheatley and Son, varieg., slim, stylish, ladylike appearance, clean cut, perfect wings; 2, Bray, cl., very strong, grand back and wings, well up on leg, close up; 3, L. Hodgson, Junr., varieg., round as a bottle, good outline, marvel for qual.; 4, Sykes, wing mk., all style, erect and fearless, very compact feather; vhc, Smithies; hc, A. Taylor; c, Senior. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Bray, excels in size, wonder for qual., hot as Keen's, pretty legs, used well; 3rd, rare shape, full of style, bit loose in feather or would go up one; 2, Smithies, round as a bottle, neatly cut, grand carr. of wings and tail; 4, Radley, looked a real good one, but had been bathing, hard lines; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Andrews; c, Cheetham UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, D. Radley, saddle mkd., very stilty, all pos., marvel in qual., rare wings; 2, Hamlyn, very sweet, rare back and wings, clean cut at waist; 3, Cowell, full of swank, round head and good neck for a yell., well up on leg; 4, Taylor, check mk., A1 pos., wedge shape, long sided, shows a bit of breed; vhc, Holmes and Schofield; hc, Crowther c, Senior. BUFF (12): 1, Fewster, eye mkd., real good 'un, clothed in a nice frosty mantle, even wing carr., swanky; 2, 4, A. Taylor, quite the right sort, perfect legs, mealed all over; 4th, perfect type and qual., does not use her legs much; 3, M. Radley, slimmer in build, shows breed, lovely back, in grand form; vhc, Sykes; hc, Bray. CINN. TKD. (13): 1, Hodgson, Junr., buff, noted winner, quickly claimed, very cheap; 2, Chapman, yell., rare length, A1 qual., well up on leg, staged well; 3, Wood, buff, all there in qual., lovely round head, good shoulders; 4, Pownall Bros., yell., brighter in character, wings perfect, bit weak at top; vhc, Allatt; hc, Oxley. HEN (7): 1, A Smithes, wing mkd., stylish, lovely wings on a grand back, keeps well in pos.; 2, Senior stout, but an ideal breed hen, marvel in qual., well put down; 3, Wood, nice yell., well up on leg; 4, vhc, Pownall Bros; vhc, c, Buttle and Coupland. SELL. CK. (15): 1, Hartley; 2, Fewster; 3, Lees; 4, Radley; vhc, Moore; hc, Bray; c, Sykes. HEN (15): 1, Hartley; 2, A. Radley; 3, Morley and Hill; 4, F. Sykes; vhc, W. Sykes; hc, Skinn; c, Buttle and Coupland.

ILKESTON.

Annual show, Nov. 18, Victoria Hall, an ideal place for a show. Entries hardly came up to expectations, but quality was good. The Canary section contained some very typical specimens, but the British were quite the feature of the show, being quite a show in themselves. The birds were splendidly staged and could be seen at a glance. Mr. Smith again carried out the secretarial duties in his usual painstaking way. Mr. W. Vardy judged and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Fox, cl., good col. rare body and shape, nice head, good neck, nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Porter, cl., nice shape, fair size and qual; 3, Wilcox. BUFF (3): 1, Wilcox, cl., nice col. and shape, A1 cond. and qual., well carried wings and tail, good body, well across perch, very fit; 2, Fox, cl., good head and shape, lovely qual. and feather, splendid cond., very close up; 3, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Simpson, cl., hot col., nice shape, good head, nice size, neat body, splendid qual. of feather, very fit; 2 Birmuishaw, cl., looking thick, good shape and size, nice head, well filled in neck; 3, Booth; vhc, Burhett. BUFF (7): 1, Boaler, grand cl., rare shape and size, lovely qual., nice head and neck, good front; 2, Simpson, eye and wing mkd., grand shape and size, rare feather and cond., beautiful tone of col., in fine order; 3, Fox, very cobby cl., good qual., nice shape; vhc, Boaler; hc, White; c, Pinkett. YELL. MKD. (2): 1, Fox, grizzle wing, grand col., splendid shape, good size, nice broad head, fine feather and qual.; 2, Wilson, grizzle neck, good col., rare shape MKD. BUFF (6): 1, Admitt, wing mkd., rare shape, nice style, good head, A1 cond. and col., good wings and tail, wins well; 2, 3, Fox, varieg., lovely qual. and cond., nice shape, 3rd wing mkd., good col. and body; vhc, Earnshaw; hc, Cayless; c, Wilcox. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Fox, cl., good qual., nice col. and shape, splendid feather; 2, Porter, cl., rare shape, good neck, capital wings and tail, very fit; 3, Simpson, cl. BUFF (8): 1, 2, c, Fox, cl. leading, beautiful feather and qual., nice head, body and shape, capital cond., 2nd varieg., very stylish and shapely, rare head and size, capital feather; 3, Wilson, varieg., pale col., nice shape, good head; vhc, Pinkett; hc, Wilcox. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, Simpson, green, good shape and col., nice body and size, fine cond. and qual.; 2, Cayless, very heavy varieg., beautiful feather; 3, Eaton. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Earnshaw, varieg. buff, beautiful qual. of feather, grand shape and size, faultlessly shown, wins in a good class; 2, Naylor, cl. buff, lovely qual., very smart and neat, good head, nicely carried, fine cond.; 3, Dean, varieg. yell., grand shape and body, nice feather, good head, beautiful qual.; vhc, Adnitt; hc, Lucas; c, Twine. PAIRS (5): 1, Fox, very well matched, grand feather, qual. and cond.; 2, Adnitt, correctly matched pair of rare qual., grand cond., close up; 3, hc, Else; vhc, Eaton and Gregory. NOV. YELL. (8): 1, White, cl., hot col., typical and shapely, lovely qual., beautifully shown; 2, Bradley, wing mkd., good col., nice shape and size, A1 feather and cond., very stylish carr.; 3, Taylor, pale col., cl., good shape, fine feather and qual., A1 style; vhc, Else; hc, Cockayne; c, Carrington. BUFF (10): 1, Bradley, cl., nice shape and col., good size, nice head, well carried wings and tail, rare feather and cond., well shown; 2, White, varieg., hot col., nice head, well filled-in neck, grand shape and size, rare feather and type; 3, Dean, capped head, rare col. and qual., fine cond., splendid head, good wings, very close up; vhc, c, Else; hc, Eaton and Gregory. A.V. HEN (13): 1, Dean, cl. buff, lovely qual. and shape, very stylish and typical, neat head, good body, in fine cond.; 2, White, cl. yell., beautiful shape and cond., good size, nice broad head, well across perch, splendid bloom; 3, Henshaw, varieg. buff, grand shape and size, neat head and nicely carried wings and tail, lovely cond.; vhc, hc, Carrington; c, Boxyer. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Bradley, cl. yell., beautiful shape, good body, rare feather, good head, A1 col., faultlessly shown; 2, Harrison, cl. buff, nice shape and qual., stylish and typical, good head and chest, splendid feather; 3, Bent, varieg. buff, nice shape, good head, rare qual., splendid feather, very close up; vhc, White; hc, Kew; c, Else. COCK (16): 1, Porter, head tkd., yell., nice col. and shape, good size, beautifully braced wings, splendid feather, rare cond.; 2, Carrington, mkd. buff, good head and body, fine trim, good size, very nice type, rare feather; 3, Bradley, head mkd. yell., beautiful qual., nicely carried wings and tail, A1 cond.; vhc, Else; hc, Dean; c, Bradley. YORKS YELL. (2): 1, Langham, cl. yellow, good length, nice position, good style, in rare order, very slim; 2, Barber. BUFF (2): 1, Barber, cl., moderate col., nice length, rare style and cond., very fit; 2, Langkham. MKD. YELL.: 1, Langkham, grand shape, in fine form. BUFF: 1, Langkham, rare shape, good length. HEN (4): 1, Langkham, nice length and pos.; 2, 3, Smith, saddle mkd. and cl. good length and shape; vhc, Barber. PAIRS (1): 1, Barber, nice shape, good heads, correctly matched. NOV. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Wall, cl., slim and upstanding, capital body, grand pos., neat head, very fit; 2, Revill, cl., beautiful col. and feather, nice qual., good head, in rare order, very close up; 3, Taylor, cl., A1 style, typical, good shape, fine head and cond.; vhc, Kew; hc, Brown; c, Eaton. BUFF (7): 1, Wall, cl., good col., beautiful feather and shape, nice head and wings, grand qual., fine cond., wins well; 2, David Bros., cl., A1 shape and type, nice head, well filled in neck, nice feather and cond., close up; 3, Kew, cl., beautiful qual., nicely carried wings, A1 style and cond., well shown; vhc, Taylor; hc, Cope; c, Eaton. HEN (3): 1, Cope, cl. yell., nice head and body, good length; 2, Taylor; 3, Kew, yell. UNFLIG. HEN (3): 1, Sawer, head mkd. buff, A1 style, very good shape, well carried wings and tail; 2, Revill, cl. yell., grand shape and style; 3, Cockayne. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Young, cl. buff, very slim and upstanding, rare style, grand pos., beautiful wings and tail, fit; 2, Wall, cl. yell., beautiful col. and qual., grand pos., rare head and neck; 3, Taylor, cl. buff, rare shape, beautiful cond., splendid col., A1 style, nice feather, close up; vhc, Wall; hc, Sawer Bros.; c, Kew. CREST (4): 1, Barker, varieg. D.C., lovely bird, in beautiful feather and form, simply a walk-over; 2, 3, Hall. C.B.: 1 Barker cl., monster, grand feather, beautifully shown. BORD. YEL. (3): 1, Gentleman, cl., sweet shape, perfect size, grand qual. and feather, in fine cond.; 2, 3, Marriott. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Bancroft and Son, cls., grand shape, lovely qual., very sweet style, nice heads, 2nd grand head, very typical, rare cond.; 3, Gentleman; vhc, hc, Marriott. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, Smith, small varieg. Can.-Goldf., in good cond.; 2, 3, Stone. DARK (6): 1, Brown, Greenf.-Can., good shape, size and feather, nice qual., in fine cond.; 2, Evans, Goldf.-Can., nice shape and cond., good head, nice qual.; 3, Else, yell. Can.-Goldf., good feather, nice shape; vhc, Smith; hc, Gregory; c, White. PAIRS (1): 1, Else, Siskin and Canary. A.O.V. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Heater and Benn, Can.-Bullf. and Greenf.-Bullf., both in lovely feather and cond., hard lines no competition. GOLDF. (7): 1, Leadbeater, grand shape and size, nice, well-cut blaze, good tanning, beautiful feather and cond.; 2, Kew, grand size, nice blaze, good buttons, well-carried wings, A1 shape, rare cond.; 3, Lewis, nice shape, grand blaze; vhc, Horward; hc, Dexter; c, Adnitt. BULLF. (3): 1, Henshaw, grand body and shape, lovely breast, good cap and bars, nice feather and cond.; 2, 3, Keightley, nice shapely birds, in grand feather. LINNET (15): 1, Simons, nicely pencilled, good shape and size, nice breast, good head, rare form; 2, Hartshorn, grand shape, size, nice and evenly pencilled, grand feather, nice qual., good head; 3, Leadbeater, very good shape, close up, nice marks, grand feather, in splendid bloom; vhc, Keightley; hc, Simons; c, Lilley. GREENF. (6): 1, Hayter and Cunn wonderful shape and size, very good qual. of feather, nice cond.; 2, Henshaw, very close up, grand shape and size, beautiful feather and cond., nice head; 3, Smith, grand shape, fairly steady, grand head, nice feather and cond.; vhc, Gregory and Eaton; hc, Lesson; c, Lilley Bros. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, 2, Simons, sweet birds, very good size and shape, lovely cond., very little between them; 3, Lilley Bros., nice shape and feather, hardly so large, good head, close up; vhc, Henshaw; hc, Sawyer Bros.; c, Keightley. TWITE, ETC. (5): 1, Henshaw, Redpoll, good shape, size and feather, grand col. and form, steady as rock, in rare order; 2, Lilley Bros., Siskin, nice shape, grand cap, beautiful col., grand head, fine cond.; 3, Langham; vhc, Gregory and Eaton; hc, Mossenden. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, Lilley Bros., Bramble, well mkd., good head, capital feather and bloom, wins nicely; 2, Hexter, Chaffinch, nice feather and cond., beautiful shape and size, lovely qual.; 3, Gregory and Eaton, Bramble, capital marks, good size and shape, in rare order and cond., very close up; vhc, Henshaw; hc, Smith; c, Mossenden. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, Marsh, Hawfinch, large head and body, good wings, capital bib, lovely feather and cond.; 2, Lilley Bros., Yellowhammer, splendid shape and size; 3, Green; vhc, Mossenden. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Green, Missel Thrush, very large, grand feather and col., good head, nice qual., wins well, 2nd Lark, good feather. HEN (12): 1, Simons, Bramble, splendid shape, size and marks, rare good col. and qual., lovely feather and cond.; 2, Lessou, Hawfinch, nice shape and size, good col. and bib, lovely feather, very fit; 3, Keightley, Greenf., large and shapely, grand col. and size, rare qual., fine form; vhc, Admitt; hc, Lilley Bros.; c, Gentleman. SELL. 7s. 6d. (8): 1, White; 2, Eaton and Gregory; 3, Young; vhc, Kew; hc, Holmes; c, Poxon. 10s. (3): 1, Holmes, Crest; 2, Eaton; 3, Twine. 15s. (7): 1, Eaton and Gregory; 2, Holmes; 3, vhc, Langkham; hc, Else; c, Smith. 20s. (5): 1, Holmes; 2, Smith; 3, Eaton and Gregory; vhc, Kew; hc, Else. 30s. (2): 1, Henshaw; 2, Holmes. HEN (2): 1, Bradley; 2, Holmes.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

£10 for a Singing Canary.

Eighth Annual Open Contest, Nov. 9 and 10, Seven Stars Hotel, Wolverhampton. The room in which the birds were staged is most suitable for a show of this kind, and hard to beat anywhere, being large, well lighted, and free from draughts. Five classes were provided with a splendid list of specials, in fact the best ever given by this club, whose list is always one of the best. Prize money and specials were given down to the 7th bird, with 2s. 6d. each for best Hollow roll, best Glucke, best Waterglucke, best Bass, and Koller, and 5s. for deepest song throughout in the two young bird classes. The magnificent entry of 332 was recorded, which we believe sets up a record for a Roller contest in England; only once before have more entries been received, and that was when birds could be entered in more than one class.

The judges were Messrs. J. Netherwood, Chorley, champion young birds; J. H. Willows, Wednesbury, novice young birds; J. Tomlinson, Newcastle-under-Lyme, champion any age, novice any age, and £2 limit classes. The show was held under the patronage of the British Roller Club, and their young birds point competition, 87 being entered in champion, and 194 in novice sections. The judges expressed themselves as being sorry that more first prizes could not be given, as some really fine birds had to be content with vhc, hc, and c cards.

The quality of song was very good throughout, and comparatively few birds were marked "no song." Mr. A. Harper-Bilston did well in champion young birds, securing 1, 3, 4, 7, winning the M.R.C.C. challenge cup for the year and several specials. Mr. Shepley, London, won 2, 5, and three specials. In novice young birds, Miss Dockery, London, won 1, 2, 4, and several specials, and also had one of her birds claimed at catalogue price, £10. Mr. C. Portlock, Cleethorpes, had the distinction of getting 1st in two classes, viz., champion any age and novice any age.

The Sec., Mr. J. W. Thomson, ably backed by a strong committee of local fanciers, got through his arduous duties with promptitude and dispatch. Every one connected with this flourishing club, now over 80 members strong, seemed delighted to do his bit to make the show a grand success. Sec. Thomson is the right man in the right place, and to his untiring energy and tact much of the success is due. The room was packed with visitors both evenings, and the record entry and record gate will make the show a financial success.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (87) (Judge J. Netherwood): 1, Harper HR 5, HB 2, B 5, S 3, G 3, FN 2, WG 3, GR 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 5—total 34; 2, Shepley, HR 5, K 3, B 4, S 3, G 3, FN 3, WG 3, BG 2, BR 2, GE 5—total 33; 3, Harper, HR 6, B 4, S 3, G 3, FN 2, WG 3, GR 3, BS 2, BR 1, GE 5—total 32; 4, Harper, HR 6, HB 3, B 3, S 3, FN 2, WG 3, GR 3, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4—total 31; 5, Shepley, HR 4, B 5, S 3, G 4, FN 3, WB 3, BG 2, BT 2 BR 2, GE 4—32. 1 off faulty—total 31; 6, Willows, HR 5, K 2, B 5, S 3, FN 2, WG 3, GR 3, BT 2, BR 1, GE 4—total 30; 7, Harper, HR 6, B 4, S 3, FN 3, WG 3, GR 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 5—total 30; vhc, Bird, 31, 1 off faulty, total 30; Kramer, 31, 1 off faulty, total 30; hc, Mrs. Johnson, 28; Willows, 29; Bird, 28; c, Fisher, 28, 1 off faulty, total 27; Shepley, 26; Tomkins, 26; Gooding (2), 28 each; Jacquemin (2), 27, 26; Rhodes, 26; Bird, 26. NOVICE (104), (Judge, J. H. Willows): 1, Miss Dockery, HR 4, BR 6, S 3, G 4, FN 2, WR 1, WG 3, GR 4, BR 1, GE 4—total 32; 2, Miss Dockery, HR 7, B 6, S 4, FN 3, WG 3, GR 4, GE 4—total 31; 3, Layland, HR 5, BR 4, S 4, FN 3, GR 3, BG 4, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4—total 29; 4, Miss Dockery, HR 6, B 6; S 4, FN 3, WG 3, GR 4, GE 3—total 29; 5, Jones, HR 5, HB 2, BR 3 S 3, FN 3, WG 4, GR 2, BG 2, GE 4—total 28; 6, Mrs. Wantling, HR 6, B 5, S 4, FN 3, WG 2, GR 3, BE 1, GE 4—total 28; 7, Berry, HR 5, B 3, S 4, FN 2, WR 2, WG 3, GR 3, BG 2, GE 4—total 28; vhc, Jackson, 28; Layland (2), 27 each; Kimpton, 27; Dudley, 27; hc, Brookes, 1 off faulty, 26; Jones, 26; Berry, 26; Macdonald 26; Woodall, 26; Sarigar, 26; c, Drakeley, 25; Robinson, 25; Vernon, 25; Lipman, 25; Sarigar, 25. CHAMP., (ANY AGE) (46); Judge, J. Tomlinson: 1, Portlock, HR 2, HB 4, B 6, S 3, FN 3, WR 3, BG 3, BT 2, BR 2, GE 5—total 33; 2, Jacquemin, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, S 2, F 2, WR 3, WG 3, BG 3, BT 1, GE 6—total 31; 3, Heatherley, HR 5, HB 2, B 3, S 2, FN 3, WR 3, BG 4, BT 1, BR 2, GE 5—total 30; 4, Mrs. Johnson, HR 6, HB 3, B 4, W 3, WG 3, BG 4, BT 1, GE 5—total 29; vhc, Wardleworth, 28; Bird, 28; Roebuck, 28; hc, Heatherley, 27; Harper, 28, 1 off faulty, 27; Willows, 26. NOV. (ANY AGE) (63); Judge, J. Tomlinson: 1, Portlock, HR 3, HB 4, B 6, S 3, FN 3, WR 3, DBWT 3, BT 1, BR 1, GE 5—total 32; 2, Mason, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, S 2, FN 3, WR 3, WG 4, BG 3, GE 5—total 31; 3, Aspinall, HR 4, HB 2, S 2, FN 1, WR 3, WG 3, BG 5, DBWT 2, BT 2, GE 5—total 29; 5, Jackson, HR 4, HB 3, B 2, S 2, FN 2, WR 3, WG 2, BG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4—28, 1 off faulty—total 27; vhc, Parker, 26; hc, Garbett, 25; Webb, Newton, Barnett, 26, 1 off faulty, total 25; c, Glover, 24; Dudley, 25, 1 off faulty—total 24. £2 LIMIT (32); (Judge, J. Tomlinson): 1, Thompson, 23; 2, Lipman, 22; 3, Humphries, 23, 1 off faulty—total 22; 4, Plant, 21; vhc, Atkinson, 21; Cadman, 21; hc, Fisher, 21, 1 off faulty, 20; Aspinall, 20; Powell, 20; c, Harper, 20, 1 off faulty, 19.

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CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Continued from page 685.)

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

AGAIN referring to the indigenous birds for guidance, it will be found that the food for the breeding season is of a richer character and more diversified than that which served for winter. As the spring appoaches the seeds of grasses and of members of the Brassica family are probably consumed in the germinating stage, or as salad, and most members of the Finch tribe add the ova, larva and pupa (egg, caterpillar, and chrysalis) stages of insects to their bill of fare.

Egg Food and Salads.

In the breeding room freshly-laid, hard-boiled eggs form an excellent substitute for these latter delicacies, and it does not matter what theorists say about this arrangement being unsuited to the requirements of Canaries, we unhesitatingly say that exhibition Canaries cannot be reared without it.

It is quite feasible that Canaries of no fancy value can be reared without eggs, but it is not possible that they can be reared without some sort of soft food that has much the same chemical composition. Sulphur, albumen, and fat is about the sum of the contents of an egg-shell, and sulphur, vegetable albumen, fat, and starch represent the chief constituents of canary seed and rape seed combined.

Let these be softened by scalding water, and their value as feeding and rearing material is remarkably similar to hard-boiled egg and bread crumb.

For salad, the sprouting seeds of rape, or mustard, or cress may be presented when appearing above the soil, or sand, in which it may be sown, and if in little pots or saucers the vessels themselves may be placed in the cages.

Later on lettuce may be welcomed, but in the early spring and summer dandelion leaves are used with great benefit, and watercress may be relied on all the year round in the towns, because it comes from cultivated beds, but in the country it gets strong and seedy before the breeding season ends.

Very great care must be taken to ensure the freshness of the eggs that are used for rearing purposes and for feeding of Canaries generally. We know there is a difficulty, in large towns, in getting newly-laid eggs, and it is not everybody that has the convenience to keep a few fowls, but we have known several cases where Canary-fanciers had a special knowledge as to where perfectly reliable eggs were obtainable, and were just as jealous of others sharing the knowledge as a schoolboy might be of some rare nest.

Stale eggs are responsible for many more misfortunes in the breeding room than is generally supposed, as nothing could be calculated to upset the digestive organs of a fragile nestling so much as boiled eggs in which decomposition had commenced.

However, taking it for granted that the fresh eggs have been got, the next thing is to get one or more properly boiled, it is no use having them only just "set," and we do not think ten minutes any too long for the cooking process. Do not cook more than one day's supply at a time, for a boiled egg will decompose more rapidly than a raw one.

Some breeders chop up the eggs with a knife, others pound them up in a mortar with biscuits, while a mill is brought into requisition in some rooms, but the most extensively used apparatus of disintegration is the sieve of perforated zinc. Whatever process is most favoured the implements must be kept scrupulously clean, or they will get contaminated by the chemical action of the egg on the metal.

About Biscuits.

Biscuits of various sorts, such as "Tea," "Osborne," "Milk," "Coffee," "Cracknell," "Picnic" and "Social" are used and recommended by various fanciers. Wheaten flour, fat, and sugar in slightly varying proportions probably constitute the composition of them all, and the selection of either is most likely guided to a considerable extent by the amount of money one has to devote to his hobby.

We have nothing to say against the use of any of the above-mentioned biscuits, or of any of the richer and higher priced sorts, as we have known many instances where plenty of healthy young ones have been reared by their aid, yet we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that sometimes things have gone wrong from some obscure cause, and that possibly the fat, or the sugar, in the biscuits, has upset the hens or the young ones.

We cannot understand why this should be so, because we look upon fat in combination with cooked wheaten flour, as it is present in biscuits, to be amongst the most nourishing, flesh forming, and warmth-giving of food.

Still it is quite possible to rear young Canaries without biscuits, and without added fat or sugar, and we can be certain we are not giving rancid fat if none at all be present. We only note it as the result of our experience and observation that hard boiled egg and an equal quantity of crumb of bread that is two days old forms a pabulum or soft food that is cheaper and more simple than that made with biscuit, and in every way quite as good.

We are quite aware that almost everybody has a lot to do besides attending to his Canary stock, and that many worthy working men have to be absent from their birds while the clock is performing a complete circle. In such cases it is found advantageous to dry the bread in the oven to a crispness and colour just short of toasting, crush it up with a paste-pin, and mix equal weights of it and hard-boiled egg, to which, when well mixed, no additional moisture should be added.

(To be continued.)

The Green Singing Finch.

By E. ALLISON, London, S.W.

An easily kept foreign bird with a sweet song.

FROM the sun-scorched millet fields of East Africa to Bethnal Green seems a huge contrast, but the latter is usually the first temporary home in this country of this sweet little bird from the great continent, and it is usually in Bethnal Green—the Mecca of London bird fanciers—that such foreign birds are picked up.

The green Singing Finch is not difficult to acclimatise, provided it arrives in this country in late spring or in summer, but arrivals in winter would be rather difficult to establish.

The Proper Menu.

When recovered from the journey they soon settle down, and are very easily catered for on the various millets, canary seed, and green food, such as seeding small grasses, seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, or watercress, when the foregoing are not to be had. They are also very fond of crushed hemp, and a little, say a quarter of a teaspoonful of first-class seed every second or third day when the weather is cold, seems to stimulate them, and keeps them on song. They also like a sprinkle of maw seed occasionally, and sometimes a little, say a spoonful of Goldfinch mixture. I have not found them partial to fruit, although I have offered various kinds.

This bird makes an engaging pet, and becomes extremely tame, but does not acquire stupidly dull tameness like some of the foreign seed-eaters, whose mission in life appears to be simply to eat and to snuggle up in a corner with a pal. This Finch is active and, if kept in a decent sized cage singly, is seldom at rest for long, and shows off his beautiful green and yellow plumage to advantage.

He is a great lover of sunshine, and, if put out in a box cage on a south wall in the summer, when the sun is shining, will enliven the whole garden with his delightful little song. His music is not so good as that of his relative, the Grey Singing Finch, but I am never tired of hearing it, and even to-day, Nov. 19, on one of the worst of many bad days in London's sunless winters, my little friend is rendering his cheerful little message of hope and joy which, in the present circumstances, we all need so much.

The song is a blend of say the song of the Goldfinch and of a Cordon Bleu, with a dash of Canary in it, and is indulged in more frequently if the cock is kept apart from, and out of sight of the hen; it is not a loud song, and never grates on the ear like the song of some Canaries.

This bird is easily kept in a fair-sized cage indoors, and needs no artificial heat after he is acclimatised. In pre-war days he was very cheap to purchase, but is, of course, now both scarce to find, and dear to buy. He is an interesting aviary bird also, and deserves to be kept more frequently by bird lovers.

GLEANINGS FROM ARDWICK.

By SUB ROSA.

There was a large crowd at Ardwick's third venture in open shows. They are a go-ahead society, and have a grand lot of supporters and workers. The amusement tax was included in the 6d. admission, and there was no extra charge for early doors.

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Have you ever seen a parson in his shirt sleeves? There were two at Ardwick; and when I saw the Rev. C. E. Gaul on first entering the show, he was wiping his forehead of sweat in the approved manner of a patriotic munition worker.

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He made an excellent door-keeper and catalogue-seller. He didn't allow anyone to pay twice, and he could give change like a newsboy. Later, he worked like a nigger at packing up.

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The Rev. G. W. Wragg is a rare enthusiast of the Norwich Canary. His open countenance gives one the impression that he might have been the original for a book we once read entitled "The Sky Pilot." His architecture is more on the lines of Hercules, and he must be a tower of strength in more ways than one. The society are justly proud of their fancier clerics.

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Mr. Sam Oldham had out 26—or was it 36? exhibits. We don't vouch for the truth of it, but we heard he hired a "tank" to transport them to and from the show. "Gradely" support that.

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The N.P.C. men were much in evidence. We noticed the Brothers Hopkins, A. H. Fildes, W. Spencer, J. Lingard, W. Crawshaw, E. Sutton, F. Barraclough, J. Mitchell, W. Wrigley, W. E. Seed, G. Chilton, T. Peters, A. G. Smith, W. R. Turner, J. Raynes, J. Green, and Sam Cook (still smiling).

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The noted buff cock of Sam Cook's scored another win. He was voted a perfect Norwich by all present, combining all the essential points of a champion without any defects. A glorious exhibit.

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His noted buff hen was cardless. So was the 1st Manchester hen, claimed at 10 guineas. When we saw them, we thought it a case of different judges, different conceptions, but we noticed in the report that they had been bathing. Very naughty of them—in public, too.

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Still another champion in a lowly position—the noted breast-marked buff cock, "Scotland's Pride." He was certainly more in the dark than light here. His companion in distress, the eyes and wing marked cock, was commended. Mr. Crawshaw tells me this cock is in his ninth year. And he is as robust as an unflighted.

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The M. and N.C.O.S. embarked on their last show with the stupendous sum of 7s. in the bank, and the writer was nearly moth-eaten by the Sec. and Treas., for showing the profits on classes. As Mr. Dooley would say: "If I have said anything I ought to be sorry for, I am willing to be forgiven."

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It was pointed out that they lost £13 on their 1915 show. They deserve their success on their last show, and surely, it shows they possess grit. But that unflighted hen class—now remember!

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That yellow hen of Mr. Joe Thomas's which the writer admired so much, though 1st at Sheffield, got down to hc. at Ardwick. Perhaps another one who had taken a surreptitious bath.

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Borders were fine. Real little toffs. As full of impudence as a toy dog on the safe side of a high fence. The Warrington stud did well after the Humpty Dumpty trick at Barrow.

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British were extra. The Nottingham team were in good fettle and touched wood nearly every time. We noticed Mr. Houlton taking notes on this section.

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One needs to be a secretary of a bird show to appreciate the work got through by the secretaries, Messrs. Spencer and Thorpe. 820 birds at a one day show, and the secretaries had the award slips printed and distributed by about 3 o'clock. Truly remarkable work.

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In connection with the "turnup" of the exhibits in the Norwich classes, where such birds as Mr. Cook's champion hen and Mr. Crawshaw's winners were cardless, Sam Cook told us an amusing story regarding "Little" Wullie Aitchison, of Edinburgh. It was when Wullie was plodding amongst the second-raters, and before he got such champions he is now showing.

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He was a strong supporter of shows, and he more often went home cardless than not. But undaunted, he came up smiling every time; and one day an intimate friend of his said to him, whimsically: "Wullie, why do you keep on showing this stuff when you know they can't win?" Wullie replied with that inimitable Mona Lisa seriousness which is characteristic of him: "Oh, I shall keep on showing them. Some day, the judge might make a mistake and give me first."

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Three committee men of the N.P.C. were seen with their heads together in a well-known City cafe, and were overheard discussing the "Pros and Cons of In-breeding"—among other things.

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The many fancier friends of Jude Hayhurst will be pleased to know that he is well on the way to complete recovery, and will not be long before he is ready again for the trenches. Jude has been in khaki over a year. His friends have often wondered why a man of his age joined up, but the truth is, he had several sons in the Army, and, as he said, someone had to go to keep them out of mischief, so he went too. It's a long time now since he produced "Silver King."

A Pet Cockatiel.

By Miss L. Mason (Bolton, Lancs).

An interesting account of a pet bird, incidentally giving some useful hints to readers of "Cage Birds."

THE articles on pet Parrots during the last few weeks have been very interesting, and I hope that a short account of our pet Cockatiel may prove the same. He was an odd one in the nest more than eight years ago. The parents, wanting to nest again, turned him out, after pulling most of his feathers off, so he was brought indoors and put into a good-sized Parrot's cage.

He has canary and millet seed, is also very fond of apple pips; he knows quite well if there is any toast, and soon calls out for some, so we give him a small piece of crust. He also likes bread and milk and biscuits, but we only give him a very little, lest they should do him harm.

Soon after being brought indoors, he began to pluck his feathers, and continued for some time. We tried "Pennakura," and by using that, and also scolding him when he was plucking himself, we got him quite cured of the bad habit.

He always has a good sized piece of wood fastened to the wires, which keeps him employed, in biting it up. We have not given any time to teaching him, but he calls himself "Joey" and can say many sentences.

He is intensely fond of my brother, and knows when he opens the front door, very often greeting him with "Poor Joe" as he enters the room. Sometimes he will chatter quite a long time, saying "Come on, Joe, Joey is a pretty little boy, Dear little Joe. Come on, dear boy. Joey is a beauty boy. What do you want? He is a dirty boy," etc., the latter he has got from hearing my mother say it, when he has littered his wood shavings on the carpet. He imitates my brother whistling, and is always ready to put his head out between the wires to have it rubbed. He knows quite well when my sister is going to bed, and comes to the side of the cage, putting his head out to be kissed "Good-night."

He is a great pet, we hope he will live for a long time. We have three outdoor aviaries, in which we keep various kinds of foreigners, this is the only one we have brought indoors. We have taken CAGE BIRDS for many years, and should be very sorry to be without it.

Foresight Rewarded.

All the interesting accounts of pets we take out, and fix them in a large book, which makes very interesting reading for bird lovers, and all information as to treatment of ailing birds, in "Answers to Queries," is put into another book to refer to when we require any information. The value of this was proved in the case of a Goldfinch which seemed to be a long time getting through the moult this year, for we simply referred to our book, where we found a certain tonic recommended, which we got, and he was soon all right.

The coloured plates we put in a large blank book, made for the purpose by our printer, so we can look through them at any time. Altogether we think we get as much pleasure out of our CAGE BIRDS as any other reader, and wish it every success

Correspondence.

Booming the Yellowhammer.

17 in a Class at Swansea.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank the many exhibitors who supported the Yellowhammer class at Swansea Show. There were 17 entries in this class, which presented a very fine spectacle, the winning birds being really beautiful specimens and staged to perfection. This section of the show had quite a number of admirers. (MRS.) LILIAN DALTON.

A Mean Theft.

Drinkers Filched at Shows.

SIR,—May I make an appeal through your valuable paper regarding the theft of drinkers at shows. I sent four birds with drinkers to the Aberavon show, and some inconsiderate person or persons took the four drinkers sent with my birds. It is not the value of them, but the inconvenience caused, and also the difficulty to obtain a fresh lot, as they are rather scarce nowadays. The person or persons responsible for such a mean act must be entirely lacking in principle.

Penygraig. W. R. WILLIAMS.

A Social Evening at Ardwick.

SIR,—For the splendid report of our open show we are indebted not only to the writer, but to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS for giving us a full page display. I would like to point out that Mr. J. Beswick's classes were not ready for judging owing to some late arrivals, and thus it was that he was not able to get through by the time Mr. C. A. House had finished, so Mr. House kindly assisted with the few remaining to be judged. Both judges did splendid service, and were rewarded by giving general satisfaction. As a Society, we wish to tender them our sincere thanks.

At our general meeting, held Nov. 21, it was arranged to hold a smoking concert on Dec. 19, to which we give a hearty welcome not only to every member, but also to all fellow fanciers. A good programme will be provided, and we are looking forward to having a pleasant evening. Will all members and friends please keep this date. Dec. 19. free, and turn up in good numbers?

A. E. THORPE, Hon. Sec.

The Fancy and War Bread.

Will Whole-meal Bread Endanger Young Canaries?

SIR,—At first sight it may seem strange that an Act of Parliament changing the colour and constituents of a nation's bread could have any detrimental effect on so beautiful a hobby as rearing Canaries. Yet it has occurred to me, and possibly to others, that one of the prime essentials to a successful breeding season in 1917 is in danger of being totally destroyed. I sincerely hope that none will think me a pessimist, or an over-cautious soul, but rather that the good of the Fancy all over the kingdom has my cordial sympathy and good will, and for this and no other reason do I write this letter.

It is an established fact in Canary rearing that the Canary is a seed-shelling bird. There is no seed that you offer a Canary but in every case he shells it and discards the husk. Supposing the Canary should consume shell and all; what would happen? Exactly what happens to any man or animal who swallows the husk of any cereal. Irritation of the intestines is at once set up, and if the irritation is sufficiently violent diarrhœa in due course supervenes.

For this reason I never give maw seed on the top of soft food in the breeding season, as it invariably causes bowel trouble in the young, especially in the first week after hatching. It is quite impossible for the parents totally to discard the shell whilst eating egg food, and you can invariably see it in the crop of the young after they have been fed. Then look out for trouble! If such be the case with so tiny a seed, what is going to happen when a certain percentage of the bran is to be left in all flour? You cannot take refuge in the granulated biscuit such as is supplied by Messrs. Spillers and Baker of this city, and Messrs. Spratt's, of London, for all these biscuits will contain their due proportion of wheat bran, and I fear there will be a terrible mortality in young birds if whole or partial wheat-meal biscuit is used. I am therefore sending this letter to the fancy with a breeder's advice to secure enough white granulated biscuit at once to carry through the breeding and moulting seasons.

I have already got in half a cwt., and stored it in biscuit boxes, after having sieved it through a fine sieve to remove all weevil and other parasitic life to which the biscuit is subject. Perhaps it would be well to permit discussion in your columns on this, which to me seems a vital factor to the success of the fancy during the war.

(REV.) C. B. JOLLIFFE.

Yellow Wagtails in Winter.

SIR,—I quite agree with the statement made by F. Abbott, Chorley Wood, in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 4, regarding the Yellow Wagtail being seen during the winter months. I myself saw the species near Latimer House, in the Valley of the Chess, a few days before Christmas, 1913.

PTE. BYRON CAMERON.
Headquarter Staff, B.E.F.

Proposed Society for Barking.

SIR,—I am very pleased to see Mr. Collard's suggestion in CAGE BIRDS re the need of a club in the Barking district, where I also live. There are lots of working men who keep birds here, and I think if a start was made by some large bird breeder in the way of starting a small club, it would be much appreciated, and greatly encourage those who, like myself, are "only beginners." I have taken CAGE BIRDS now for eighteen months, and wish it every success.

F. C. HOWARD.

A Model Goldfinch Sire.

Helps to Rear Fourteen Young.

SIR,—I had a cock Goldfinch and a Norwich hen Canary together all last winter in an outdoor aviary. I gave them a nest and nesting material on April 16; on April 23rd the hen laid her first egg, and finished up by laying five, which all hatched out, and the young were reared. On May 29 she started another nest, and laid four eggs, which all hatched out and lived. On July 5, she started with her third nest, laid five eggs, which all hatched out and lived. I lost one young of the second nest, at the age of seven weeks; the remaining thirteen are all alive and well. I did not remove the eggs as laid, neither did I remove the Finch. The young on leaving the nest were practically all of one size, with the exception of one in the second nest, which was small, and which died, as stated, at the age of seven weeks. The Finch assisted in feeding the young until they could cater for themselves, in fact, he appeared to do more of the feeding than the hen.

I should like to know from some of your other readers if they have left the Finch with the Canary, as according to all the instructions I have read at various times, we are told to remove the eggs as laid; also the Finch before returning the eggs to the hen, otherwise he would destroy the eggs.

ALF. SAVAGE.

What is a Ticked Bird?

An Old Question Revived.

SIR,—Would some of your leading exhibitors or judges please say, through the medium of your esteemed paper, what a ticked bird should be? Our reason for putting this question is that at the recent Port Talbot Show, Mr. C. A. House wrongly classed a bird of ours in the marked class. He said it was a ticked bird, and should have been shown in the clear or ticked class. The bird has been shown all over England during the last three years under all our leading judges in the marked class, and has always been recognised as a marked. The bird is grizzled all over his back right from the neck to the rump, and on his wing butts. We might say that all the fanciers that saw the bird at Port Talbot had no doubt whatever that it was a marked bird, and in its right class.

I have been a breeder of Norwich for ten years, and I always thought that the definition of a tick was as follows:—"A ticked bird must show a visible mark or tick not larger than a sixpence, on an otherwise clear body." Now I take it that Mr. House is a sportsman, so am I. Well, I will give £1 to the Red Cross at Cheltenham or Port Talbot, whichever he likes, if it is proved that the bird is a ticked; if on the other hand he will do the same if it is proved that it is a marked bird.

STUBBS BROS.

Cheltenham.

Birds Stolen on Rail.

Another Irish Consignment Tampered With.

SIR,—I have another case of birds been stolen whilst in transit on the railway, bringing the list alarmingly high, in view of the numerous letters which have appeared in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, during the past three weeks.

My case is of very recent date, viz., Nov. 21 and 22. A friend of mine residing in Co. Meath, Ireland, from whom I have had hundreds of birds during the past four years despatched to me four exhibition British birds, viz., a Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and two Chaffinches, on the train leaving Kells, Co. Meath, on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 3.40, catching the 9.45 boat from Dublin to Holyhead. I received the box at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, minus the Goldfinch and Chaffinches, but, whoever had opened the box had replaced one of the Chaffinches with another, for as these birds were coming to me in time for our annual show at Garston, Dec. 2, I am convinced that the Chaffinch I have received is not the one originally put in the box, as it is only a small, very wild specimen, that anyone who had the slightest knowledge as to what an exhibition bird should be would not trouble to put in a box and pay carriage for. During the past few years I have relied on this same friend to supply me with some of the best British birds for local showing, and I know that he would not send me such a bird as I have got. It seems that whoever is doing this pilfering knows what good birds are, and, not to make the loss look so bad, very kindly sometimes substitutes another bird.

In face of the facts placed before us from numerous fanciers it is high time someone got a move on to stop this nefarious business, and with this end in view I have written to the superintendent over parcels, etc., by passenger traffic, Mr. T. E. Isaac, stating my case, and also enclosing the numerous cuttings from CAGE BIRDS, to show mine is not an isolated case. I am now awaiting a reply and trust some good may come of it. I think some idea such as posters announcing these thefts should be displayed so as to give a warning to anyone who is offered a really good bird at ridiculously low price. Then enquiries could be made as to where it originally came from, and perhaps the culprits could be brought to book.

I hope fanciers who have the misfortune to lose birds in this way will do their utmost to cause enquiry to be made by their local railway officials, and also report same through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, as too much publicity cannot be given in these cases with a view of stopping or ultimately catching the thieves. I thank you, sir, for so kindly placing your paper always at the disposal of fanciers to air their views and grievances, and always to the help of the fancy in general, and I shall be very pleased to let you know the result of my enquiries here a Liverpool.

R. T. LONSDALE,
Hon. Sec., Garston B.B.A.

A Correction.

SIR,—I am sorry to note on reading my CAGE BIRDS to-day, that I have given you B5 as the year number of my lost Rollers. They are young birds, so they are B6 rung. Kindly correct in your next issue and oblige.

A. HARPER.

Alleged Rough Treatment at Bacup.

Roller Contest or Football Match?

SIR,—At Bacup Roller Contest, I entered four birds, but I must say they did not get treated as such. In fact, I have my doubts as to whether it was not a football match that I sent them to, for I had not a cage returned that was not broken, and all the shutters were broken off their hinges. Three more Wigan fanciers can verify my statement, as they got theirs returned in a very similar manner. It has not been done on the railway, but at the show without a doubt. I have only been showing two seasons, but if it is going to cost me 16s. for cages, I think it is time to retire from the fancy.

R. VERNON.

A Redpoll in Ontario.

And Some Other Birdy Notes from Fort William.

SIR,—Perhaps the following may interest some of your readers. On the morning of October 12st, about 3.45, while there were still four hours of darkness, my attention was drawn by a bird fluttering up and down outside one of my windows. I opened the door quietly, put out my hand, and caught the bird. Imagine my delight and surprise to find it was a beautiful little Redpoll, but where it came from, or how it got there, I don't know, as I have never seen others here, and I don't think it was one that had escaped from captivity, because it was rather wild. I took it home, and put it in a cage, and it at once began to eat seed, and is doing all right so far. It is in splendid plumage, with a beautiful red crest, but it has jet black legs and feet. I have caught and kept lots of Redpolls around Derby years ago, but it is so long ago I really forget whether they had black legs or not.

I am operator of a big swing bridge here, over the Kaministiquia River, and the operating room is 100 feet above the water. No doubt the bird was attracted by the lights in the room, but what was it doing out at that time of day? Perhaps migrating to warmer parts, as it gets rather chilly here in winter, occasionally getting down to 50 and 55 below zero. We do not see many birds around then, except thousands of Grosbeaks. There are a great many mountain ash trees in this city, along the boulevards and in gardens, and just now they are loaded with fine large bunches of red berries, but in winter there are flocks of Grosbeaks come here and strip every berry off the trees. They sit on the branches, sometimes 40 or 50 in one tree, and are so tame one can stand and watch them often not more than four or five feet away. They eat the insides, and put out the skins, till the side walk is red all over with them. They stay about a month, till every berry is gone, and then they go too.

There are no song birds here, except the Robin, and it only sings a little in the spring. I suppose this bird is the American Robin, about the size of the Thrush, but we have some very pretty plumaged birds, especially the Oriole, a large black and yellow bird, and lots of Woodpeckers, also a few Eagles on the mountains. We have also hundreds of big Hawks and Owls, lots of them as big as a Bramah cockerel, and they do some damage too among the poultry.

I saw a fight a while ago between a large Hawk and a Mink; they started fighting over something one of them had got on the ground. The Mink got hold of the Hawk in the breast, and the Hawk seized him with its claws, and flew up a great height. I watched them awhile, and at last they both dropped, and on going to the spot I found both were dead; no doubt the bird weakened from loss of blood, and could fly no longer, and the fall to earth killed them both. Well, if any of your readers can enlighten me on the colour of a Redpoll's legs I should be much obliged. I should like to get a copy of CAGE BIRDS with any replies in, but it is impossible to get it here. I may send you a few notes once in a while if they would be acceptable.

Fort William, Ontario.

T. BANKS.

The feet ("legs") and toes of a wild Redpoll are nearly black; they get paler with each moult in captivity, as do those of other birds. It is probable that the bird caught by our correspondent is of a different species to our own Lesser Redpoll. Conrs' Redpoll, Holboll's Redpoll, the Greenland Redpoll, and Horneman's Redpoll, for instance, are all to be found at times in North America, some of them regularly.—ED., CAGE BIRDS.]

The Roller Canary.

Can British Breeders Meet the Demand?

SIR,—I have quite enjoyed reading the article in this week's CAGE BIRDS by Mr. Gutierrez, on the Roller Canary, but there are one or two little questions which I really must put, as, if I am not mistaken, this gentleman is the official reporter of the British Roller Club.

The second paragraph of the article states that "British breeders of Canaries breed for excellency, and it is the same in everything else." I quite agree, but, and you can take it that I regard those three letters as a very large "but," shows of almost any other species of live stock are held with the sole idea of bettering the already existing standard of production for market.

The third paragraph headed "A blessing in disguise," would be, with organisation. We are told that "If the English and Americans will buy the Continental rubbish it is because no other is to be got," and "because the vast majority don't know what high class song really is."

Now, long before the war, roughly 50,000 birds were annually dumped here from this Continental rubbish heap, and sold. America, I believe, received a far larger quantity. What I would like to know with reference to this, is what steps the British Roller Club have taken, as the "Parent body" with regard to Roller clubs, to endeavour to capture this trade. I take it this would be a very patriotic movement.

Does your correspondent really think that the "vast majority" will ever know what "high-class song really is?" I don't. I do know this, however, that a great many of the "vast majority," when listening to some of our high-class birds, think they are chopping, and refuse to buy.

I am quite aware that someone will tell me the Roller Club is simply formed to control a sport. Horse racing is a sport, and has been carried on during the war to a limited extent, by permission of the Government, with a design, and when there is a great market for this class of bird, my contention is simply that the Roller clubs, as patriotic bodies should endeavour to capture it.

I have not seen any independent move by the "Parent Body" up to date, and suggest to your correspondent that as reporter to the B.R.C.C., he might, at their next sitting, try to get this fertile egg hatched. I have not the slightest doubt the British public would be delighted to find that their wants could in future be supplied by British breeders.

A. MONTAGU.

SHOWS.

(Continued from page 720.)

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Owing to the fact that there was a deficit of over £10 on last year's show, and also that a number of the members are in the ranks, the W.C.O.S. decided to hold a members' show only this season, on Nov. 1, at the Foresters' Hall, Plymouth. Just over 300 exhibits were staged, and quality right through was excellent. Yorks were of high merit, and amongst the open or any-age classes Mr. Woodley was the most successful exhibitor with birds of grand type and style. Others who met with success and whose birds were good enough for open competition were Messrs. Nicholls, Oliver, Clift, Hambling, Reed, and Fitzwalter, the latter a novice, beating the o'd hands in buff hens with a lovely exhibit. In the young classes Mr. Oliver won three 1sts, spl., Yorkshire cup, and res. for the Astor cup. The cup winner was a most charming yellow hen, a gem for shape and style. Messrs. Clift, Craven, and Nicholls were also first prize winners with some classical specimens, whilst other prize winners were Messrs. Hambling, Woodley, Reed, Collins, and Fitzwalter.

No town in the kingdom can beat Plymouth for Norwich, and the competition in this section was exceedingly keen. In the open section a number of tried and proved veterans were shown, and the duel between Messrs. W. Collings and W. Spillman was as keen as usual. They did not have matters all th ir own way, however, and other winners of firsts were Messrs. Andrews, Pope, Richards, and Howard, whilst other prizes fell to Messrs. French, Garland, Hambling, Smale, Perrin, and Ough.

In the novice, Messrs. Smale and Moffat were the winners. Yorng Norwich were quite the section of the show, and there was very little to choose between many of the exhibits, all having that wonderful shape, cobbiness, and quality for which Plymouth is famous. Mr. W. Spillman secured a trio of firsts, two specials, the Norwich cup, and the Astor cup for the best bird in the show, the winner of the last-mentioned trophy being a magnificent yellow, shaped like a Robin, feathered like a Java, and in colour like unto an Orange Bishop. Mr. W. Collings took a couple of firsts, and Mr. Hambling one. Other prize winners were Messrs. Garland, Howard, Deakin, Andrews, Brown, Reed, Ough, Smale, Moffit, and Rowe. The novice winners were Messrs. Moffit, Deakin, Miehl, and Smale.

Crests were far below the standard one associates with Plymouth, still some good birds were shown by Messrs. Rowe, Hutchings, and Bavage, the latter winning the Crest cup with a very handsome green Crest hen. Cinnamons made a nice show, and birds of excellent colour, shape, and feather held the leading positions. The winners were Messrs. Craven, Leach, Rapson, Smale, Perrin, Brown, Collins, and Pope. Mr. Craven took the Brown cup with a buff of rare feather, colour, and size, whilst the Cinnamon and A.O.V. cup went to his winner in the yellows, a bird of lovely quality and colour. Messrs. Cheney and Lugg won in the A.O.V. with Lancashires and Green Borders.

Mr. F. Collins was the most successful exhibitor in Mules, and his wonderful team are too well known to need more than passing comment. He won a trio of specials, three 1sts, and the Mule cup, the latter with a beautiful Goldie-Redpoll. Other winners in the section were Messrs. Hambley, Perrin, Wills, Large, Reed, and Cheney. Messrs. Craven and Moffit won in the Cages of Four, and Messrs. Spillman, Moffit, Bavage, and Hutchings in Pairs. The British section was unusually strong, the birds being very forward and competition was close and keen. The British bird cup was won by a magnificent Yellow Wagtail, shown by Mr. F. Collins. The prize-takers were Messrs. Hambley, Deeble, Mitch, Cheney, Slocombe, Smale (Goldf. and Bullf.). Deeble, Lugg, Cheney, Cordy, Wills, Perring (Linnets), Lugg, Cheney (Greenf.), Collins, Largo (Bramble), Condy, Cheney (Siskin, etc.).

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Show in aid of the wounded soldiers and sailors of Chester-le-Street, Nov. 17 and 18, in the Middle Chare Workmen's Club Hall. The entry of 127 was very poor for the 29 classes provided, but as it happened, proved about as many as could be accommodated in the small room available. Mr. W. L. Smith, South Shields, judged, and considering that the birds seemed to be feeling the severe cold, his awards met with general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Warrington, grand head and chest, good size and col., easy win; 2, Lindsay, cl., nice qual., not the size of winner. BUFF: 1, Lindsay, big bird, good head, might have given way to 2, Forster, Pelton Fell winner, nice short wings and tail, good head and neck; 3, Williams. YELL. CK., 1916: 1, Forster, good size, qual. and col. BUFF: 1, Williams, good head and neck; 2, c, Lindsay, variegs., grand head, good qual., nice and clean under, some preferred; 3, Stanger, cl., nice qual., not the size; vhc, Arnold; hc, Evans. HEN: 1, Williams, cl., yel., plenty subs., grand head, easy win; 2, vhc, Lindsay, cl. buff, rather small, good head and neck; 3, Stanger, nice short wings and tail. NOV.: 1, Laxton, nice cl. buff, plenty of subs., short wings and tail; 2, Taylor, var. buff hen, grand qual.; 3, Arnold, var. buff hen, good head and neck, rough in feather; vhc, Robson; hc, no name; c, Huntley. YORKS YELL.: 1, Crawhall, cl., well drawn, nice pos., closely folded wings and tail; 2, Stanger, plenty of length, bit rough on breast. BUFF: 1, Stobbs, smooth as a bottle, not the best of wings, wins on qual. and pos.; 2, Crawhall, cl., a little on the strong side, yet a good Yorkie; 3, Carlisle, cl., nice wings, pipe tail; vhc, Stanger. YELL. 1916: 1, vhc, Coomber, grand length, gets well up, straight as a rush; 2, Stanger; 3, Carlisle; hc, c, Crawhall. BUFF: 1, Coomber, head and wing tkd., grand wings and tail, A1 pos.; 2, Stanger; 3, Carlisle; vhc, Crawhall. HEN: 1, Carlisle, cl. buff, grand qual. and pos., good wings and tail; 2, Coomber, cl. buff, inclined to cross wings; 3, Towers, cap mkd. yell., good qual. and pos.; vhc, Stanger; hc, Crawhall. NOV.: 1, Stobbs, winner in champion buff class; 2, Ward, cl. yell., grand wings and tail, good pos., must have pressed; 3, Laxton, good col. yell., not the length or pos. of winners. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Lowerson, 1st typical, grand col. and qual., in full bloom, 2nd not the col. of 1st nor so well rounded; 3, Towers; vhc, Espie; hc, Smith and Son; c, Coulthard. BUFF: 1, 2, Lowerson, like a Java, 2nd grand one, hard to part, a little longer on wings, some preferred; 3, Coulthard, eye and wing mkd., pale col.; vhc, Espie; hc, Smith and Son; c, Towers. HEN: 1, c, Lowerson, wing tkd. yell., A1 type, grand qual., good win; 2, Greenwell, yell. green, nicely laced, hardly ready, might have made way to 3, Towers, very nice cl. yell., drops wings at times, which must have kept it back; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Espie; c, Hearfield. BORD. GR. OR CINN.: 1, Towers, nice yell. green, nicely laced, neat tail, a bit lengthy; 2, Coulthard, yel. cinn, fails a bit in wing carr., otherwise a nice bird; 3, Greenwell, yell. green; vhc, Dawson; hc, Espie; c, Hearfield. NOV.: 1, Herton, cinn, eye and wing tkd. yell., a little pale in col., well rounded, nice Bord.; 2, Dawson, buff green, nice lacings, very typical, close up; 3, Pope, cl. yell. CREST: 1, Stanger, var. buff, D.C. of good size, just a little rough in centre; 2, Forster, grey crest, neat and well-filled centre, not the size of crest. C.-B.: 1, Foster, big slashing var., plenty of lacing. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Stanger, lightly var. Linnet Mule, nice size, Nor. type, grand cond.; 2, Hooper, very nice dark yell. Greenie Mule, good size and col. LINNET: 1, Hooper, good size, lacings and cond., not the nutty col. of 2, Bowman, a good Linnet, will not face judge; 3, Boyd, plenty of lacings, good size, might have gone up; vhc, Dawson. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Lindsay, Goldf., fair size, blaze, nice tan buttons, etc.; 2, Hooper, Bullf., grand size, cond., dense cap, clean cut, good col.; 3, Almond, Goldf., best bird in class, big expansive blaze of deep col., grand tan, etc., tail all loose, which kept it back; vhc, Boyd. GREENF.: 1, Boyd, nice buff, good size, col. and cond. REDPOLL: 1, Towers, good size and cond., not so well laced as 2, Ward, nice bird, good bib and poll, fails in colour to winner; 3, Dawson, big bird, not the col. and workings of winners; vhc, c, Bowman; hc, Coulthard. SISKIN OR TWITE: 1, Lindsay, nice yell. Siskin, good cond., shows lacings well. BUNTING: 1, Towers, Yellowhammer, good size and cond., nice V and sickle marks, golden breast col.; 2, Ward, Corn Bunting, grand size and col., well arrowed; 3, Hooper, very nice Cirl Bunting, grand cond., steady, wants a little more size. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Towers, Chaffinch, grand col. and cond., not a big one; 2, Ward, good big Bramble, well spangled and laced, very steady, fails in col. BRIT. HEN: 1, Montague, Thrush, grand cond., well and distinctly spotted, well shown; 2, vhc, Lindsay, Chaffinch, good size, nice cond., shows whites well; 3, Boyd, Bullf., good size, nice cap, rough in feather. SELL.: 1, Stanger; 2, vhc, Lindsay; 3, Forster.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Open show, Reindeer, Peckham, Nov. 14. The entry was not so good as expected, but the birds were of good quality and the show was of exceptional interest because of the keen competition among the members for the valuable specials, some of which have been running for several years. Norwich were a grand lot, Mr. Spillman sending a good team from the west. His old yellow cock won the "News of the World" shield outright, besides three other specials, one of which was for best Norwich in the show. The shield is a particularly interesting trophy; engraved on it are the names of such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Baker, Crisp, Hodder, Spillman, Martin, etc. The fight for the Norwich bowl for the best unflighted naturally rested between Mr. Martin's winning yellow and Mr. Spillman's buff. The yellow is an outstanding bird, and it will take something exceptionally good to beat it; some thought it was the best Norwich in the show, for although scarcely so massive as the old yellow, its carriage and style are beyond reproach. Yorkshires were a good lot, Mr. Hall winning the cup for best bird, Mr. Howick spl. best novice exhibit, Mr. Hodson spl. best novice Norwich. Other spl. winners were Messrs. Ayres, Raine, Mitchell, and Clemence. The management of the show was in the capable hands of Mr. F. Cole, and everything was quite in order and up-to-date. Mr Robson judged.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Spillman, grand subs., well proportioned, good head and wings, sound col. and cond., inclined to hug the perch, otherwise a splendid exhibit; 2, 4, Burt, good birds, scarcely the size of winner, but capital type and style, good cond.; 3, Cole; vhc, Martin. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Burt, well-known bird leading, 3rd cobby, thick-set, nicely proportioned, but not the qual. of winner; 2, vhc, Cole, cl., good subs., neat head, nice width of shoulders, good wings and cond. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Spillman, nice full front, good head, back and wings, nice style, rare qual.; 2, Cole, not subs., but very neat, stylish, grand cond; 4, Hodder. BUFF (4): 1, Spillman, capital size, nicely proportioned, well filled in, grand qual.; 2, Burt, good hen, not finish of winner, but lovely type, neat head and wings; 3, Cole; 4, Martin. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Martin, short thick-set, beautifully proportioned and filled in, short, tightly braced wings, good col., short feather, of lovely qual., a "topper"; 2, 3, Spillman, hardly so nicely modelled as winner, still, short and thick-set and nice cond., 3rd preferred by some as more stylish and better proportioned; vhc, Burt; hc, Pavey; c, Hodder. BUFF (4): 1, Spillman, wonderful size and type, full head and neck, bold front, grand qual.; 2, Burt, capital variegs., lovely qual., nicely filled in, good head and wings; 3, Cole; 4, Hodder. YORKS YELL. CK. (7): 1, Ayres, well-known variegs., fine cond.; 2, vhc, Hall, grand type and style, scarcely as big as winner; 3, hc, Clarke, big bird of fine length and style, good back and wings, capital pos.; 4, c, Fairman. BUFF (7): 1, Ayres, grand cl., beautifully modelled, clean cut, fine qual.; 2, Hall, nicely proportioned, good head and wings, capital style; 3, Sanders, cl., fine length, good shoulders and back, neat wings, capital qual.; 4, hc, Clarke; vhc, c, Fairman. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Ayres, City and Sub. winner; 2, 3, Hall, leader a beauty for type and style, grand col., scarcely the polish, but both real good. BUFF: 1, Clarke, lovely cl., nice length and pos., rare qual.; 2, Sanders, rare shoulders, good wings and tail, fine pos.; 3, 4, Hall, good ones, rare type, nice shoulders and wings, beaten cond. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Ayres, grand bird, nicely proportioned and filled in, neat wings; 2, c, Fairman, nice length and style, shade down in col., good qual.; 3, hc, Hall, big bird, grand length, well up on legs, fine cond.; 4, vhc, Clarke, scarcely so clean cut as winners, good length, capital wings; hc, Sanders. BUFF (7): 1, 3, 4, Fairman, very fine team, nice type and style, well balanced, all in fine cond.; 2, Clarke, nicely drawn, neat head and wing, A1 qual.; vhc, hc, Hall. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK (2): 1, Hodson, big neck tkd., good type and style, bold front; 2, Clemence, lovely qual., good type. BUFF (6): 1, Hodson, var., fine subs., neat head, well-filled back, good wings; 2, Whitlin, capital, nice type and style, good hold head and neck, fine cond.; 3, 4, Clemence, neat head and wings, grand col. and cond.; vhc, Dracup; hc, Atkins. YELL. HEN: 1, Kerr lovely type and qual.; 2, Whitlin, beauty, close up, quite the right stamp; 3, Clemence, good one, nice qual., bit down in col; 4, Hodson. BUFF: 1, 3, Clemence, good one, leader very fine cl., nice subs. and style, good short wings, 3rd similar, lovely qual.; 2, Hodson, very fine neck mkd., good type, neat head and wings, A1 qual. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Kerr, good yell., very hot col., capital type; 2, Clemence, we liked equally as well, short thick-set, nicely proportioned, well put down; 3, Dracup, rather wild, bit untidy, otherwise good; 4, Whitlin, grand exhibit, must have pressed, short, thick-set, lovely type, grand qual., in the pink; vhc, Hudson; hc, Etherington. BUFF (10): 1, Clemence, nicely modelled, good head, back and wings, A1 qual.; 2, Hodson, good one, close up, nicely proportioned, lovely type; 3, Dracup, shade long and a bit rough, grand col., rare good feather; 4, Whitlin, bit smaller, but quite the type, built on the right lines, lovely qual.; vhc, Kerr; hc, Roberts. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Howick, wing mkd., grand length and style, nicely filled in, good pos., capital col.; 2, Wackett. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Andrews, leader good length and style, neat head and wings, A1 qual.; 3rd good one, shade smaller; 2, hc, Brock, beauty, fine length of wings, nice style, good qual. and cond.; 4, Saunders, smaller, but quite nice type, well modelled throughout, fine feather; vhc, Raine; c, Gilbert. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Brock, neatly drawn, good head and wings, grand qual.; 2, vhc, Andrews, beauty, fine type, good length of wings, A1 qual.; 3, Howick, big bird, grand length and style, fine wings, shade rough in feather, should do better; 4, Wackett; hc, Gilbert. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Brock, eye mkd., lovely type, stylish, well up on leg, grand qual. feather, 2nd good wing mkd., capital type; 3, Andrews, very fine grizzled wing, good type, neat head and wings, nice pos.; 4, Raine; vhc, Howick; hc, Gilbert; c, Worrall. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Raine, lovely cl., grand type, well balanced and filled in, neat wings; 2, 4, Pritchard, fine clears, capital length and style, both grand qual.; 3, Howick, grand cl., good length, neatly drawn, capital qual., feather; vhc, hc, Andrews; c, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, Pritchard, good cl., fine length, nicely modelled, good head and wings, fine pos.; 2, Brock, very fine neck mkd., capital length, well-filled back, good shoulders, A1 qual.; 3, Gilbert, nice cl., good length, capital style; 4, hc, Andrews, good cl., neat head and wings, fine qual.; vhc, Howick. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell, very nice team of clears, typical and good qual. GOLDF., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Pearce, very fine Siskin leading, capital shape, sound in col. and markings, 3rd good Chaffinch, shapely, capital wings; 2, Clemence, bold Greenf., nicely proportioned, rich col., fine qual. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 4, Clemence, capital team of Thrushes, in grand cond.; 3, Pearce, Hawfinch, fine size, good bold head, nice wing bars. HYB. (8): 1, c, Pearce, good Greenf.-Goldf., shapely, nice flush of col., capital cond.; 2, Saunders, bold dark Linnet, capital shape, rich col., good qual.; 3, Pearce, var. Goldf., good size, capital cond.; vhc, hc, Page.

COVENTRY.

The Coventry O.S. held their 40th annual exhibition in the Corn Exchange, Nov. 15. The hall, which is an admirable one, is in the heart of the city and only five minutes from the railway station. The show proved a great success, exhibits being about 70 more than last year, and there was a good attendance of visitors the whole of the day. In most sections some of the cream of the Fancy put in an appearance. Sales proved far in advance of previous seasons, Mr. Gilbert's winning Crest being quickly claimed at £10 10s., Mr. Collier's 2nd prize yellow hen at £5 3s., and many others. Mr. J. Kent, the sec., deserves the greatest praise, this being his first venture at an open show, and the whole of the stewards worked well. Messrs. Bell and Dickinson were extra special. Half-an-hour after exhibition closed the birds were on their way to the railway station. The following were the officers: President, G. Peters; Vice-Presidents, T. Gilbert, G. Turrall; Treas., J. Corrail; Auditors, H. Mann, H. Thompson; Show Stewards, H. Butler, H. Bell, G. Lawrence, T. Judd, A. Green, B. Roberts, G. Dikinson; Hon. Sec., J. Kent; Assist. Sec., Mr. Hughes. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Gough and Loach, good type, nice wing carr; 2, E. Godley, large cobby bird, good head and neck, hardly finished; 3, Buckingham and Sears, extra good in col. and qual.; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Pearson; c, no name. BUFF (5): 1, W. Elliott, lovely qual., good type, nice even col.; 2, Hepwood and Hampton, good col. and type, neat wings; 3, Godley, not so large, but neat; vhc, W. Rowley; hc, E. Guyder. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Day and Sturgess, cap and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual.; 2, Hathaway, varieg., good col., nice wing carr.; 3, Gough and Loach, grand qual., fails in col. to winners; vhc, G. Bott; hc, T. Judd; c, H. S. Collier. TKD. BUFF (10): 1, Gough and Loach, tkd. neck and wing, rich col., carries wings well; 2, Hepwood and Hampton, tkd. head and wings, nice type, good col.; 3, Hathaway, grizzle cheek mark, good head and neck, nice soft silky feather; vhc, Day and Sturgess; hc, W. Cayless; c, Turrell. HEN (18): 1, Hepwood and Hampton, good type, lovely col., nice head and neck, good wing carr.; 2, Gough and Loach, lovely qual., nice type, neat wings; 3, vhc, Hathaway, good type, good head and neck, fails qual.; hc, Buckingham and Sears; c, Godley. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Hepwood and Hampton, very typical, splendid head, nice neat wings; 2, spl, A. P. Hughes, good type, lovely qual., well fed; 3, Hathaway, shade smaller, but lovely qual.; vhc, J. Bruce; hc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, H. Thompson. BUFF (18): 1, 3, vhc, Elliott, all typical, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Gough and Loach, good col., nice type; hc, Hathaway; c, Thompson. UNFLIG. HEN (22): 1, spl, Bastock, a gem, eye mkd., wonderful col. for a hen, splendid qual., good size; 2, Collier, smaller and not the col., but a little model for type; 3, Gough and Loach, tkd. head, grand col. and qual., good type, neat head and wings; vhc, Elliott; hc, Roycroft; c, Thompson. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Mrs. Bridgwater, cl. buff, nice type, lovely qual.; 2, Hathaway, cl. yell., good type, neat wings, good qual.; 3, Lewis, good large bird, nice stamp, but not the qual.; vhc, Barnwell; hc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, Roberts. CREST (7): 1, spl, best bird in the show, Gilbert, quickly claimed at catalogue price, large even mkd. D.C., with wonderful large expansive crest; 2, 3, Smith, two green Crests, leader lovely drooping veiny crest, 3rd similar but not so large; vhc, Peters; hc, Gilbert; c, Passmore. C.-B. (4): 1, 2, Smith, green and variegs., wonderfully good heads and length of feather; 3, Peters, nice hen, but hardly ready; vhc, Rowley. CREST OR C.-B., 1916 (2): 1, Dickinson, nice neat cl. body D.C., hen, veiny feather; 2, W. Rowley, looks like a hen. CINN. (8): 1, 2, 3, Godley, three fine exhibits, buff leading, large fine bird of lovely col. and qual., closely followed by fongue of grand col. and qual.; vhc, Martin; hc, c, Berry. YORKS. CK. (11): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice neat wings and tail, stands very erect; 2, Beaumont, buff, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Mrs. Holliday, nice type, fails col. and qual. to winners; vhc, Rothary; c, Sheldon. HEN (10): 1, Dykes, buff of lovely qual., well filled in back, neat wings and tail; 2, Rothary, yell., stylish, good head, neat wings; 3, Cowley, cl. yell., good qual., nice neat wings and tail; vhc, Rowley; hc, Sheldon; c, Holliday. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, spl, Dykes, lovely yel., rare length, straight as a gun barrel, grand col. and qual.; 2, No. 12, no name, cl. buff, grand col. and qual. very stylish; 3, Rothary, cl. buff, lovely rich col., nice neat wings; vhc Holliday; hc, Cowley; c, Petch. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Glasers, two even mkd. buff Nor., good col. and type, nicely mkd.; 3, vhc, Mrs. Burgess, nice Gold Lizard; hc, Lewis; c, Dickinson. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (2): 1, 3, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet and varieg. Goldf.; 2, Gilbert, tkd. Goldf. DARK (5): 1, Martin and Archer, Linnet-Can., good col., nicely mkd.; 2, 3, Gilbert, large good coloured Greenf. and Redpoll-Can., good col., nicely mkd.; vhc Guyder. HYB. (6): 1, Martin and Archer, Greenf.-Chaffinch; 2, 3, Gilbert, Greenf.-Bullf. and Chaffinch-Bramble; all well known; vhc, Cayless; hc, Martin. NOR. LIMIT CK.: 1, Thompson; 2, Mrs. Jeacock; 3, Turrell. UNFLIG.: 1, Thompson; 2, Day and Sturgess; 3, Parker. HEN: 1, Hughes; 2, Thompson; 3, Parker. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (14): 1, 3, c, Raven, leader nice Goldf., good face, distinct bars, good col., 3rd close up; 2, Hiden, Bullf., good cap, very steady; hc, Ward. GREENF. OR LINNET (12): 1, vhc, Raven, Greenf., nice col. and cond.; 2, Bastock, nicely mkd. Linnet, in fine cond.; 3, Bell, Linnet, well mkd., good col., very steady; hc, Dickinson; c, Ward. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, Raven, Siskin, Redpoll and Twite in order named, very fine exhibits, in the pink of condition and well mkd.; vhc, hc, Ward; c, Dickinson. A.O. SEEDEATER (9): 1, 2, Raven, 1st Hawfinch, in lovely feather, very steady, 2nd well mkd. Bramble, lovely col.; 3, Gilbert, well mkd. Yellow Bunting; vhc, Haynes; hc, Hiden. SOFTBILL. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Coates, Yellow Wagtail, Blackcap and Whitethroat, all in fine cond. and well staged; vhc, Rowley. A.O.V.: 1, Robinson, very fine Waxwing, A1 cond. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, Mrs. Burgess, Glossy Cowbird and Paradise Whydah, very attractive exhibits; 3, Fincher, Bishop, in good cond. LARGE: 1, 2, Mrs. Burgess, Long-tailed Glossy Starling, in the pink of cond., lovely plumage, and a Cuban Thrush, nice exhibit. SELL., 21s.: 1, Hughes; 2, Guyder; 3, Dickinson. 12s. 6d.: 1, Thompson; 2, Day and Sturgess; 3, Turrell.

EARLY RISE.

Annual open show of the Arbroath C.B.S., White Hart Hall, Nov. 18. Norwich were strong in quality. Borders were remarkably so strong as at the previous show, while British Mules and Foreign were about the average. W. Greaves judged Nor.; R. Lambie, Waltham, Bord.; R. Watson, Glasgow, the remainder. The show was well patronised during the day.

NOR., CL. OR TKD., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Murray, good one; 2, Mitchell, correct type; 3, Allison, similar, fine feather; 4, Mitchell; 5, Shepherd. HEN (5): 1, Foote, fine size and shape; 2, Harris, we liked; 3, Mitchell, fine head, neat wings; 4, 5, Ramsay. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Smith, typical; 2, Mitchell, best of shape and feather; 3, Harris, similar; 4, Sandison; 5, Duncan. HEN (5): 1, Mitchell, wins, good one; 2, Harris, fine short wings and tail; 3, Shepherd, neat one, shows well; 4, McLeod; 5, Shepherd. VAR. CK. YELL. (4): 1, Harris, neat head, shapely body; 2, Smith, similar; 3, Foote; 4, Harris. HEN (3): 1, Smith, fine shape, good head; 2, Mitchell; 3, Harris. BUFF, VAR. OR GR. CK. (7): 1, Allison, best of subs., fine shape; 2, Murray, fine size, shape and type; 4, Jamieson; 5, Myles. HEN (5): 1, Mitchell, wins, best of type, size, etc.; 2, Murray, good one; 3, Mitchell; 4, Sandison; 5, D. Shepherd. UNFLIG. CK., ANY COL. (14): Strong class: 1, Allison, stormer, wins, best of size, shape, and cond.; 2, Murray, good one, just fails in head to winner; 3, Mitchell, stylish and typical; 4, McQueen; 5, Allison; 6, Foote. HEN (10): 1, 2, Mitchell, well placed, both excellent Nor.; 3, Murray, scarcely the subs. of leaders; 4, 5, Allison; 6, Murray. NON-FED CK. (9): 1, Forrest, good one; 2, 6, Mitchell, good head and neck; 3, McLeod, fine type and qual.; 4, Hampton; 5, Forrest. HEN (7): 1, Hampton, excellent, best of type and qual.; 2, Mitchell, similar; 3, Capt. Edward, smaller, but correct type; 4, 5, Forrest; 6, Capt. Edward. SELL. CK. (3): 1, Craig; 2, Hampton; 3, Shepherd. HEN (4): 1, Hampton; 2, Craig; 3, G. Myles; 4, R. Myles. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Irvine, good one, shade thin in neck; 2, Craig, neat wings and carr.; 3, Lyall, fine head, nice type; 4, Rintoul; 5, 6, E. Nicoll. HEN (7): 1, Spence, wins; 2, Lyall, fine drawn, neat wings; 3, Craig, shade larger, good; 4, Irvine; 5, Tolmie; 6, Watt and Son. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Craig, wins, neat shape, fine wings and tail; 2, Crabb and Findlayson, best of type and cond.; 3, Lyall, fine head and neck, nicely rounded; 4, Rintoul; 5, Hastings; 6, Harcombe. HEN (11): 1, Lyall, fine head, neat carr.; 2, Crabb and Findlayson, sweet one all over; 3, Craig, shade heavier, good type; 4, Hastings; 5, Rintoul; 6, Harcombe. MKD. OR VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Crabb and Findlayson, topper, best of head, excellent type and qual.; 2, Craig, fine shape; 3, Rintoul, good type and qual.; 4, Rae and Reid; 5, Craig; 6, Baird. BUFF (8): 1, Craig, fine type, neat wings, good qual.; 2, Hastings, correct type, sweet one; 3, Crabb and Findlayson, all there for qual.; 4, Rintoul; 5, Gillies; 6, Spence. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 2, 4, 6, Sturrock, excellent team; 3, Lyall, fine head, good carr.; 5, Rae and Reid. SELL CK. (4): 1, Ewart; 2, Nicoll; 3, Robertson; 4, Rae and Reid. HEN (1): 1 Robertson; 2, Lyall; 3, Rae and Reid; 4, D. B. Irons; 5, E. Nicoll; 6, Craig. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Low, Crest and Crestbred, good ones; 3, Rae and Reid. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, McLean, Greenf.-Bullf., wins easily; 2, Holman, Goldf.-Bullf., fine face, good col.; 3, 4, Kidd. DARK (6): 1, Fyfe, Greenf., hot col.; 2, Webster, better type, scarcely so hot col.; 3, A. Muir, Linnet, fine one, should make a topper; 4, Muir; 5, Duncan; 6, Smart. GOLDF. (4): 1, Ewart, nice Goldie, good blaze, nice col.; 2, Harcombe, similar; 3, Corsar, F.M., best of lot, but unsteady; 4, Irvine. BULLF. (3): 1, Chas. Kidd, excellent hen, fine cap and col.; 2, Marnock, good one, typical; 3, Duncan. SISKIN (2): 1, Fyfe, fed; 2, W. Muir, non-fed, fine size and mks. REDPOLL OR TWITE (7): 1, Thomas, Twite, nice size and col., steady; 2, Lambie, Poll, extra good col. and bib; 3, 5, W. Muir, Twite, best of size, col., and mks., unsteady; 4, Marnock; 6, Thomson. LINNET, H.M. (9): 1, Corsar, not large, but a demon for col. and mks.; 2, Low, faces back of cage; 3, Marnock; 4, Stewart, we made second; 5, W. Muir; 6, Cargill. F.M. (5): 1, McArdle, fine size and shape, good col and mks.; 2, Cargill, very steady, shade light, fine mks.; 3, Corsar; 4, Barrie. GREENF. (7): 1, Thomson; 2, Gentleman, shapely; 3, Fyfe, similar; 4, Webster, we liked for first; 5, Irons; 6, R. Myles. A.O. BRIT., SMALL (6): 1 Webster, Bearded Reedling, wins; 2, Thomas, Chaffinch, fine size and col.; 3, W. Muir, Bramble, stormer; 4, R. Myles; 5, A. Muir; 6, D. Smith. FOR. (3): 1, Webster; 2, 3, McQueen.

(Some Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

SOUTH HEIGHAM (Norwich).

Annual Show, Nov. 11 and 13, York Hotel Show Room. Mr. Jacob Mackley, judge. Norwich contained birds with good properties, and Crest and Cresbred included some nice specimens. Britishers were down in numbers but high in quality. Visitors were numerous, including Scottish fanciers now undergoing military training at Norwich, including the well-known judge, Pte. R. Bald (Bathgate), busy enjoying the Britishers. Hon. sec., Geo. Cooper.

Champ. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Howard; 2, Wright. Buff: 1, 2, Howard. Hen: 1, Howard; 2, Wright. Nou-Flig. Buff: 1, 2, Wright. Most Points Classes 1 to 6: Howard. Crest Ck.: 1, 2, Carlton; 3, Clapham. Hen: 1, 2, Carlton; 2, Clapham. C.B. Ck.: 1, 2, Carlton; 3, Clapham. 1916 Crest: 1, Carlton; 2, Clapham. 1916 C.B.: 1, Carlton; 2, Howard. Most Points Classes 7 to 12: J. Carlton; 2, Howard. Most Yell.: 1, George; 2, 3, Appleton. Buff: 1, George; 2, Gilbert; 3, Mitchell; 4, Peake. Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 2, Page. Buff: 1, George; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Page. Yell. Hen: 1, Gilbert; 2, George; 3, Appleton. Buff: 1, Peake; 2, Cooper. 1916 Yell. Ck.: 1, Appleton; 2, Mitchell; 3, George; 4, Tomlinson. 1916 Buff: 1, George; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Mitchell. 1916 Yell. Hen: 1, George; 2, Peake; 3, Mitchell. Buff: 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Mitchell. Pairs: 1, Gilbert; 2, Cooper. Buff Crest Cock: 1, 2, Cubitt. Hen: 1, 3, Cubitt; 2, Mitchell. Buff C.B. Ck.: 1, 4, Cubitt; 2, 3, Mitchell. Hen: 1, 2, Cubitt; 3, Page. Yell. Crest: 1, Mitchell; 2, Page. Yell. C.B.: 1, Gilbert, 2, 3, Mitchell; 2, Page. 1916 Crest: 1, 3, Cubitt; 2, Mitchell. 1916 Page. 1916 Crest: 1, 3, Cubitt. A.O.V. Can.: 1, C.B.: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Cubitt. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Mitchell. Special most point Crests and C.B.: 1, Cubitt. Goldf.: 1, Cooper. Siskin: 1, Cooper. Redpoll: 1, Cooper. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Cooper. Softbill, Small: 1, Cooper. Large: 1, Cooper. Challenge cup: G. Cooper.—G. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Successful members' show, Nov. 4, at Headquarters. The entry was capital, being in excess of last year's total, and there was undoubtedly a distinct advance in the merits of the birds. In Yorks. and Nor. some very fine specimens were on view. Among the former, Mr. Herring's grand buff cock stood out as winner of the special for best bird in the show. Mr. Gilbert also staged a couple of remarkably good yellows. Special best unflighted was secured by Mr. Etherington with a very typical Norwich of good quality. Mr. Hurt won spl. best Novice Nor., one of the best of the variety exhibited. Cup for most points throughout the year was annexed by Mr. Gilbert, the runner-up, Mr. Durham, making a good fight. The management was capital, Mr. Gilbert, the popular sec., having everything, as usual, quite up to date. The society owes a good deal to the secretary for its success; he is hard-working, energetic, and painstaking, and has the welfare of the members at heart. The show was well attended. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Ch. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Gilbert; 3, vhc, hc, Bell. Buff: 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, vhc, Bell. Hens: 1, Skakespere; 2, hc, Bell; 3, vhc, Gilbert. Unflig.: 1, hc, Bell; 2, 3, vhc, Gilbert. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Herring; 2, 3, Gilbert. Buff: 1, 3, Herring; 2, vhc, Gilbert. Hen: 1, 3, Herring; 2, vhc, Gilbert. Unflig.: 1, hc, c, Gilbert; 2, 3, hc, Herring. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Shakespeare. Amat. Nor. Buff: 1, Gullers. Hens: 1, 3, Stubbs; 2, Gullers. Unflighted 1, 2, 3, Gullers. Hen: 1, Ayris. Yorkshire, Buff: 1, 2, Stubbs. Hens: 1, 2, 3, Stubbs. Unflig.: 1, Ayris; 2, 3, vhc, Stubbs. Nor. Nov. Yell.: 1, Greenbank; 2, Hurst; 3, Etherington; vhc, Bell. Buff: 1, 3, Hurst; 2, Greenland; vhc, hc, Bell. Hens: 1, 3, hc, Hurst; 2, c, Bell; vhc, Etherington. Unflig.: 1, hc, Etherington; 2, Greenland; 3, Bell; vhc, Hurst. Yorks. Yell: 1, Dyer. Buff: 1, 2, Durham; 3, Dyer. Hen: 1, 2, Dyer; 3, vhc, Durham. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Durham; c, Dyer. Mules: 1, Shakespere; 2, vhc, Greenland; 3, Bell. British: 1, Stubbs; 2, 3, Bell; c, Hurst. Linnet: 1, Durham. Siskin: 1, Gullers. Greenf.: 1, Stubbs.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 11, Griffin Hotel. Richardson won special best bird with a yell Yorks. cock; Wilson, 2nd best with his yell. Nor. Mr. F. Self judged Yorks., and Mr. F. King Nor. and Brit., and their awards gave satisfaction. Yorks. Cl. Tk. Yell. (14): 1, sp, vhc, Richardson; 2, 4, Baldwinson; 3, Brown; hc, Hall; c, Reed. Buff (10): 1, hc, Baldwinson; 2, Hall; 3, Brown; 4, Featherstone; vhc, c, Reed. Hy. Var. (4): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Watkinson; 4, Hall. Yell. Hens (12): 1, vhc, Baldwinson; 2, 4, Reed; 3, McDade; hc, Featherstone; c, Brown. Buff (18): 1, Baldwinson; 2, Brown; 3, c, Richardson; 4, Hall; vhc Simms; hc, Featherstone. Hy. Var. (1): Hall. Yell. Unf. (7): 1, Simms; 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Baldwinson; vhc, Brown; hc, Reed; c, Watkinson. Buff (14): 1, vhc, Hall; 2, Brown; 3, c, Baldwinson; 4, Watkinson; hc, Simms. Nor Yell. (10): 1, W. Wilson; 2, Johnson; 3, Livingstone; 4, vhc, Chambers and Smith; hc, Cummiugs; c, Mennard. Buff (7): 1, 4, vhc, Johnson; 2, Cummings; 3, McDade; hc, Tose; c, Livingstone. Hy. Var. (2): 1, Tose; 2, Johnson. Yell. Hens (10): 1, Johnson; 2, vhc, W. Wilson; 3, Cummings; 4, Tose; hc, Livingstone; c, Mennard. Buff (9): 1, c, Baldwinson; 2, Tosc; 3, vhc, W. Wilson; 4, Mennard; hc, Cummings. Yell. Unf. (11): 1, 3, hc, Livingstone; 2, Mennard; 4, vhc, Tose; c, W. Wilson. Buff (16): 1, Baldwinson; 2, c, Tosc; 3, Livingstone; 4, vhc, Mennard; hc, W. Wilson. Bord. (4): 1, 2, Stephenson; 3, 4, Alderson. Hy. Var. or Green (5): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Alderson; 4, vhc, Stephenson. A.O.V. Can. (5): 1, 2, 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, Mennard. Linnet (9): 1, 3, vhc, Haigh; 2, Cummings; 4, Colburn; hc, Dobson; c, Hunt. Goldf. or Bullf. (13): 1, vhc, Cummings; 2, Colburn; 3, 4, Haigh; hc, Dobson. Redpoll, etc. (12): 1, 4, Haigh; 2, hc, c, Dobson; 3, Hunt; vhc, Colburn. Greenf. (8): 1, vhc, B. H. Wilson; 2, 3, c, Haigh; 4, Cummings; hc, Colburn. A.O. Hard. (9): 1, hc, c, Cummings; 2, Owen; 3, 4, Haigh; vhc, Dobson. Mule or Hyb. (7): 1, 3, B. Wilson; 4, vhc, c Haigh; hc, C. Wilson; 2, Owen. Nov. Yorks. Yell. (6): 1, 3, Sanderson; 2, Dickinson; 4, Wrightson; vhc, Kendrew; hc, Ellis Bros. Buff (7): 1, Dickinson; 2, 4, Ellis Bros.; 3, hc, Sanderson; vhc, Wrightson; c, Kendrew. Yell. Hens (4): 1, 3, Sanderson; 2, 4, Wrightson. Buff (8): 1, 3, Sanderson; 2, hc, Wrightson; 4, c, Ellis Bros.; vhc, Dickinson. Yell. Unf. (9): 1, 2, 3, hc, Sanderson; 4, vhc, Alderson; c, Wrightson. Buff (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sanderson; 4, Alderson; hc, Ellis Bros.; c, Wrightson.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH (Perseverance United).

Annual show of Norwich, headquarters, Rose Inn, Nov. 11. Owing to many members serving with the Forces, entries were not quite so numerous as usual, but over 100 grand specimens were staged. The show opened with a class of good yell. cocks, closely run by the buffs. The variegs. buff shown by Mr. Thurston won medal best bird in show. In unflighted, Mr. A. Wright won special with a grand yell. hen, very typical, closely followed by Mr. A. Dunn's buff cock. Mr. J. Mackley judged; R. Wigger and J. Cogman stewards; A. Shearing, sec. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Shearing; 2, Cogman; 3, Thurston; 4, Wright; vhc, Wigger, junr.; hc, Goldsmith; c, Wigger, senr. Buff: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, Thurston; 4, Haze; vhc, Wright; hc, Gilmore; c, Wigger, junr. Var. Yell.: 1, 4, Thurston; 2, Haze; 3, Gilmore; vhc, hc, Wright; c, Wigger, senr. Buff: 1, Thurston; 2, Dunn; 3, Shearing; 4, hc, Haze; vhc, Wigger, senr.; c, Gilmore. Cl. Yell. Hen: 1, Dunn; 2, Thurston; 3, Haze; 4, Wright; vhc. Wigger, senr.; hc, Gilmore. Buff: 1, Wright; 2, Gilmore; 3, Thurston; 4, Wigger, senr.; vhc, Dunn. Var. Yell.: 1, Cogman; 2, Goldsmith. Buff: 1, Dunn; 2, vhc, Shearing; 3, Haze; 4, Gilmore; hc, Cogman; c, Wigger, senr. Pairs: 1, Thurston; 2, 3, Shearing; 4, Wigger, senr.; vhc, Dunn. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Thurston; 2, 4, Wright; 3, Shearing; vhc, Cogman; hc, Wigger, junr.; c, Haze. Buff: 1, 2, Dunn; 3, 4, Haze; vhc, Wright; hc, Shearing; c, Cogman. Yell. Hen: 1, Wright; 2, vhc, Cogman; 3, Dunn; 4, Gilmore. Buff: 1, Dunn; 2, Thurston; 3, Wright; 4, Shearing; vhc, Haze; hc, Cogman; c, Wigger, jun. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dunn; 3, 4, Goldsmith. Winner most points: A. Dunn.—A. Shearing, Hon. Sec. (Please see notice above.—Ed.)

CROYDON F.A.

Seventh annual show, Public Hall, Croydon, Nov. 1. The show was a huge success, and our section was the best the Society has ever had; the entry was not only exceptional, but quality was all that one could desire. The unflighted classes were particularly strong, and the competition throughout very keen for the silver cup given for the best unflighted bird. The winner was a high-conditioned buff Yorks. owned by Miss M. Wright, Duppas Hill. In its own class it was closely pressed by a grand yellow put down by Mr. Last, condition alone turning the scales. Norwich were exceptionally good, the pick being a grand buff cock (spl. best in show) exhibited by Mr. J. Chester. (Portraits of these two birds appeared on our front page, Nov. 18.—Editor.) Some good ones were put back in the old bird classes that might have been in had they been better staged; the winner in the unflighted class, Wilson, is a typical ticked buff. Borders were exceptional for the district, and some real gems were on view. Spl. for best went to a high class ticked buff, staged to the minute by Mr. Bacon, Redhill. Here again condition had the last word, Mr. Last's wonderful unflighted yellow hen lacking just the finishing bloom required for a big special winner. A few good greens and cinnamons made up quite a choice collection. The show was one of the best arranged we have seen for many a day, and Mr. Roberts is quite "it" as a Sec., everything up to time, and quite in order. He was assisted by many willing workers, among whom we noticed the popular chairman, Mr. D. W. Oliver, Messrs. Capel, Holland, Last, etc. The gate was good, although the weather did its utmost to spoil it. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Nor Yell.: 1, Wilson; 2, Halhead; 3, Harvey; 4, Smith; vhc, Chester. Bufff: 1, Chester; 2, Paterson; 3, Wade; 4, Oliver; vhc, McIntyre; hc, Wilson; c, Halhead. Hens: 1, c, Halhead; 2, Oliver; 3, vhc, Paterson; 4, Wilson; c, Smith. Unflig.: 1, 4, vhc, Wilson; 2, Paterson; 3, c, Halhead; hc, Wade. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Chester; 2, Last; 3, Ramsey; vhc, Rowley. Buff: 1, Miss Wright; 2, hc, Mudd; 3, Miss Garland; 4, Chester; vhc, Ramsey; hc, Mudd. Hen: 1, Miss Garland; 2, 4, Last; 3, vhc, Chester; hc, c, Rowley. Unflig.: 1, 3, hc, Miss Wright; 2, Last; 4, Mudd; vhc, Miss Garland. Bord. Yell.: 1, Last; 2, Bacon; 3, Pocock; 4, Marriott. Buff: 1, Bacon; 2, Last; 3, Pocock. Hen: 1, 2, Bacon; 3, Last; 4, Marriott. Green: 1, vhc, Marriott; 2, 4, Rev. Soames; hc, Bacon. Unflig.: 1, 2, Last; 3, Mrs. Pocock; 4, Bacon; vhc, hc, Marriott. Limit: 1, Bacon; 2, Halhead; 3, Rowley; 4, Everett. Pairs: 1, Bacon; 2, Everett; 3, Rowley; 4, Ramsey. Hyb.: 1, Ramsey. Finch: 1, Bacon. Linnet: 1, Mrs. Wilson; 2, Wilson. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Bacon; 2, Marriott.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Annual show, Oct. 28. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged and pleased all. Season's cup winner, also cup winner this show, Mr. Satterthwaite; medal winners, Messrs. Jordan and Parsons. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Rothwell; 2, Rowlands; vhc, Folland; hc, Stewart; c, Knight. BUFF: 1, Rowlands; 2, 3, vhc, Rothwell; hc, Parsons; c, Brindle. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Rothwell; 2, Rowlands; 3, Evans; c, Knight. BUFF: 1, Rowlands; 2, hc, c, Rothwell; 3, vhc, Kewn. MKD. BUFF: 1, Rothwell; 2, 3, Rowlands; vhc, Knight; hc, Steinart; c, Kewn. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Knight; 2, Folland; vhc, Steinart; hc, Evans. BUFF: 1, Parson; 2, Rothwell; 3, Steinart. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Knight; 2, Rowlands; vhc, c, Parsons; hc, Kewn. YELL. HEN: 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans. BUFF: 1, Knight; 2, vhc, Rowlands; 3, Evans. SELF YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Steinart; vhc, Kewn; hc, Rowlands. BUFF: 1, Rowlands; 2, Folland; 3, Parsons; vhc, Richardson; hc, Kewn; c, Costello. FOUL YELL.: 1, Richardson; 2, Stoinart. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Rowlands; 3, Brindle. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans; 3, Parsons. BUFF: 1, Evans; 2, Richardson; 3, Folland; vhc, Parsons; hc, c, Rowlands. YELL. HEN: 1, Parsons; 2, Richardson; 3, Knight; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Evans; c, Folland. BUFF: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Folland; vhc, Richardson; hc, Brindle; c, Rowlands. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, Richardson; 2, Evans; 3, Parsons; vhc, Steinart. BUFF: 1, 2, Rowlands; 3, Parsons; vhc, Evans; hc, Kewn; c, Holmes. VARIEG.: 1, Qualtrough; 2, Rowlands; 3, Folland. NOV. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Jordan; 3, c, Satterthwaite; vhc, Corkhill; hc, Douglas. BUFF: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Corkhill; vhc, Ashton; hc, Douglas. YELL. HEN: 1, Jordan; 2, Corkhill; 3, vhc, Satterthwaite. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, Douglas. VAR. BUFF: 1, Jordan; 2, Douglas; 3, vhc, hc, Satterthwaite; c, Ashton. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, Jones. BUFF: 1, Costello; 2, Douglas. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Howard; 2, Jordan; vhc, Corkhill; hc, Holmes; c, Douglas. BUFF: 1, hc, Satterthwaite; 2, Corkhill; 3, Jordan; vhc, Douglas; c, Holmes. YELL. HEN: 1, Corkhill; 2, Satterthwaite. BUFF: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Jordan. YORKS. SELF YELL. NOV.: 1, Corkhill; 2, Costello; 3, Ashton. FL. YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Qualtrough. FL. BUFF: 1, Jordan; 2, Satterthwaite. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, vhc, Corkhill; 2, Jordan; 3, Jones; hc, Ashton. BUFF: 1, c, Satterthwaite; 2, vhc, Jordan; 3, Quaitrough; hc, Costello. YELL. HEN: 1, Costello; 2, Jordan; 3, Satterthwaite; hc, Ashton. BUFF: 1, Qualtrough; 2, 3, hc, Satterthwaite; vhc, Costello. YELL. HEN: 1, Costello; 2, Jordan; 3, Satterthwaite; hc, Ashton. BUFF: 1, Costello; 2, Jordan; 3, Satterthwaite; hc, Qualtrough. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, Qualtrough; 2, 3, Satterthwaite; hc, Costello. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, vhc, Parsons; hc, c, Bratherton. BUFF: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Parsons; 3, c, Bratherton; vhc, hc, Longmore. YELL. HEN: 1, Parsons; 2, 3, vhc, Bratherton. BUFF: 1, Bratherton; 2, 3, Longmore; vhc, Parsons; hc, Satterthwaite. YELL. GREEN: 1, Parsons; 2, Bratherton; 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Parsons. BULLF: 1, 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; 2, Davies. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF: 1, 3, c, Satterthwaite; 2, vhc, hc, Folland. GREENF.: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Folland; vhc, Holmes. REDPOLL: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Lloyd. SISKIN: 1, 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; 2, Davies: SMALL: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Folland; 3, Lloyd.—Robinson and Bunner, hon. secs.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Fourteenth annual show, Nov. 18, in the Harmonic Hall. There was a good attendance, and entries turned out well, numbering 198, all sections being well represented except Yorks. and Cinnamons. Mr. J. Stanger, Pelton Fell, judged, and gave general satisfaction. C. F. Tapson carried out the duties of secretary. Special winners: Furness, best pair Borders; Armstrong, Ramsden's medal hottest fed; Graham, best nov. Bord. Mr. Tapson took three specials with one hen: Best bird in show, best nov., and best nov. Nor. Nor. Ck., Yell.: 1, Armstrong; 2, Scely; 3, Baker; vhc, hc, Furness; c, Tapson. Buff: 1, Whillis; 2, c, Armstrong; 3, vhc, Scely; hc, Gair. Hen Yell.: 1, Armstrong; 2, Gair; 3, Tapson; vhc, Scely; hc, c, Baker. Buff: 1, sp, Tapson; 2, 3, Scely; vhc, Baker; hc, Gair; c, Armstrong. Bord. Ck. Yell.: 1, sp, Graham; 2, hc, Furness; 3, Gair; vhc, Armstrong; c, Holland. Buff: 1, vhc, Embleton; 2, Furness; 3, Holland; hc, Gair; c, Graham. Hen Yell.: 1, 3, Furness; 2, Holland; vhc, Tapson; hc, Embleton; c, Smith and Son. Buff: 1, 3, Furness; 2, Embleton; vhc, Jerdan; hc, Holland; c, Tapson. Yorks. Ck. Yell.: 1, 2, Jerdan; 3, Dunning. Buff: 1, Jerdau; 2, Dunning Hen: 1, Dunning; 2, 3, Jerdan. Green Bord.: 1, hc, Furness; 2, 3, Armstrong; vhc, Tipple. Cinn.: 1, 2, Embleton. Nor. Cinn.: 1, 2, Baker; 3, Armstrong. Hen: 1, Baker; 2, Armstrong. A.O.V.: 1, Smith and Son; 2, Seely; 3, Holland. Nov. Pairs: 1, 3, Armstrong; 2, Seely; vhc, Tapson; hc, Middleton; c, Smith and Son. Bord. Pairs: 1, sp, hc, Furness; 2, vhc, Graham; 3, Dunning; c, Embleton. A.O.V. Pairs: 1, vhc, Baker; 2, Jerdan; 3, Chambers; hc, Armstrong; c, Smith and Son. Nor. Ck. Nov.: 1, Whillis; 2, Chambers, 3, c, Tapson; vhc, hc, Gair. Hen: 1, 3, two sps, Tapson; 2, vhc, Gair; hc, Chambers; c, Morton. Bord. Ck. Nov.: 1, vhc, Graham; 2, hc, Holland; 3, Gair; c, Chambers. Hen: 1, 2, Holland; 3, Tapson; vhc, Graham; hc, Gair; c, Tipple. A.O.V. Nov.: 1, 2, Chambers; 3, vhc, Tipple; hc, Holland. Never shown before: 1, Holmes; 2, Gair; 3, Tipple; vhc, c, Graham. Nov. Pairs: 1, vhc, Morton; 2, c, Gair; 3, Chambers; hc, Graham. Linnet: 1, Armstrong; 2, c, Stevenson; 3, Graham; vhc, Middleton; hc, Edwards. A.O. Brit.: 1, 3, Embleton; 2, Morton; vhc, Chambers; hc, c, Stevenson. Sell.: 1, Smith and Son; 2, Dunning; 3, vhc, Graham. Pairs: 1, Baker; 2, Middleton.—C. F. Tapson, Sec.

Please see notice above.—Ed.

HIGHGATE AND HAMPSTEAD.

Ninth annual show, Nov. 17, at Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill. Mr. J. Robson judged an entry of 200, a record for the past three years. Norwich were numerous and of the best. Yorks. were down in numbers, but good quality, British ditto. Some well known Norwich were among the winners; Messrs. Lovegrove, Bailey, Wills, Walmsley, Way and Hardcastle were special winners. Mr. P. Johnstone won £5 5s. cup with unflighted yellow Yorks., one of the best. Weston cup, most points, most entries, specials went to F. C. Knight, and specials in British were won by Messrs. Shorter, F. C. and A. Knight. Two snow-white Canaries exhibited by Miss Dora Sulman were a feature of the show, also 2 Dutch Frills, one a very fine specimen; 55 specials.

Champ. Nor. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, Lovegrove; 3, Wills; hc, Bailey. Buff: 1, 2, hc, Lovegrove; 3, Bailey; vhc, Wills; c, Bell. Var. Ck.: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, vhc, Lovegrove; hc, Shakespeare. Hens: 1, 2, vhc, Lovegrove; 3, Wills; hc, Shakespeare; c, Bell. Unflig.: 1, Wills; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lovegrove; c, Bailey. Yorks. Buff: 1, Jones. Yell.: Jones. Bord. Hen: 1, Shakespeare. Non-fed: 1, Bell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Shakespeare. Amat. Nor. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Walmsley; 3, A. Knight. Buff: 1, 2, Walmsley; 3, Street; vhc, hc, A. Knight. Var. Ck.: 1, A. Knight; 2, vhc, Walmsley; 3, Mrs. Wood; hc, c, Street. Hens: 1, 3, Wahnsley; 2, Mrs. Wood; vhc, F. C. Knight; hc, c, Street. Unflig.: 1, 2, Walmsley; 3, vhc, Street; hc, Mrs Wood. Yorkshires, Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Johnston; 2, F. C. Knight. Buff: 1, Johnston; 2, F. C. Knight. Var.: 1, Johnston. Hens: 1, Johnston; 2, A. Knight, 3, vhc, F. C. Knight. Unflig.: 1, 2, Johnston; 3, vhc, hc, c, F. C. Knight. A.V. Non-fed: 1, A. Knight; 2, 3, Hyde. Nov. Nor. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Dr. Huggins; 2, Hardcastle. Buff: 1, Mound; 2, Huggins; 3, M. Bell. Var. Ck.: 1, 2, Way; 3, vhc, Mound; hc, Hardcastle; c, Halford. Hens: 1, Bell; 2, 3, Mound; vhc, hc, Gambrill. Unflig.: 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, Bell; vhc, Shearer; hc, c, Halford. C.B.: 1, Kent. Yorks. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Huggins; 2, Shearer; 3, Stretton. Buff: 1, Huggins; 2, Carrington. Var. Ck.: 1, vhc, Fisk; 2, Huggins; 3, Stoten. Hens: 1, Huggins; 2, Stretton; 3, Fisk. Unflig: 1, 2, 3, Shearer; vhc, Huggins. Bord. Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, Turner; 3, Gambrill. Hens: 1, Turner; 2, 3, vhc, Gambrill. Non-fed: 1, 3, Shorter; 2, Miss Sulman, Dutch Frill. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Miss Sulman, White Canaries. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Shakespeare; 2, vhc, Smyth; 3, Shorter; hc, Carrington. Purchased: 1, Miss Sulman; 2, F. C. Knight; 3, Hydo. Goldf.: 1, Shorter; 2, hc, Bell; vhc, F. C. Knight; c, Carrington. Greenf.: 1, 2, Mound; 3, A. Knight; vhc, F. C. Knight; hc, Kent. Linnet: 1, Shorter; 2, Kent. Bramble: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, Street. Siskin, etc.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, F. C. Knight; hc, Mound. A.O. Finch or Bunting: 1, 2, vhc, hc, F. C. Knight; 3, Kent. Hens: 1, 2, vhc, hc, F. C. Knight; 3, Mound. Blackbird: 1, A. Knight. For.: 1, Shorter. Sell.: 1, Hyde; 2, 3, Turner. Pairs: 1, Fisk; 2, A. Knight. Gift: 1, A. Knight; 2, F. C. Knight.—F. C. Knight, hon. sec.

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WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

NEARLY 700 BIRDS AT A MEMBERS' SHOW.

Twelfth annual members' show, Co.-op. Hall, Nov. 4, with a record entry of 691, 259 more than 1915. The magnificent show-room, splendidly lighted with electricity and filled with glorious exhibits, was a sight to see. The Hall is situated centrally, exceedingly spacious, lofty, and perfectly ventilated, in fact, one of the best in England. On the eve of the show quite a lot of willing fanciers were busy as bees, fixing up-to-date 3-tier staging. The sec., Mr. G. Greenwell, is the right man for a show, works with precision and promptness, and is courteous to the extreme; much of the success of the show is undoubtedly due to his endeavours. Show manager, Mr. L. Simpson, is a splendid worker, ever on the go and worthy of many kind words. The committee consists of practical, energetic and enthusiastic fanciers, each is an expert and great credit is due to the following: Messrs. T. Messenger, M. Mathewson, C. Wilson, R. McDougall, G. Scott, J. Johnson, W. Studholme, G. Couchman, W. Stephenson, J. Shadgson, J. Blakey, J. W. Watson, W. Espie, J. White.

Norwich made a magnificent display for type and quality, colour and substance. Yorks. were a treat, lovely quality, wonderful length, straight as rushes and stylish to a degree were many that one came across. In the "wee gems" type, quality and colour were extra, some well-known winners being on view. Greens and cinnamons were a grand lot for colour, quality and markings, and in Cresses and Cresbreds we question whether a choicer lot have been seen at the annual. Cinnamons were few, but good. British yielded a magnificent total of 100 entries. Quality was of the best, and competition was keen, many good birds having to stand cardless. The judges were Messrs. T. Dixon (Bedlington), J. Dixon (Wigton), and J. Maddison (Newcastle), and their awards were well received.

Silver cup presented by President Col. E. R. Pinkney, for best young bird went to Mr. T. Bewick with a magnificent young Crest. Most points cup, nominated cup for three birds, Johnston; and cup best young Green Border, Johnston; Border Fancy medal, Espie, with a grand clear buff hen; best British, Rowson, a grand Linnet.

Nor. Cl. Yell. (12): 1, C. McKay; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Morrison; hc, Mathewson; c, Couchman. Buff: 1, Wakenshaw; 2, Watson; 3, Lowery; 4, McKay; vhc, hc, Morrison; c, Mathewson. Yell., Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Laidlow; 2, Mathewson; 3, Curry; 4, Dixon; vhc, McLeod; hc, Morrison; c, Watson. Buff: 1, 3, McKay; 2, McGinn; 4, Hirons; vhc, Mathewson; hc, Maddison; c, Lowery. Hen, Yell., Cl., Etc.: 1, Curry; 2, Laidlow; 3, Mathewson; 4, Lucas; vhc, McGinn; hc, Couchman; c, Dixon. Buff: 1, Curry; 2, McGinn; 3, hc, Morrison; 4, Mathewson; vhc, Scott; c, McKay. Yell. Cl., or Mkd. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Mathewson; 2, Lowery; 3, Thompson; 4, Riseborough; vhc, Scott; hc, Edwards; c, Wakenshaw. Buff: 1, vhc, McKay; 2, Laidlow; 3, McGinn; 4, Edwards; hc, Scott; c, Morrison. Hen, Yell., Etc., Unflig.: 1, McGinn; 2, 3, Scott; 4, Couchman; vhc, Kindness; hc, McKay; c, Wakenshaw. Buff: 1, McKay; 2, Edwards; 3, McGinn; 4, Scott; vhc, Wakenshaw; hc, Laidlow; c, Couchman. Nat. Col.: 1, Mathewson; 2, Hirons; 3, Kindness; 4, Clemmson; vhc, Clemmson; hc, McKie; c, Grecnwell. Cinn. Yell.: 1, vhc, hc, Couchman; 2, Heslop; 3, 4, Roy. Buff: 1, hc, Couchman; 2, Simpson; 3, c, Roy; 4, Heslop; vhc, Lucas. Cinn. Yell. Unflig.: 1, Roy; 2, Couchman; 3, Heslop. Buff: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Roy; 4, vhc, Heslop. Crest: 1, 2, Bewick; 3, Swan; 4, Wilson. C.B.: 1, Riseborough; 2, Swan; 3, vhc, Bewick; 4, Morgan. Crest, Unflig.: 1, 3, Bewick; 2, Swan; 4, Morgan; vhc, hc, Rushton. C.B.: 1, 2, Bewick, best young bird in show; 3, Rushton; 4, Morgan. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, c, Deighton; 2, Havis; 3, Wigglewroth; 4, Bainbridge; vhc, Seal; hc, Studholme and Son. Buff: 1, Deighton; 2, Havis; 3, hc, c, Studholme and Son; 4, Seal; vhc, Swan. Yell., Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Wigglewroth; 2, Cleverley; 3, Seal; 4, Studholme and Son; vhc, Robson. Buff: 1, Cleverley; 2, Wigglewroth; 3, Robson; 4, Havis; vhc, Seal. Hen, Any Col.: 1, 2, Leck; 3, vhc, hc, Seal; 4, Robson; c, Deighton. Yell., Unflig.: 1, Cleverley; 2, hc, Seal; 3, Leck; 4, Riseborough; vhc, Havis; c, Thompson. Buff: 1, Havis; 2, Leck; 3, hc, Bainbridge; 4, Wakenshaw; vhc, Wigglewroth; c, Robson. Hen, Unflig.: 1, Leck; 2, Havis; 3, Robson; 4, c, Wigglewroth; vhc, Wakenshaw; hc, Bainbridge. Nat. Col.: 1, 2, 3, Seal. Bord. Yell., Cl. or Mkd.: 1, Coulthard; 2, A. Affleck; 3, 4, Bevor; vhc, Anderson; hc, Espie; c, Couchman. Buff: 1, Johnson; 2, Espie; 3, T. Smith; 4, Wilson; vhc, White; hc, Greenwell; c, Couchman. Hen, Yell.: 1, Espie; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, A. Affleck; vhc, Heron; hc, Greenwell; c, Couchman. Buff: 1, T. Smith; 2, hc, Bevor; 3, Couchman; 4, W. Affleck; vhc, Espie; c, Anderson. Yell., Unflig.: 1, Espie; 2, T. Smith; 3, Coulthard; 4, hc, Jackson; vhc, White; c, W. Smith. Buff: 1, W. Smith; 2, 4, Johnston; 3, Montgomery; vhc, Anderson; hc, Potts; c, A. Affleck. Hen, Yell., Unflig.: 1, W. Espie; 2, W. Smith; 3, Craig; 4, Bevor; vhc, T. Smith; hc, A. Affleck; c, Espie. Buff: 1, Espie, B.F.C.C. medal; 2, A. Affleck; 3, Johnson; 4, Scott; vhc, White; hc, Greenwell; c, Craig. Green Yell.: 1, Johnson; 2, Heron; 3, Johnson; 4, W. Affleck; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Montgomery; c, Davison. Buff: 1, Espie; 2, Montgomery; 3, c, Greenwell; 4, Render; vhc, Blakey; hc, Johnson. Hen: 1, W. Affleck; 2, Heron; 3, 4, Johnson; vhc, Heron; hc, Gray; c, A. Affleck. Green Yell., Unflig.: 1, W. Affleck; 2, Stephenson; 3, Render; 4, Greenwell; vhc, Couchman; hc, c, Johnston. Buff: 1, hc, Johnson; 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, Greenwell; vhc, Render; c, Potts. Hen, Unflig.: 1, 2, Johnston; 3, hc, Greenwell; 4, Potts; vhc, Montgomery; c, Espie. Cin. Yell. Bord.: 1, Lucas; 2, Coulthard; 3, Johnson; 4, McDougall. Buff: 1, Lucas; 2, Montgomery; 3, McDougall; 4, vhc, Masterman. Cinn., Unflig.: 1, Johnston; 2, c, Stephenson; 3, Espie; 4, McDougall; vhc, hc, W. Smith. Cinn. Hen: 1, Render; 2, Johnston; 3, McDougall; 4, c, Stephenson; vhc, White; hc, Johnston. Liz., Gold.: 1, 2, 3, Heslop; 4, Johnstone; vhc, Riseborough; hc, Davidson. Silver: 1, 2, hc, Heslop; 3, Johnstone; 4, vhc, Davidson. A.O.V.: 1, Craig; 2, 3, Roy; 4, M'Cloud. Bell., Pair: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Greenwell; M'Cloud. Mule: 1, Scott; 2, 3, c, Morrison; 4, Greenwell; vhc, Morr

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BOWBURN C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Wheatsheaf, Bowburn; 76 birds were staged, and judged by Mr. J. Atess, Bishop Auckland, who gave satisfaction to all. A.V. CAN., 1916: 1, sp, Priest; 2, Langstaff; 3, Miller; 4, Bainbridge; vhc, E. Toulson; hc, Freeman; c, T. Toulson. Nor. Yell., 1916: 1, 2, sp, Priest; 3, 4, Langstaff; vhc, Stewart; hc, Huggan; c, Wilson. Buff: 1, 2, sp, Freeman; 3, Huggan; 4, vhc, Langstaff. A.V.: 1, sp, Bailes; 2, Langstaff; 3, Huggan. Nor. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, Priest; 3, vhc, Langstaff; 4, Huggan. Buff: 1, sp, vhc, Priest; 2, Langstaff; 3, hc, Miller; 4, Holiday; c, Huggan. Yell. Yorks.: 1, sp, Holiday; 2, Dowson; 3, 4, Priest. Buff: 1, sp, Priest; 2, Holiday; 3, 4, Dowson; vhc, Williams. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Bainbridge; 4, vhc, Priest; hc, Stewart; c, Bailes. Mule or Hyb.: 1, sp., 2, Priest; 3, Miller; 4, Langstaff. Brit. Hardbill: 1, sp, Priest; 2, 4, Holiday; 3, Stewart; vhc, Huggan; hc, Miller; c, Bailes. Linnet: 1, sp, Priest; 2, Holiday; 3, vhc, Freeman; 4, Bailes.—A. E. Priest, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Novice half-day show, Nov. 5; 120 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Rowlands and T. Evans, who seemed to give satisfaction to all. Points for novice cup: S. Worrall 166, H. Satterthwaite 162, W. Huston 148. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Huston; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, c, Worrall. Buff: 1, vhc, Huston; 2, 3, Satterthwaite; hc, c, Worrall. Uneven or Var. Yell.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, hc, Satterthwaite; vhc, Worrall. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, hc, c, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Wright; vhc, Huston. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, hc, Worrall; c, Huston. Uneven or Var. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, vhc, c, Satterthwaite; hc, Howard. Yorks. Green Self Yell.: 1, Huston; 2, 3, Worrall; vhc, Wright. Buff: 1, Wright; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Worrall. Foul Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Huston. Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Huston. Self Yell. Hen: 1, hc, Satterthwaite; 2, Huston; 3, hc, c, Worrall. Foul: 1, Huston; 2, 3, Worrall. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Worrall; vhc, Huston. Unflig. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Huston; vhc, hc, Worrall; c, Satterthwaite. Buff: 1, c, Huston; 2, 3, hc, Satterthwaite; vhc, Worrall. Uneven or Var. Yell.: 1, vhc, Huston; 2, Worrall; 3, Satterthwaite. Cl., etc., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, vhc, Worrall; 3, Huston. Buff: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, c, Huston; vhc, hc, Worrall. Self or Foul Yell. Green: 1, 3, Huston; 2, hc, Worrall; vhc, c, Howard. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Howard; hc, Huston; c, Worrall. Self or Foul Yell. Hen: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Huston; 3, hc, Worrall; vhc, Wright. Buff: 1, Worrall; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Huston.—A. E. Huyton, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK O.S.

Annual show, Erskine Church Hall, Silver Row, Nov. 4. Mr. W. A. Stewart judged Scotch Fancies, and Mr. J. McLay the remainder. G. Simpson won Scotch Fancy cup with a Green hen. F. Strathearn runner-up, a yellow green ck.; J. Sharp won Nor. cup with a Crest ck., W. Crawford runner-up with a Plainhead ck. R. Reid won Border cup.

Scotch Fancy, Yell Ck.: 1, Strathearn, jun.; 2, 3, 4, Rigby. Buff: 1, Hamilton; 2, 4, Anderson; 3, Young. Foul: 1, Strathearn; 2, 3, Righy; 4, Simpson. Yellow Piehald: 1, 4, Carlow; 2, Anderson; 3, Simpson. Buff: 1, Strathearn; 2, Simpson; 3, Niven; 4, Morrison. Green: 1, Strathearn; 2, 4, Simpson; 3, Young. Hens, Yell.: 1, Simpson; 2, Hamilton; 3, Thomson; 4, Dougal. Buff: 1, 2, Rigby; 3, Strathearn; 4, Turnhull. Foul: 1, Carlow; 2, Strathearn, junr.; 3, Niven; 4, Hamilton. Yell. Pichald: 1, Strathearn; 2, Hamilton; 3, Turnhull; 4, Young. Buff: 1, Simpson; 2, 3, Young; 4, Strathearn. Green: 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Strathearn, junr.; 4, Rigby. Old Ck.: 1, Strathearn; 2, Young; 3, Hamilton; 4, Simpson. Hen: 1, Strathearn; 2, Simpson; 3, Stirling; 4, Miller. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Reid; 2, 3, Buchan. Buff: 1, Crawford; 2, 4, Main; 3, Buchan. Yell. Hen: 1, Reid; 2, 3, 4, Buchan. Buff: 1, 4, Crawford; 2, Main; 3, Buchan. Crest and C.B., all Sharp. Nor. Old Ck.: 1, 4, Buchan; 2, 3, Crawford. Hen: 1, 2, Reid; 3, Dougall; 4, Main. Crest: 1, 2, 3, Sharp; 4, Main. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Sharp; 4, Main. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Ritchie; 2, Reid; 4, Wilson. Buff: 1, Reid; 2, 4, Wilson; 3, Ritchie. Yell. Hen: 1, Reid; 2, 4, Wilson; 3, McDougall. Buff: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, McDougall; 4, Ritchie. Old. Ck.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Reid; 4, Buchan. Hen: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Reid; 4, McDougal. Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Reid. Linnet or Greenf.: 1, Reid; 2, Miller.—W. Niven, hon sec.

Please see notice above.—Editor.

PENGE.

Penge C.B.A. and Bromley F.S. combined show, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Nov. 8, in a large room kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. A. Hutton. The entry was splendid, exceeding all expectations, and was undoubtedly the finest exhibition of cage birds held in the district. Some very choice specimens were put down in the champion section, open show winners adding to their laurels. Novice birds were a particularly taking lot, length, style and quality of feather being to the fore in the Yorkshire, but the Norwich birds were the cream of the section, true Norwich properties being evident in almost every specimen. The champions must look to their laurels—the novices are coming on at a rapid rate. Borders were a choice collection, Mr. Hewitt's lovely Buff, 1st Cheltenham, adding another win to its record. Mr. Last secured spl. best in section with his old Yellow, looking very fit. British made quite an imposing collection, the small insectivorous species being much admired, Mrs. Green's lovely Grey Wagtail secured special for best bird. Mr. Dell's old Palace Starling was once more on top in the class for larger birds.

The hard-working sec., Mr. W. D. Fryett, managed everything in his well-known style, and all was in order with catalogues on sale by the opening hour. Mr. Hutton attended to the staging, the birds being neatly arranged all round the large room, and other assistants were Messrs. Cory, Whiffen, Breeze, etc. Special winners were Messrs. Hutton, Last, Paterson, Humphris, Powell, Westrip. Special best Novice was secured by Mr. Paterson with a very fine Norwich, the runner-up being Mr. Powell's Buff Yorks. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Hutton; 3, 4, Page. HEN: 1, 2, Hutton; 3, Dell; 4, vhc, Page. MKD.: 1, 3, Hutton; 2, Dell; 4, vhc, Page. UNFLIG.: 1, 4, Hutton; 2, 3, Page. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Hutton; 2, Last. BUFF: 1, 2, Hutton. HEN: 1, Last; 2, 3, Hutton. MKD.: 1, 2, Hutton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Last; 2, Hutton. BUFF: 1, 2, Hutton. BORD.: 1, 4, Hewett; 2, 3, Last; vhc, Rev. Soames; hc, c, Page. YELL.: 1, 2, Last; 3, Rev. Soames; 4, vhc, Page. GREEN: 1, 3, Hewett; 2, 4, Rev. Soames. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Verrall; 2, Haltread; 3, Legg. BUFF: 1, Paterson; 2, Whiffin; 3, McIntyre; vhc, Verrall. HEN: 1, 2, Paterson 3, vhc, Whiffin; 4, Haltread; hc, McIntyre; c, Gooding. MKD.: 1, Gooding; 2, hc, Naines; 3, Whiffin. UNFLIG.: YELL.: 1, Paterson; 2, 3, Whiffin; 4, Verrall; vhc, McIntyre; hc, c, Halhead. BUFF: 1, Humphris; 2, 3, Verrall; 4, c, Whiffin; vhc, Hulhead; hc, McIntyre. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, Ramsey; 2, Westrip; 3, 4, vhc, Rowley; hc, Powell. BUFF: 1, Humphris; 2, Brown; 3, Ramsey; 4, Gooding. HEN: 1, 4, c, Rowley; 2, Powell; 3, Gooding; vhc, Brown; hc, Humphris. MKD.: 1, Ramsey; 2, Fryett; 3, Thompson; 4, Rowley. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, hc, Westrip; 2, 3, 4, Powell; vhc, Humphris; c, Fryett. BUFF: 1, Powell; 2, Ramsey; 3, 4, Rowley; vhc, c, Westrip; hc, Fryctt. BORD. BUFF: 1, Westrip; 2, Ford; 3, 4, Gooding. YELL.: 1, 2, Westrip. C. and C.B.: 1, Young; 2, 3, Ford; 4, Gooding. NOR.: 1, Brown; 2, Humphris. GOLDF.: 1, Payne; 2, hc, Mrs. Green; 3, c, Breeze; 4, Humphris; vhc, Cory. BULLF.: 1, c, Mrs. Green; 2, 4, Breeze; 3, vhc, Cory; hc, Gulless. LINNET: 1, Mrs. Green; 2, 3, vhc, Cory; 4, Breeze; hc, Payne; c, Gulless. RED-POLL, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Cory; 3, 4, c, Gulless. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Mrs. Green; 2, 4, Hmuphris; 3, c, Cory; vhc, Breeze; hc, Gulless. A.O.S.: 1, Pocock; 2, Humphris; 3, Mrs. Green. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Green; 3, hc, Humphris. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Dell. MULE: 1, Humphris; 2, Breeze. HYB.: 1, Humphris.

DERBY C.B.S.

Fifty-seventh annual members' show, Nov. 18; 228 birds staged, the young bird classes being well represented. Mr. W. Twells, Derby, won the Norwich Challenge Cup for the first time with a Cl. Yellow hen, a splendid bird, of fine feather, good head and neck, and lovely condition. Mr. J. Pass, Melbourne, won Yorks. Cup for the second time with a Buff cock, of rare length and shape, splendid wing carriage and tail. Mr. Cockeram running close with a Yellow cock. Mr. Morrell was runner-up for Norwich Cup. A splendid exhibition of Norwich and Yorks. was on view, and Crests were quite up to the average, Messrs. College and Stevens staging excellent specimens. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, gave great satisfaction as judge; F. W. Jordan, hon. sec. The special feature of the show was the staging, the society having in view the possibility of holding open shows, have set up racks; these were used for the first time, and the effect was splendid, visitors obtaining a very clear view. This show was no doubt the best in the history of the society; half proceeds are for wounded soldiers.

Young Birds: Cl. Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Morrell; 3, Watts; vhc, Twells; hc, c, Roberts. Buff: 1, Morrell; 2, Watts; 3, Roberts; vhc, Drakeley; hc, Parnell; c, Sharman. Mkd., Var. Buff: 1, c, Morrell; 2, Roberts; 3, Watts; vhc, Twells; hc, Oliver. Yell.: 1, Twells; 2, hc, Roberts; 3, Parnell; vhc, Hurst. Hen: 1, 2, hc, Twells; 3, hc, Morrell; c, Hurst. Buff Hen: 1, 2, Morrell; 3, Roberts; vhc, Oliver; hc, Drakeley; c, Sharman. Heavily Var.: 1, Sharman; 2, hc, Parnell; 3, c, Oliver; vhc, Jordan. Pairs: 1, Sharman; 2, Watts; 3, vhc, Twells; vhc, Bamsey. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, hc, York; 2, Carnelly; 3, Cockeram; vhc, Pass; c, Wood. Buff: 1, Pass; 2, Illsley; 3, Selhy; vhc, Barton; hc, Cockeram; c, York. Tkd. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Cockeram; 2, Illsley; 3, Wood; vhc, Elkins; hc, Smith. Buff: 1, Barton; 2, 3, Cockeram. Yell. Hen: 1, Cockeram; 2, hc, Wood; 3, Selhy; vhc, Pass; c, Barton. Buff: 1, York; 2, vhc, Cockeram; 3, Selby; hc, Barton; c, Illsley. Self or Foul Green: 1, Elkins; 2, Barton; 3, Smith. Foul Green Buff: 1, Barton; 2, vhc, Wood; 3, Smith; hc, c, Elkins. Heavy Var.: 1 Carnelly; 2, 3, Elkins; vhc, Bousfield. Pairs: 1, College; 2, Stevens. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, G. Copeland; 2, 3, H. Copeland. Buff: 1, vhc, G. Copeland; 2, 3, hc, H. Copeland. Mule: 1, 2, 3, Parnell.

MUIRKIRK.

Annual show, Drill Hall, Nov. 11. As soon as the birds were staged it was evident that the show would prove a success, a result which had been looked for by a hard-working committee, who never left a stone unturned to bring out the best quality of birds in the country. Their efforts were rewarded in every way, and the competition was very keen. Mr. Whitelaw, Govan, judged and gave entire satisfaction. The open medal was won by Mr. Sproat, with a splendid yellow cock. Novice medal hy Mr. Scott, with a second prize buff cockq

BORD. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Sproat, best of type and col., a Border all round, will be heard of again; 2, Mossie, must have pressed hard, best of type and qual., good cond.; 3, Miller, good type and qual., best of feather, put down in good order; 4, Scott; 5, Hume; 6, Cree. BUFF (17): 1, Wilson, stormer for col. and qual. of feather, good cond.; 2, Scott, same type, just loses in col.; 3, Duncan, good stamp, little rough when taking notes; 4, Way; 5, Brown; 6, Smith. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Gillis, a little beauty, in best of cond., easy winner; 2, Sproat, sweet little lady, seemed proud to sit in 2nd place; 3, Smith, good one, well put down, good cond.; 4, Scott and Weir; 5, Cree; 6, Murray. BUFF (15): 1, Mossie, very taking, well made, best of head and wing carr., perfect cond.; 2, Smith, good type, best of feather, loses in cond.; 3, Scott, jaunty, not just at its best yet; 4, Sprott; 5, Way; 6, Welsh. ONE OR TWO MARKS (10): 1, Wetson, very typical yell., mkd. one eye, good cond.; 2, Brown, very good hnff, might have changed places in the pink of cond.; 3, Sproat, nice yell., good cond., mkd. on head; 4, Montgomery; 5, Mossie; 6, Gillis. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Cree, good yell., mkd. head and wings, best of col. and type, grand cond.; 2, Smith, nice yell., mkd. eye and wings, good style, very taking; 3, Millar, same stamp, nicely mkd., wings and head, well staged; 4, Sproat; 5, Cook; 6, Millar. HEN (9): 1, Findlay, little beauty, good type and feather, good markings, almost an even mark, well staged; 2, Duncan, hnff, best of markings and feather, but not quite the type of 1st; 3, Cook, buff, good style and feather, well put down; 4 Thomas; 5, Watson; 6, Montgomery. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Montgomery, buff hen, best of eyes and wing markings, good type, best of feather, good cond.; 2, Wilson, buff cinn., even mark, best of eyes and wing markings, unsteady when taking notes; 3, Millar, very typical yell. hen, good eyes and wings, needs a little care; 4, Findlay; 5, Millar; 6, Rasside. GREEN OR CINN. (11): 1, Findlay, yell. gr. ck., best of col. and pencilling, very typical, splendid cond.; 2, Montgomery, good yell., not finished moult yet, best of col. and pencilling; 3, Way, buff, good col. and type best of feather; 4, Millar; 5, Montgomery; 6 Murray. SELF: 1, Smith; 2 Brown; 3, Montgomery; 4 Findlay; 5, Millar. Confined to Parish. BORD. CK.: 1 Montgomery; 2, Findlay; 3, Millar; 4 Ferguson. HEN: 1, Montgomery; 2, Millar; 3 Findlay. GOLDF OR BULLF (12): 1 3 Mathieson; 2, Stobb Bros.; 4, no name; 5, Welsh. A.O.V (10): 1 Stobb Bros.; 2, Welsh; 3, Ferguson; 4, Mathieson.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show, Black Horse Hotel, Nov. 18, 145 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Manningham), whose awards were well received. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks Ck.: 1, Scaife; 2, Bower; 3, Fawcett; vhc, hc, Smith and Son; c, Carncross. Buff: 1, Myers; 2, hc, Smith and Son; 3, Carncross; vhc, Crowther; c, Middleton. Uneven Foul Mkd. Ck.: 1, Middleton; 2, hc, Earl; 3, Carncross; vhc, Bower; c, Middleton. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Fawcett; 2, Middleton; 3, Smith and Son; vhc, Myers; hc, Crowther; c, Ascough. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Carncross; vhc, Myers; hc, Mitchell; c, Bower. Unev. or Foul Mkd. Hen: 1, Earl; 2, Fawcett; 3, Middleton; vhc, Burnett; hc, Myers; c, Smith. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Middleton; 2, 3, Smith and Son; vhc, Crowther; hc, Bower; c, Carncross. Hen: 1, 2, Middleton; 3, Carncross; vhc, Bower; hc, Fawcett; c, Earl. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, Middleton; 2, Carncross; 3, Myers; vhc, Earl; hc, Crowther; c, Earl. Hen: 1, Fawcett; 2, Burnett; 3, hc, Middleton; vhc, Myers; c, Mitchell. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Dr. Young; vhc, Clough; hc, Butterworth; c, Fowler. Buff: 1, vhc, Butterworth; 2, Smith; 3, Clough. Yell. Hen: 1, Clough; 2, 3, Fowler; vhc, c, Smith; hc, Dr. Young. Buff: 1, Dr. Young; 2, 3, Butterworth; vhc, hc, Clough; c, Fowler. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Fowler; 3, Dr. Young. Hen: 1, 2, Butterworth; 3, Clough.—C. W. Town, Sec.

(Please see notice above.—Ed.)

MIDDLESBROUGH & TEES-SIDE.

Largest members' show on record. 287 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Cook and Hood, of Guisboro'. The two rooms occupied were well lighted and entirely free from draught, and all birds were well staged and were to be seen to advantage, with a nice light. Show managers were Messrs. J. Carr and B. Smith-Waite. Yorks Yell. Ck. (11): 1, 3, Atkins; 2, Stothard; 4, Rand; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Barker. Buff (9): 1, Atkin; 2, c, Barker; 3, vhc, Rand; 4, hc, Taylor. Hen (13): 1, 3, Rand; 2, Taylor; 4, Stothard; vhc, hc, Atkins; c, Barker. Unflig. (14): 1, hc, Atkins; 2, 3, 4, Barker; vhc, Rand; c, Masey. Nov. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, hc, Rand; 2, c, Carr; 3, 4, Watson; vhc, Arnison. Buff (10): 1, Carr; 2, Firth; 3, Taylor; 4, Wells; vhc, Bean; hc, Appleyard; c, Wake. Hen (18): 1, 2, c, Carr; 3, Wake; 4, vhc, Watson; hc, Bean. Unflig.: 1, Watson; 2, 4, hc, Bibby; 3, vhc, Carr; c, Appleyard; A.O.V. Ck. (8): 1, Thomas; 2, vhc, Appleyard; 3, 4, hc, c, Gibson. Hen (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, (Gibson; vhc, Appleyard; hc, Thomas. Unflig. (7): 1, 2, Appleyard; 3, 4, vhc, Gibson; hc, Wake. Hen (6): 1, 3, 4, Gibson; 2, Appleyard. Nov. Ck. (13): 1; spl, 2, Mrs. Hind; 3, hc, Nelson; 4, Dodson; vhc, Brown; c, Clarkson. Hen (16): 1, 3, hc, c, Mrs. Hind; 2, vhc, Dodsworth; 4, Clarkson. Unflig. (14): 1, Nelson; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Hind; vhc, hc, Dodsworth; c, Brown. Brit. (15): 1, 4, Mrs. Hind; 2, Mills; 3, hc, Tenby; c, Cumber. Mules or Hyb. (12): 1, c, Hanson; 2, 3, 4, Wright; vhc, Hind; hc, Wake. Goldf. or Bullf. (18): 1, sp, F. Stothard; 2, Smirthwaite; 3, c, Thomas; 4, Wright; vhc, Carr; hc, Dean; c, Thomas. Linnet (16): 1, Stothard; 2, Carr; 3, Smirthwaite; 4, Walker; vhc, Wrigat; c, Smirthwaite. Greenf. (12): 1, hc, Wright; 2, Deans; 3, vhc, Carr; 4, Smirthwaite; c, Thomas. Siskin, etc. (14): 1, 2, vhc, Wright; 3, E. Mills; 4, hc, Carr; c, Thomas. A.O. Seedeater: 1, F. Stothard; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Wright; hc, c, Hanson. F.-M. (12): 1, 3, 4, Wright; 2, Smirthwaite; vhc, Tenby; hc, Deans; c, E. Mills. Brit. Hen: 1, spl, c, Smirthwaite; 2, 4, Wright; 3, hc, Carr; vhc, Hanson.—F. Stothard.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

5th members' show, Drill Hall, Nov. 11, 300 birds being in the 67 classes. Competition was keen, particularly in Norwich, where entries and quality alike were high. Judges were:—Canaries, Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Mules and British, Mr. A. Storrar, Coaltown of Wemyss. An active committee, with Mr. M. Smith as pres., Mr. J. M'Leod vice, and Mr. W. Grewar, sec. and treas., carried out the arrangements in a highly satisfactory manner.

Scotch Fancies, Cl. or Foul Yel. Ck.: 1, Lang; 2, Wilkie; 3, Stenhouse. Hen: 1, Fotheringham. Buff: 1, Fotheringham; 2, Wilkie; 3, Cowan. Hen: 1, 2, Stenhouse. Pie or Green Ck: 1, 2, Doughas. Hen: 1, Fotheringham; 2, Laing; 3, Wilkie. Se.ll: 1, Fotheringham. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Duncan; 2, Logie; 3, Baxter. Hen: 1, Cumming; 2, Paterson; 3, Anderson. Buff: 1, Anderson; 2, Duncan; 3, Cumming. Hen: 1, Duncan; 2, 3, Paterson. Varieg. Yell. Ck.: 1, Anderson; 2, Logie; 3, Baxter. Hen: 1, Anderson; 2, M'Crae; 3, Paterson. Buff: 1, Duncan; 2, M'Crae; 3, Clayton. Hen: 1, Baxter; 2, M'Crae; 3, Cumming. Gr. or Cinn. Ck.: 1, Clayton; 2, Paterson; 3, Mitchell. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Cooper. Hen: 1, Jeffrey. Buff: 1, 3, Clayton; 2, Jeffrey. Hen: 1, 3, Clayton; 2, Jeffrey. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Clayton. Hen: 1, Clayton. Crest Hen: 1, 2, M'Gregor. C.B. Ck.: 1, 2, Grewar; 3, M'Gregor. Hen: 1, Brown; 2, 3, M'Gregor. C.B., 1916: 1, Brown; 2, M'Gregor. Sell.: 1, 2, 3, M'Gregor. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yel. Ck.: 1, Grewar; 2, Murray; 3, Gibson. Hen: 1, Grewar; 2, Foote; 3, R. Stewart. Buff: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Grewar. Hen: 1, 3, M'Leod; 2, Thomson. Varieg. Yell. Ck.: 1, Foote; 2, Langan; 3, Smith. Hen: 1, Smith; 2, Grewar; 3, Spence. Buff: 1, Foote; 2, Smithie; 3, Murray. Hen: 1, Murray; 2, Spence; 3, Thomson. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Grewar; 2, Foote; 3, Murray. Hen: 1, 3, Grewar; 2, Foote. Buff: 1, Foote; 2, Murray; 3, M'Crae. Hen: 1, Langan; 2, Thomson; 3, Stewart. Non-fed Ck.: 1, Grewar; 2, Barclay; 3, M'Leod. Hen: 1, Grewar; 2, 3, Barclay. Gr. Ck.: 1, Stewart; 2, Thomson; 3, Grewar. Hen: 1, Langan; 2, Foote. Sell.: 1, Smillie; 2, M'Queen; 3, Webster. A.O.V.: 1, M'Cluskie. Common Can.: 1, Gilmour. Gilt: 1, Foote; 2, Mitchell; 3, M'Gregor. Dk. Can. Mule: 1, Grewar; 2, Muir; 3, Johnston. Cl. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Foote; 2, Grewar; 3, Kennoway. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Anderson; 2, Grewar. Linnet: 1, 3, Raith; 2, Anderson. Greenf.: 1, Grewar; 2, Muir; 3, Adamson. Redpoll (Lesser): 1, Kennoway; 2, Adamson; 3, Melville. Siskin, etc.: 1, Smart; 2, Raith; 3, Anderson. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Melvile; 2, Mitchell; 3, Raith. Softbill (large): 1, Anderson; 2, Grewar. Brit. Hen (Hardbill): 1, 3, Adamson; 2, Anderson. Small Hardbill (F.-M.): 1, Chalmers; 2, Adamson; 3, Anderson. Yellowhammer: 1, 3, Raith; 2, Grewar. Sell., Mule or Hyb.: 1, Johnstone. Brit.: 1, M'Gregor. For.: 1, Raith; 2, Muir. A large number of special prizes were awarded, chief winners: Wildridge cup, best dark Mule, Grewar. Wilson cup, best unflig. bred by member, Foote. D.C. cup, most points, Grewar. Levy cup, best unflig. Nor., bred by member, Foote. Bain's trophy, best Brit. by an open member, Anderson. B.F.C.C. medal best by member of B.F.C.C., Cumming. S.P.C. medal, best hird by member, Smith.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Second members' show, Nov. 25, 45 birds were judged, to the satisfaction of all, by Mr. Horsfield, Bradford. The number was low owing to a Yorkshire Union show in the district, but quality was good. Champion Section. Class 1: 1, 3, Casey; 2, Hellawell; 4, Padgett. Class 2: 1, Casey; 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson; 4, Hellawell. Class 3: 1, Hellawell. Class 4: 1, 3, Casey; 2, Hellawell; 4, Hudson. Class 5: 1, Padgett. Class 6: 1, Padgett. Class 7: 1, Hudson; 2, Pownall Bros. Class 8: 1, 2, 3, Hudson, 4, Pownall Bros. Novice.—Class 9: 1, 3, 4, Robinson; 2, Nicholl. Class 10: 1, Nicholl; 2, Robinson; 3, Hodgson. Class 12: 1, 2, Nicholl. Class 13: 1, 3, Nicholl; 2, Robinson; 4, Hodgson. Class 14: 1, 2, 3, Nicholl. Class 16: 1, Robinson.—J. Nicholl.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Inter-club Cup show, Saturday, Nov. 11, at Wolverhampton, when a fine lot of birds faced the respective judges, and made one of the best local shows ever held; 179 birds were staged, Norwich averaging 11 per class, and the Yorks. 9. British and Novices were not so good as expected. The special list was a grand one; the handsome rose bowl and Wedgwood flower-pot, presented by Messrs. Gough and Loach, were both won by J. Gibbons for best Yorks., and best Unflig. Yorks. Gough and Loach won spl, best Nor., Hepwood and Hampton second best and special best members' Nor. Best members Yorks., J. Gibbons; 2, Pritchard; best and second best British Yorks., most points winners were Hepwood and Hampton, F. J. Weaver, Crundell and Rowley in Norwich, and J. Gibbons, E. Hall, H. O. Pritchard, in Yorks, Miss Miller, H. Trusselle, in Novice, and J. A. Tonks and G. Osborne in British and Mules. Mr. G. Baker, Birmingham, judged Norwich and British, and W. G. Andrews, West Bromwich, Yorks. Their awards were well received.

Nov. Yell. Ck. (10): 1, 2, Gough and Loach; 3, Weaver; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Taylor; c, Ankers. Buff (12): 1, Hepwood and Hampton; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, hc, Gough and Loach; vhc, Weaver; c, Garfield. Mkd. Buff (5): 1, vhc, Hepwood and Hampton; 2, hc, Gough and Loach; 3, Collier. Yell. (8): 1, Gough and Loach; 2, Collier; 3, c, Hepwood and Hampton; vhc, hc, Weaver. Hen (13): 1, vhc, Hepwood and Hampton; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Gough and Loach; hc, Gibbons; c, Taylor. Yell. (1916): 1, Hepwood and Hampton; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Hall; vhc, Collier; hc, Weaver; c, Gough and Loach. Buff (12): 1, 2, Hepwood and Hampton; 3, Taylor; vhc, hc, Gough and Loach; c, Crundell. Hen (12): 1, c, Gough and Loach; 2, hc, Hepwood; 3, Weaver; vhc, Willoughby. Variegated Hen: 1, Garfield; 2, Taylor; 3, Ankers. Nov. Ck.: 1, Dudley; 2, Miss Miller. Hen: 1, Dudley; 2, Miss Miller. Unflig.: 1, Miss Miller; 2, Welch. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (9): 1, Sheldon; 2, hc, Hall; 3, Cowley; vhc, c, Millencamp. Buff (9): 1, vhc, Gibhins; 2, Clark; 3, Cowley; hc, Surnden; c, Sheldon. Variegated. (9): 1, 2, Gibhons; 3, Pritchard; vhc, Cowley; hc, Trusselle; c, Hall. Hen (10): 1, Cowley; 2, Sheldon; 3, vhc, Hall; hc, c, Millencamp. Yell. (1916): (10): 1, Pritchard; 2, Gibhons; 3, Cowley; vhc, Swindon; hc, Gibbons; c, Sheldon. Buff (9): 1, Cowley; 2, Gibbons; 3, Cowley; vhc, Clarke; hc, Pritchard; c, Hall. Hen (9): 1, 3, vhc, Gibbons; 2, Pritchard; hc, Cowley; c, Millencamp. Nov. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Welch; 2, Trusselle. Hen: 1, Trusselle. (1916): 1, Trusselle; 2, Welch. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Weaver; 2, Garfield; 3, Willoughby; hc, Gibbons. Nor. Cinn.: 1, 2, Derry. Mule, Dark (4): 1, 2, Tonks; 3, Dudley; vhc, Bendall. GOLDF. (4): 1, Osborne; 2, 3, Tonks; vhc, Pritchard. Linnet (2): 1, Osborne; 2, Tonks. 3, Dudley; vhc, c, Crundell. Redpoll, etc. (6): 1, 2, c, Tonks; 3, vhc, Osborne; hc, Dudley. A.O. Brit.: 1, vhc, Tonks; 2, 3, hc, Osborne; c, Trusselle.—J. Gibbons.

PARTICK C.B.S.

Eighteenth annual show, Nov. 4, Co-operative Hall. This Society, we believe, has been hard hit lately by its Secretary being called up to the Army almost on the eve of the show, which necessitated the appointment of a new hand, but we were pleased to see everything looking so well under the circumstances, and reflecting much credit on the man at the helm. Messrs. Martin, Craig and Heggie judged, and seemed to give satisfaction all round.

Young Birds, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, Barron; 2, 4, Maxwell; 3, 5, Kerr; 6, Crawford. Buff: 1, 4, Maxwell; 2, Cairns; 3, Barron; 5, Houston; 6, Crawford. Yell. Hen: 1, young cup, Cairns; 2, Barron; 3, Maxwell. Buff: 1, 2, Maxwell; 3, Barron; 4, 5, Cairns; 6, Park. Var. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Cairns; 3, 4, Hendry. Buff: 1, Maxwell; 2, 6, Cairns; 3, 5, Houston; 4, Wyllie. Hen: 1, 3, Houston; 2, Hendry. Buff: 1, 2, Barron; 3, Wyllie; 4, Hendry; 5, Crawford. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, cup, Campbell; 2, Hadley; 3, sp, Kerr; 4, McPhie. Buff: 1, Campbell; 2, Hadley; 3, sp, Kerr; 4, McPhie. Buff: 1, Campbell; 2, Hadley; 3, Aitkenhead; 4, Kerr; 5, McPhie. Yell Hen: 1, Campbell; 2, Kerr; 3, Wilson; 4, McPhie; 5, Aitkenhead. Buff: 1, Campbell; 2, McPhie; 3, Wyllie; 4, Kerr; 5, Hadley. Var. Yell. Ck.: 1, Kerr; 2, Campbell; 3, McPhie. Buff: 1, Hadley; 2, Wilson; 3, McPhie; 4, Wyllie. Var. Yell. Hen: 1, Campbell; 2, Wyllie. Buff: 1, sp, Campbell; 2, Hadley. Yorks Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Hilson; 2, Steel; 3, sp, Cuthill; 4, Aitkenhead; 5, Craig; 6, Park. Buff: 1, sp, Park; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, Cuthill. Yell. Hen: 1, Steel; 2, Park; 3, Craig; 4, Hilson. Buff: 1, Park; 2, Craig; 3, Steel; 4, Hilson. Var. Ck.: 1, Steel; 2, Park; 3, sp, Cuthill. Hen: 1, sp, 2, Park. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Webster. Novice Plainhead: 1, Fleming; 2, Cuthill. Bord.: 1, sp, Wilson. Yorks: 1, Hilson; 2, Cuthill. Old Birds, Yell Nor. Ck.: 1, sp, 4, Cairns; 2, Maxwell; 3, Park; 5, Cuthill. Buff: 1, Kerr; 2, Cairns; 3, sp, Park; 4, Fleming; 5, Cuthill; 6, Wyllie. Yell. Hen: 1, Maxwell; 2, Cairns; 3, Kerr. Buff: 1, 5, Maxwell; 2, Kerr; 3, 6, Cairns; 4, Preist. Non Fed.: 1, Maxwell; 2, Hadley; 3, Park; 4, Fleming. Borders, Yell. Ck.: 1 Campbell; 2, McPhie; 3, sp, Kerr; 4, Aitkenhead; 5, Wyllie; 6, Hadley. Buff: 1, sp, Campbell; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, Hadley; 4, McPhie Yell Hen: 1, Aitkenhead; 2, Wyllie. Buff: 1, Hadley; 2, Wyllie; 3, Wilson. Green or Cinn. Ck.: 1, Wyllie. Hen: 1, Kerr. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, 5, Park; 2, 7, Aitkenhead; 3, 6, Anderson; 4, Steel. Buff: 1, Park; 2, Hilson; 3, sp, Steel; 4, Park; 5, Anderson; 6, Preist. Yell. Hen: 1, Park; 2, Fleming. Buff: 1, Preist; 2, 3, Park; 4, Cuthill; 5, Anderson. Nonfed: 1, A

Queries Answered

(For Rules see last week's issue.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NORWICH MOULTING SLOWLY.

St. Crispin.—Judging by the new feathers you say have appeared at the wing tips, I am inclined to think that one bird is still moulting satisfactorily, but very slowly, and the brown patches you notice on the body may very probably be nothing than groups of new quills just breaking through the skin. In any case I would not advise you to attempt any forcible means of inducing a more palpable moult at this season. If the process has not been sufficiently carried out the bird will, in all probability, assume a more active moulting condition at the beginning of spring, which, as the bird is evidently not a stock bird, will be no detriment to it at all. Meantime, continue your present general treatment, but add to the dietary for the next month a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week, and in the drinking water add 15 drops of fluid magnesia, every second day for a week. Omit it in the second week, and then resume and give the same dosage for another week.

OUTDOOR BIRDHOUSE.

Doubtful.—Most certainly you can breed Yorkshire Canaries in an outdoor birdhouse without the aid of artificial heat, and provided the place is well built, properly ventilated, free from damp and abnormal draughts to begin with, the birds will be all the better for doing without it. The only essential to success is that you ascertain as far as possible that the birds you start with have been bred and kept under normal conditions such as you purpose keeping them under yourself. This does not necessarily mean that the stock *must* come from another outdoor birdhouse, but rather that they should have been bred and kept in a room or building where no artificial heat of any kind is used.

FREQUENT DEATHS.

Pipe Rack.—The particulars you give and the symptoms named are very suggestive of a chronic and non-virulent type of septic fever; therefore I cannot advise you better than, in the event of another death occurring, to send the body as early as possible to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem (see rules under heading "Post-Mortems," in order to ascertain without doubt whether you have this disease among your stock or not. Meantime, see that the cages are kept as clean as possible, and it would be a wise precaution to wash them all out well with a 1 in 40 solution of carbolic fluid, such as Jeyes'. This strength you will get by adding two teaspoonfuls of the fluid to half-a-pint of water, or a tablespoonful to a quart. See also that all food and water and the vessels are always scrupulously clean. It is doubtful whether the sawdust has anything to do with the trouble, of course, assuming that it is cut from clean and uncontaminated wood; but, still, it would be much better if you were to get a coarser-cut stuff which would not get so much blown about the food and water, or otherwise you should mix with the sawdust an equal quantity of builders' sand to prevent it being blown about so easily. As regards treatment, give in addition to the seed dietary a piece of bread the size of a large hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, black rape, teazle, and broken groats. These quantities are per bird for a month, or until sufficiently recovered. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhuharb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and every second day afterwards for the remainder of a week. After this give five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for two or three weeks, as may seem necessary. Adhere to this system so as to give it a fair chance, and if deaths do not cease, write again as soon as you have a post-mortem report, and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further.

HENS WITH COUGH.

Vincent, Oxford.—A chronic cough such as you describe, without any other appearance of ill-health or loss of condition, may not be of any material importance. You should see that the birds are not exposed to direct cold draughts, and, in particular as the cough may quite likely be of mechanical origin and due to a dusty atmosphere, dusty seeds, or irritating fumes from too close proximity to burning lights, or any other source, take the necessary steps to remove any or all such causes of irritation, when the effects will disappear as a matter of course. Try giving, in addition to the staple seed diet, a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks. On the alternating days add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squills, tincture of lobelia, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirits of nitre. The old hen will probably have passed the zenith of usefulness as a breeding unit after next season, but no definite limit can be put upon the number of seasons a hen will breed successfully. The only sure test is to try them each season as long as they remain in good sound health and active condition. I do not think your determination to breed with the young hen which has developed the same kind of cough as the parent a wise one. The only sound system would be to reject that hen for breeding purposes before any other that had shown no signs of developing the cough.

THE RIGHT KIND.

H. B.—(1) As you are quite a tyro in the business I cannot advise you better than to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d., post free. Therein you will find illustrations of breeding cages and details of all requirements, sizes, etc., as well as the whole plan of management to ensure success. With this and "Aviaries, Birdrooms and Cages," post free 2s. 3d. from our Manager, you would find no difficulty in making all your own cages and appliances. A plain box type of cage—that is, with wires only in front—about 29in. by 10in. by 15in., is best for all-round usefulness. (2) The best kind of Canary to keep is wholly a matter of personal taste. For singing pure and simple, nothing surpasses the pure Roller, and for fancy breeds, Border Fancy, Norwich, or Yorkshire are among the easiest to breed and manage, and therefore as suitable as any for a beginner to start with. (3) It is impossible to put a fixed price upon any of the breeds as a fair one. It naturally depends very largely upon the quality, or typical perfection of the particular specimens in question, as well as the vendor's idea of the value of the birds to himself, the demand that exists, etc. But for any of the breeds named the price would probably run from about 15s. per pair, upwards. You should watch our prepaid advert. columns for a few weeks to see prices they are offered at.

MATE FOR YORKSHIRE.

W. J.—Without much more definite information to work on, I am afraid I cannot be of much use in advising a suitable mate for the Yorkshire cock. You simply say it is a buff, but omit to mention whether it is clear, ticked, or what, and it would also be necessary to know whether it is a pink-eyed bird, and the markings, and whether green or cinnamon bred, of the immediate parents, to enable one to say with any degree of certainty what kind of mates would be required to breed certain marked young. You had better write again and send this information, or as much of it as you can, when I will do my best to help you. Meantime, on the scanty data I have I can only suggest that if the bird is a clear, the best mate to stand a chance of breeding marked young would be a wing and eye marked bird bred from parents of an even-marked strain, and if the bird is a pink-eyed specimen the marks of the mate should be cinnamon coloured, and the bird bred from a cinnamon-marked strain. More than this it is impossible to say at present.

SWOLLEN TOES.

Anxious One.—Stop using the wych hazel now and try the following treatment instead for a fortnight or so. Bathe the feet each evening for a few minutes in a lukewarm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of lukewarm water—then dry gently and paint the toes with one or two drops of Friar's Balsam by means of the tip of a small feather, holding the bird for a minute or so afterwards for any "sting" to have time to pass off, and thus prevent the bird picking at it. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible, which object would be assisted by strewing the floor well for the time being with a mixture of equal parts fine sand and coarse-cut pine sawdust. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar about every third day, and add to the drinking water 15 drops of fluid magnesia, every third day for a fortnight. Shall be glad to hear result at the end of that time. Do not prick the swellings any more.

EXTERMINATING GREY LICE.

Len.—As a rule this pest flourishes only on birds that are in a low condition or weakly. The quickest and one of the best methods of extermination, though seemingly rather a drastic one, is hand-washing and employing an insecticide in the water used in the process, and as you have only a dozen birds, if you are expert at hand-washing this would be the best method for you in the end. Wash the birds just as you would in getting them up for show, and in the first two waters used add a little Creolin, which you will get from any chemist, in the proportion of a teaspoonful to each pint of water. In the third basin use pure water only for the final rinsing. Then whilst the birds are drying well wash out the cage with a similar solution of the Creolin. After the lapse of a week repeat the whole process to clear off any survivors that may have hatched out from "nits" that escaped destruction in the first treatment. You should, of course, do the cages again in the same way at the second operation. If this method does not appeal to you, then catch the birds one at a time and dust them thoroughly with Keating's, or freshly-ground pyrethrum powder, which, again, the chemist will supply, working the powder well into the base of the feathers next the skin with a wad of wool, or a small bellows, then roll the bird in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for breathing, and lay the bird in an empty cage, closing the door as a precaution against accidents. Let it lay there 15 or 20 minutes, and during this time wash out the cage with the solution of Creolin as advised above. Then unwrap bird and allow it to shake and preen itself in the spare cage, and offer a bath in which you have mixed a few drops of essence of quassia before returning it to its own cage. Do all birds and cages at one operation if possible, but in any case be very careful not to place a cleaned bird and cage close to one which has not been treated, or it may become re-infested at once.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TREATMENT OF A MAGPIE.

G. C.—The Magpie is not a very difficult subject to attend to, and yet if not properly treated it is liable to go wrong and look far from happy. Your flight should do admirably for him. Change of diet is the secret in keeping them in health. As a staple food I like "Melox" or soaked chicken meal of the best quality; then about twice a week give a good feed of insectile mixture as used for the Warblers; this, as probably you know, contains ants' eggs, flies, etc., and will assist materially in keeping the bird fit. Offer scraps from the table, such as potatoes, greens, pudding, and pieces of cooked meat, and now and then a good-sized bone to amuse him. A freshly-killed mouse or sparrow is better for them than butchers' meat, and, if you are exhibiting, these should be given while still warm, as the flesh with the blood still in it gives a gloss to the plumage unattainable in any other way. The Magpie will also eat grain, and a little occasionally makes a capital change, so do acorns and beech masts, and smashed walnuts. For exhibition purposes, in the class for large Softbills the Magpie takes a high place, but it must be shown in a suitable cage and in perfect feather. Frayed or damaged tail or wing feathers would tell against it considerably.

FRESHLY-CAUGHT FINCHES.

Nor'-West.—I am sorry to hear of your losses and fear there is something quite wrong in your treatment to lose so many Goldies. The following is the management that I have found most successful. First I like to keep the birds in separate cages; it prevents quarrelling, and one is able to attend to each bird as its health suggests. Offer the following seeds:—teazle, niger, maw, canary, cracked sunflower, and a little linseed, and a pot of cracked hemp separately. Soak rape and teazle and give a small quantity daily, but do not be too liberal with the teazle, as it makes a splendid pick-me-up if a bird is out of sorts. Get them gradually on to dried seeds. In addition to the above they should have all kinds of wild seeds which can be collected in the open. Failing this, get a packet of real wild seed mixture, which some firms make a speciality of, and give a spoonful about two or three times a week. An aperient occasionally helps to keep them in health. Now about your seed samples. The niger, teazle, and rape are all good, but the hemp is possibly partly the cause of your trouble. Some grains are all right, others are old, and the kernels are discoloured. You must have some better than this if you value your birds. If you are quite unable to get better, do not use hemp at all. Give an extra allowance of cracked sunflower; see that it is sweet to the taste and looks clean and bright. I do not like either of your samples of wild seeds. They might be useful to throw into a mixed collection of common birds in an aviary, but not for a delicate caged Goldfinch.

FINCH MOULTING BADLY.

D. Jones.—You do not say where you are keeping your bird, but whatever you do keep him out of a draught, and fairly warm. Give him a little extra sound hemp and maw seed, and, if he will eat it, a little egg food about twice a week. You should keep up the supply of wild seeds if you can, as these help to keep him in health. Put a small teaspoonful of chemical food in his drinking water fresh daily for a week, and then discontinue it for four or five days, and repeat for the same time. Let him bathe on nice bright days only, and even then early in the morning, so that the bird and cage will be thoroughly dry before evening.

MIXED SEED FOR AN AVIARY.

Anxious.—To give a mixed seed diet to suit a collection of birds in an aviary is always somewhat difficult, because each species requires rather different treatment to its fellow. The difficulty in your case is to give a diet that will suit your Goldfinches and yet not injure the Canaries. I really think your best plan would be to remove the Goldfinches and keep them in cages, but anyway, before doing so, try the following—Canary 2 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 1 part. This is as a staple food, and any other seeds should be given separately. Offer a small handful of sound sunflower daily, and a little hemp three times a week, this you will give especially to the Goldfinches. Then procure a packet of real wild seed mixture, not Finch mixture, and give a spoonful to each bird on the days you are not giving hemp. Occasionally soak a handful of teazle and rape for them. Green food should be given whenever procurable, care being taken that it is free from frost.

MULE MOPY.

Regular Reader.—Your Mule has not yet quite recovered from the moult; it requires a little different treatment to bring it into condition. First of all keep it in a fairly warm position in a good sized cage, and allow it to bathe on all suitable occasions. Feed as follows: Canary seed 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, hemp 1 part, rape and linseed half part each; mix these as a staple food. Give a little sunflower twice a week, and green food of some kind every other day; if you are unable to get it offer sweet apple or carrot. Before making this change dissolve as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence in two tablespoonsful of water, and let him have it to drink for one day only, repeating two days later, then follow this up with a small teaspoonful of chemical food in his drinking water. Boil the water first, and use a china or glass drinker.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING GREY PARROTS.

F. T. C.—I cannot add a great deal to my previous reply. Continue with the treatment advised therein as a whole. Bathe the eye with a tepid dilute rose-water and zinc eye-solution daily till all signs of swelling disappears. If the bird will take (eat) it, give it every other day the following: One teaspoonful each condensed milk, cornflour, half-teaspoonful cod-liver oil emulsion, mix into a paste, then add about two tablespoonfuls of boiling water and supply to the bird warm—it would be more palatable for the bird if slightly sweetened with a little honey—if the bird only takes a little of it, then only mix half the quantity at a time. At the least sign of nasal catarrh, spray or bathe the nostrils with a dilute glyco-thymoline solution, and continue this till the running ceases. I repeat that a quite warm, even temperature (day and night, if possible), will benefit your bird as much as drugs.

BUDGERIGARS.

H. V. M.—If, as would appear from your remarks, your pair, two months old, are from the same nest, then you ought not to breed from them as they are brother and sister, but attempt to exchange one of them with some local fancier so as to get an unrelated pair. Inbreeding only leads to weak stock, and if carried to any extent ends in the annoying trouble, popularly termed "French moult." As regards the question of age, you need not be anxious on this point, as if your birds should be unrelated you could leave them to take their own course. They would come into breeding condition in due course, and when this occurred, probably rather late next season, they could be allowed to go to nest, if so inclined, but birds in cages often take longer to settle down to nesting than those enjoying the liberty and exercise of an outdoor aviary. Best of luck in your re-start.

GREY PARROT PLUCKING ITS BREAST FEATHERS.

R. B.—In future, please conform to rules re name and address. There is not much wrong with your manner of feeding, but it would be better to decrease the quantity of hemp, increase the proportion of sunflower, and add one part of oats to the seed mixture. Allow it to have as much apple, banana, or other ripe fruit as it cares to take. It can also have biscuits, stale household bread and a little plain cake. Once a week put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking-water, and on the intervening days lightly colour the water with chemical food—continue this treatment for a couple of months at least. Grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood, the latter for it to exercise its mandibles upon, should be continually in the cage. Keep the bird warm and in as even a temperature as possible; at the same time it must get light and air without draught. Report progress in six or seven weeks.

AILING BUDGERIGAR.

J. F.—It is difficult to assign definite causes from the data usually supplied by correspondence. The bird may have caught a chill during these treacherous weather periods, or something may have put it generally out of tone, or, again, it may be a case of egg-binding, but in the latter case there should be sufficient evidence for you to be aware of the fact. I advise caging her separately, keeping her in a warm room for a time and putting her on a course of Dinneford's Magnesia and Chemical Food till she has quite recovered tone. A small drinker, glass for preference, holding about one fluid ounce, should be used. Put into the water one teaspoonful of the magnesia every fourth day, and on the intervening days lightly colour the water with chemical food. The moult usually takes place in the late autumn, but the majority of the pairs I used to keep had a partial spring moult as well. The breeding season may be said to run from April to October inclusive, but many pairs when kept in roomy aviaries breed practically all the year round. As wholesome green food is not now easy to supply, keep a slice of sweet apple between the bars of the cage. Keep up a continuous supply of grit and cuttlebone. The seed mixture might well consist of canary and millet, two parts of each and one part of crushed or whole oats.

ZEBRA FINCHES FAILING TO SIT.

Tickle.—As the birds have only played at nesting on and off through three seasons, I am afraid you cannot expect this pair to improve their habits while they occupy their present quarters. If you have a small spare room (no heat required) where they could fly at liberty, or even a cage double the size of your present one, there would be a strong probability that the increased exercise, etc., would induce them to set up housekeeping seriously. Many pairs breed quite freely in an ordinary-sized Crystal Palace-type cage. It is an undoubted fact that with all wild species, that is, undomesticated birds, exercise and wing exercise are the main factors towards prolific breeding. Of course, there are striking exceptions, however these only prove the rule, in which birds have been very prolific in quite limited quarters. A good result might be attained if you could let them have a good fly round the room daily if you cannot carry out either of the suggestions given above. Occasionally pairs turn up, even among aviary birds, which act precisely as yours have done.

AN EVEN TEMPERATURE.

S. W. B.—I should consider a kitchen the one place in the house where the temperature was the most uneven. Apart from the difference between day and night, there is the considerable rise or fall when cooking is going on or otherwise. Where only ordinary rooms are available, a sitting-room in which the fire is lighted the earliest and kept going the latest would be the room to choose, and a cover in front of the cage should make them fairly comfortable at night. However, I do not think you ought to let the hen Red-headed Finch attempt to breed this winter; at any rate, till she is in condition again. You had better cage her separately and keep her in a different room to her mate. She should have the warmest quarters you can give her, where the difference between day and night temperature is not too great. The symptoms you describe point either to the after-effects of egg-binding or to difficulty in passing another egg. Give her the usual seeds, also a little sponge cake, moistened with ten drops of cod-liver oil emulsion and boiling milk. Also put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water twice a week, and on other days well colour the water with chemical food. Continue the treatment till she has recovered tone, and she should not be returned to her mate till quite fit.

POST MORTEMS.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

ADDRESS OF SECRETARY.

J. E. Pimmock.—The secretary of the Yorkshire Canary Club is Mr. J. Greaves, 279, Hollings Rd., Bradford.

TO BECOME A NATURALIST.

Master P. Fletcher.—Widely speaking, a naturalist is one who studies nature in any form, but the term is more strictly applied to those who make a speciality of zoology or botany. Zoology is the science of animal life and therefore includes birds. If by saying you wish to become a naturalist after leaving school you mean that you wish to take up the study of birds, then you should read all the literature on the subject you can get hold of, and decide which branch appeals most to you. If you decide upon going in for the study of birds in nature, then you must extend your reading in that direction, and follow it up by taking such observations as are possible to you in your circumstances. If you wish to become a bird-keeper, make a choice of one kind of birds to begin with—Canaries, British birds, or Foreign birds. Then find out from friends or by reading, or by asking us the question, what is the simplest species or variety of bird in your selected section to commence with, and the proper treatment of it. Begin in a small way, and if you have any real fancy for the hobby it will soon grow upon you. Books that will guide you are cheap enough nowadays. You will find a column of them advertised in "Cage Birds," or for 2½d. our Manager would send you post free a copy of a little book called a "Nutshell," each one of which treats upon the proper keeping of some individual bird. A list of these also appears in our advert. columns each week. If you are in doubt, write us and our experts will willingly advise you in any difficulty.

WILL MULES BREED?

J. Smith.—Two enquiries in one week on a matter which has been dealt with scores of times in our columns. Please see answer below.

ARE MULES FERTILE?

Sutton.—We are seriously considering having a stereotyped reply made for answering this ever-recurring question. Anyway, here is a copy of a reply we gave quite recently: "Generally speaking, we can only say that Hybrids are sterile. Hybrids between closely allied species, such as tame pigeons and wild pigeons, various kinds of ducks, etc., are undoubtedly capable of producing fertile eggs, and it has sometimes been claimed that hybrids between the Canary and a British Finch have proved fertile. Such cases as the latter, however, are few and far between, and when investigated scarcely ever bear the test of enquiry."

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Mainly British.

EXCHANGE exhibition singing cock Bullfinch, or sell 5/-; also nice Thrush, 2/6: Riley, 32, Albion-rd., Wood-st., Walthamstow. (694)

EXCHANGE house moulted 1915 Song Thrush for H.-moulted Goldfinch, or sell 10/6: Hodges, 42, Caerphilly-rd., Senghenydd, nr. Cardiff. (689)

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EXCHANGE twice cage moulted Welsh cock Goldie, good square blaze, also cock Bullie, for good Roller cock; yours first: Hussey, Baker, Kington, Herefordshire. (693)

SALE or exchange for Cinnamon marked Norwich or Goldfinch cocks; 15 Goldfinch Mules, dark and variegated; few exhibition: McLaren, 21, St. James' Road, Forfar. (686)

A REAL Albino hen Bullfinch, white head and shoulders, pink eyes and red legs, sell 5/6; exchange for good yellow cock Siskin: Bugby, Thorpe-st., Raunds, Northants. (689)

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Mainly Foreign.

PAIR Yellow Budgerigars, 8/-: John Smith, No. 50, Brochin-rd., Arbroath. (691)

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Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE Bull Terrier bitch for Canaries: McLean, 73, Denmark-st., Glasgow. (691)

PAIR show nomers, rung; exchange unflighted Crests: 15, Frome-ter., Dorchester. (689)

DOZ. good strong red currant trees, 3/6; exchange Howland, South Ockendon, Essex. (688)

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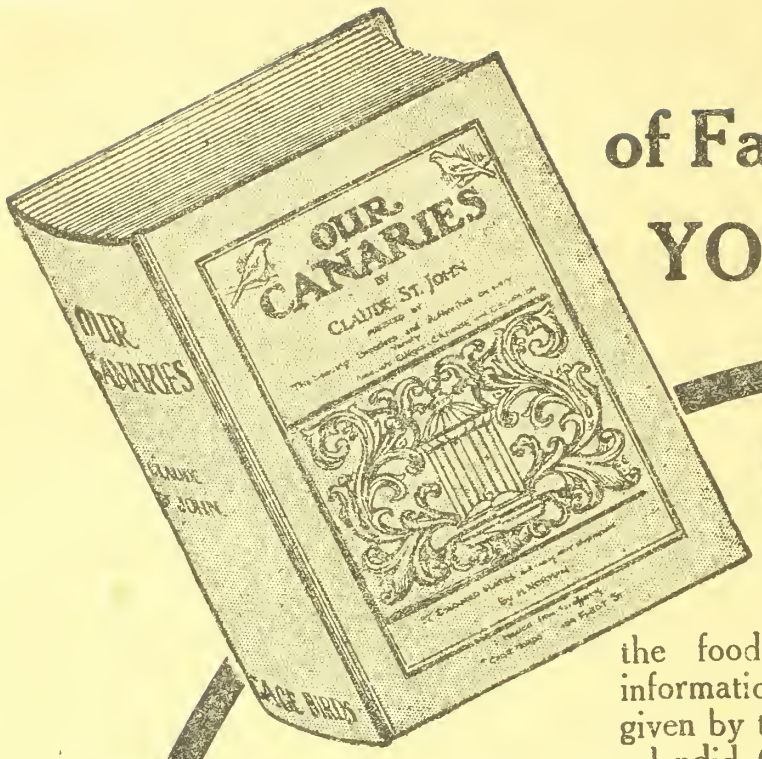
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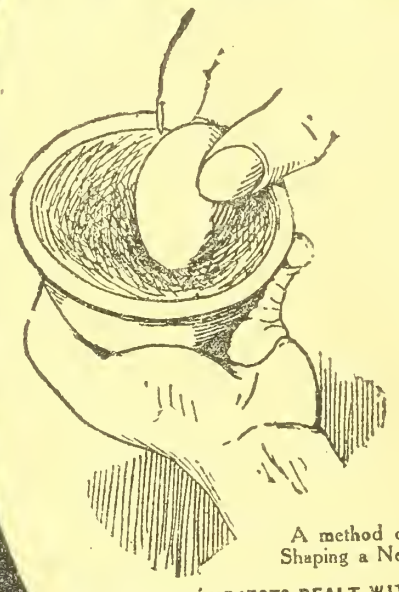
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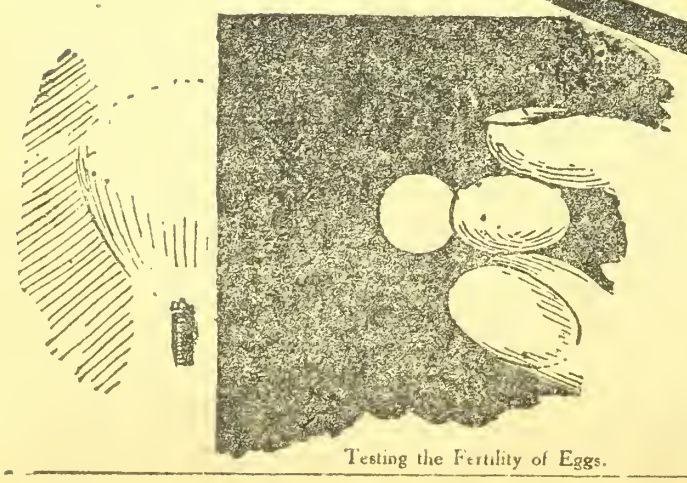
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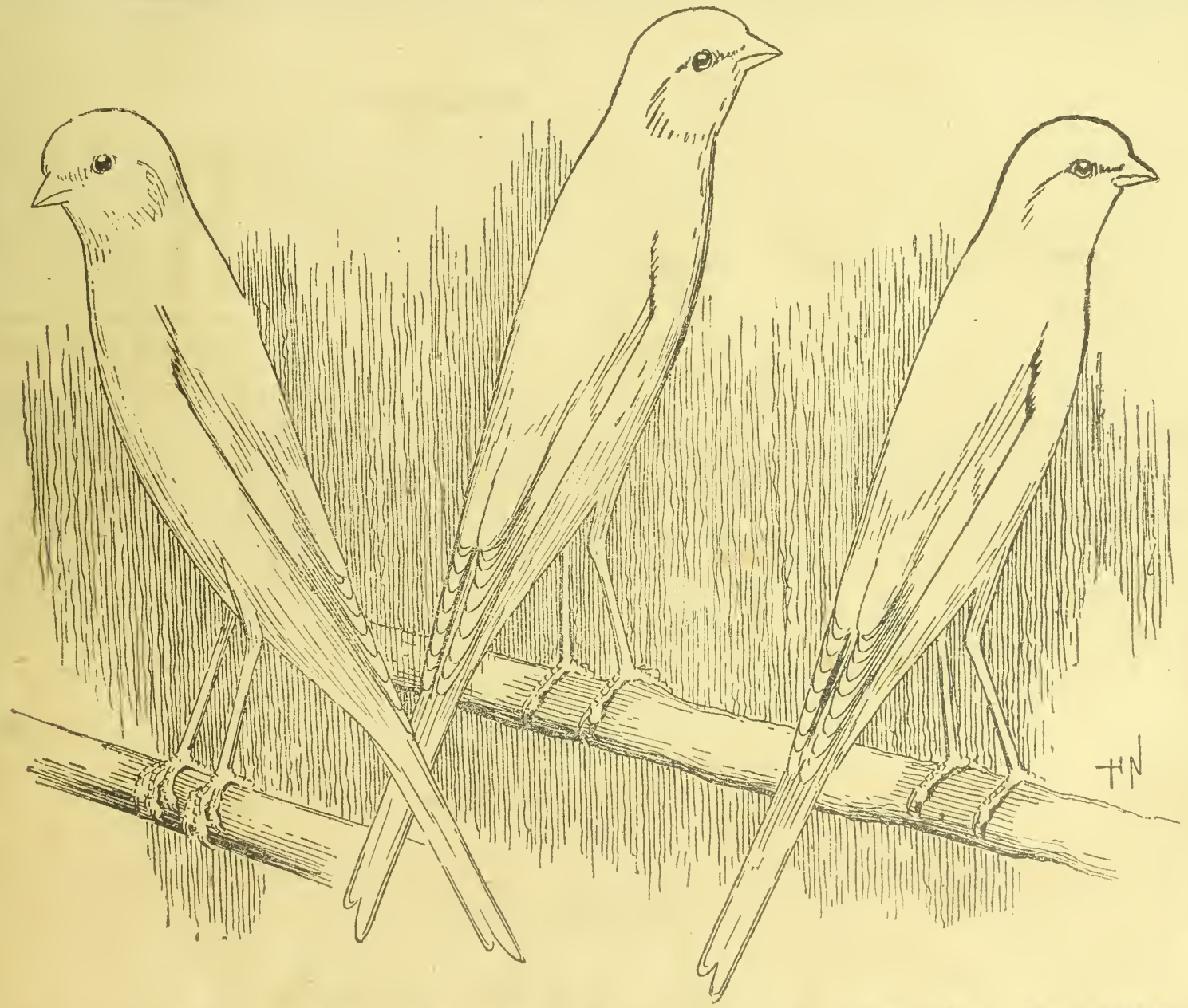
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EXHIBITION house-moulted cock Corn Bunting, colour-fed: Inman, 43, Derby-rd., Thornbury, Bradford. (705)

HAND reared cock Thrush, finger-tame, in show condition; price 15/-: F. Bent, 8, Glasshouse-st., Nottingham. (704)

SKYLARKS, guaranteed hand-reared cocks, perfectly tame, sing indoors or out, 5/6: Crisp, Southmill, Bishop's Stortford.

DUNSTABLE cock Skylarks, 4/6 dozen; extra large cocks, like Thrushes, 6/- dozen; same address 30 years: Woods, 117, West-st., Dunstable. (678)

EXHIBITION 1st class cock Waxwing, perfect feather and condition, £3 10s., including new show cage: F. Bent, 8, Glasshouse-st., Nottingham. (704)

HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush; when whistling can be heard distinctly 200 yards: sacrifice 5/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable. (694)

WELL on food; cock Blackbirds, 1/6, 12/- dozen; cock Larks, 1/- each, 7/- dozen; Wagtail, 2/6; price lists: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (706)

GRAND upstanding cock Skylark, measures 14in. from tip to tip, splendid songster, 2/-; approval: Landlord, Rifle Volunteer, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire. (694)

LARKS, unbeatable giants, 5/- dozen, large genuine extra specials, three 2/6, no waiting, two dozen 9/-: John Ball, Birdcatcher, Lutton, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire (699)

THOSE requiring a genuine singing cock Skylark, cock Thrush, cock Blackbird, or cock Linnet on approval, cheap, send me your address; I will send to you by return: Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable. (676)

NOTICE! Contest singers and others. I have a champion singing cock Skylark, pure wild note, as large as a Thrush, day and gaslight songster, sacrifice 2/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable. (694)

LADY offers two beautiful singing cock Skylarks, like Thrushes; one on full song, 2/6; the other just commenced singing, 2/-, or 3/6 the two; approval willingly: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeuey Cottage, Dunstable. (542)

SOFTBILLS for exhibition and aviary. Golden Wrens, Tree-creepers, etc., also Longtailed Tits, true pairs for aviary, 7/6 per pair; perfect condition; insectivorous food, "Life," 2/- per lb., post free: P. F. M. Galloway, Durban, Caversham, Reading.

ON receipt of 1s. 6d. will send securely packed the loudest singing cock Skylark ever heard, measuring 14ins. from tip to tip; also my method of feeding, which keeps them in full song nine months out of twelve; free: Gale, 118, West-st., Dunstable. (678)

MAGNIFICENT hand-reared singing cock Thrush, approval; also cock Blackbird, won on show bench, fairly charm the whole neighbourhood, sacrifice 15/- each; approval; also tame Starling, just commenced chattering, more amusing than a Parrot, 2/-: Proprietress, Lamb Hotel, Dunstable (700)

SPECIAL select singing cock Skylark, good shop attraction or contest bird, will match him to sing any Skylark in this country; he is a real loud contest bird and a fine specimen of a real Dunstable Lark. Don't be misled by advertisements; try one, 1/6; approval. I challenge England; hundreds of testimonials unsolicited; secret of feeding free: George Holt, Dunstable. (700)

Miscellaneous.

FOR exhibition; Oxeye Tit, 2/-; Robin, 2/-; grand plumage: Hood, East Harling, Norfolk. (703)

EXHIBITORS. Few high class birds that can win in keenest competition; special list free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (702)

YELLOWHAMMERS, 1/-; Redpolls, Reed Buntings, 6d. each; Greenies, 9d. pair, 2/6 dozen; give 3/- pair Bullies: Alex. Barr, Arnloss, Stamannan, Stirlingshire. (706)

TO exhibitors; I have got Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Twite, and Yellow Bunting, in good condition, their four show cages and case, lot 30/-: T. Cope, 10, Milton-st., East Kirkby, Notts. (662)

SELECTED cocks. Chaffinch, large, good whites, 3/6; Linnet, a gem, 2/6; Yellow Bunting, yellow well marked, 5/-; Redpoll, 2/6; hen Yellow Bunting, a giant, 3/6: Dixon, 33, Roseberry-av., Morecambe.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, Missel Thrushes, Redwings, Fieldfares, selected for show or songsters 1/6 each; Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Blue Tits, Robins, 1/- pair; 12 mixed aviary seed birds, 1/6: Fenn and Son, Bowers-lane, Isleham, Cambs.

GOLDFINCHES, Larks, Thrushes; cock Goldfinches, sex warranted, 3/- each; hens, 1/3; big upstanding cock Larks, 5/- dozen; extra big, picked Larks, three 2/-; hen Larks, 1/3 dozen; cock Thrushes, been in aviary weeks, 1/6 each: J. Whiteley, Catcher, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (706)

LARKS, Larks, Linnets, Linnets. I have supplied Larks in past seasons which have been on the show bench and changed hands at 2 gns. each; the old firm, not to be beaten; cocks, only, six for 3/- or 5/- doz.; cock Linnets 7/-; hen do. 1/6; cock Greenfinches 2/6 dozen: H. Dawson, West-st., Chatteris.

TO exhibitors; clear Goldfinch Mule, £10; another, lovely 4-pointer, 80/-; H.-M. Goldfinch and Sib. hen, parents of above, 60/-; six Sib. hens, 20/- each; guaranteed light mulers; Linnet, 30/-; unequalled; Goldie, 35/-; Bullie, 20/-; Mealy Redpoll, 15/-; Twite, 20/-; Yellowhammer, 30/-; Chaffinch, 20/-; Greenfinch, 25/-; the above are in grand trim and fit for keenest competition; Lesser Whitethroat, winner, 21/-: G. Holloway, 15, Ganna Park-rd., Peverell, Plymouth. (709)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

BIG value in choicest Borders; list free. Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

BORDER Fancies, greens, cinnamons, and marks; cocks from 12/6, hens from 6/-: McMillan, 67, College-st., Dumfries. (694)

NOTICE, grand lot Borders, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (686)

YELLOW variegated cock, buff hen; clear yellow cock, buff hen; 8/6 per pair; clear buff cock, 5/-, clear buff hen, 2/6: Gould, Newgate, Arbroath. (705)

WANTED Border Fancy Canaries, also Yorkshire and Norwich; must be healthy; good prices given for good birds: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (704)

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CHAMPION Borders; see winnings at Cardiff in this issue; good yellow hens, also yellow and buff green cocks and hens, from 7/6: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (704)

BORDERS, clear yellow and buff cocks, ditto hens, also self cinnamon cocks and hens, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval: Lyall, Society Buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (679)

BORDERS, a few pairs of grand stock birds, all in the prize list at Edinburgh Eastern District O.S., 4th Nov. last, and same as my cup and medal winner; approval: Forman, 69, Lorne-st., Leith. (704)

CHAMPION Borders; a few fit to win in clears, marks, greens, and cinnamons, also choice selected pairs to produce winners, from my well-known strain; approval: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire. (704)

D. B. Irons must dispose of the following, all good type and quality; buff hens, 5/- and 7/6; buff var. hens, 4/-, 5/-; two extra special, 7/6 each; yellow var. hen, 5/-; great bargains; write now; approval: Park-place, Brechin. (704)

NEARLY even marked buff cock, Patterson's, 3rd Llanelly, yellow hen, 3rd Swansea, 1915, 25/- pair; young variegated yellow cock, bred from above, good buff hen, sister to my winning yellow hen Cardiff, 15/- pair: R. H. Sampson, Pontardulais. (704)

Belgians.

BELGIANS. Several good birds for sale: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (688)

THIRTY grand Belgians for sale, 1916 birds, strain Open Derby and Edinburgh winners, 1916; approval: F. Baker, Brookfields, Totnes. (689)

Cinnamons.

CINNAMON cocks and hens; state requirements: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

MATCHED set of well-bred Norwich cinnamons, buff cock and two yellow hens, 27/6: Herbert Walsh, 38, Lydia-st., Accrington. (700)

E. GODLEY has few choice Norwich, single or pairs; also few Cinnamons; approval, stamp reply: 29, Knowles-st., Ruhton, nr. Blackburn (667)

ONE pair of Norwich cinnamons, 20/-; buff cinnamon cock, 15/-; one pair of Yorkshires, 15/-; buff Norwich clear hen, 10/-; new shutter show cage for Jay, 10/6: W. S. Smith, 5, Saville-st., South Shields.

Crests and Crestbreds.

FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale cheap: J. Gillespie, 19, Allergate, Durham. (666)

GOOD Grizzle Crested cocks from 12/6 each; hens 10/6: Roberts, North Creake. (688)

CRESTS and crested bred, wonderful value; see my list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

MRS. MONTAGU SCOTT has a few Crests and Crestbreds for sale: 6, Staple-inn, London, W.C.

GRAND lot Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/- to £10; write for particulars: Linder, Oulton Broad.

VARIEGATED Crested hen, lovely quality crest, plenty of feather, 20/-- McNaughton, Aline, Yorkshire. (699)

FEW good Crests and Crestbreds, reasonable, on approval; Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (643)

T. J. KING, 3, Columbia-place, Cheltenham, has a fine lot of Crests, pairs or singly; state wants; inspection invited. (681)

H. E. STEEL, Kilcrevan, Cheltenham, has a number of Crests and Crestbreds for sale; state requirements; approval.

CREST and Crestbreds, several good birds, pairs or single; approval, deposit: stamp: B. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (660)

CRESTBRED cock, dark Crested hen, good pair, price £3 10s.; or would exchange for first-class unflighted buff Norwich cock: Wilson, Baker, Banchory. (706)

SEVERAL good Crest cocks, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, also Crest-bred cocks, 15/-, 20/-; green Crest hens, 12/6, 15/- each: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

1916 Crested cock, 50/-; fine yellow variegated Crested hen, 70/-; large Crested grizzle hen, 50/-; winners; on approval: H. Cubitt, 184, Thorpe-rd., Norwich. (700)

CRESTS and Crestbreds; best blood; can now spare a few pairs and single cocks, from £3 per pair; state price; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (653)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, 35 years breeder of the best; many winners sold; grand birds for sale, reasonable, approval: T. Billington, 50, Union-road, Nottingham. (688)

FEW Crests and Crestbreds; Crested cocks, 10/6 each, plain 7/6; plain hens, 3/6; one green, well marked, Crested hen, 7/6: Miss Parsons, Middle Chinnock, Crewkerne, Somerset. (701)

CLEAR body dark crested cock, winner in champion classes, 84 -; wing marked dark crested cock, 70/-; 2 large variegated Crest-bred cocks, 20/-, 30/-: Gilbert, 23, Hill-st., Coventry.

ONE clear Crested hen, 20/-; one clear Crestbred hen 20/-; both unflighted; one 1914 marked Crestbred cock, 15/6; approval; cash or deposit: W. Cleaver, Blankney Hall, Lincoln. (707)

VARIEGATED Crests and Crestbreds; cocks; having no hens for them will sell cheap; also a few pairs Crest and Yorkshire from 20/-: Telin, 124, Chestnut-av., Forest Gate, Essex. (703)

GAME strain as my winners at Newcastle, South Shields, Wallsend; three 1916 Crest cocks, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; 1916 Crestbred cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; Tom Bewick, 30, Nursery Lane, Windy Nook, Gateshead. (706)

MASSIVE green Crested cock, winner, perfect, Crestbred hen, a grand pair, 50/-; 1915 Crested cock, Crestbred hen, 45/-; clear Crestbred cock, dark Crested hen, 40/-; bargains; clearing out: Mogridge, The Square, Barnstaple. (702)

PARTING with Crests; Crested-bred cock Grizzle Crested hen, purchased last March from McLaren for £10, price £7; variegated Crested cock, winner, Crestbred hen, £7 10s.; another pair, £3; three Crested two Crested-bred cock, two Crested, three Crestbred hens, all 1916 bred, £5 the ten; Green Crested-bred cock, pair wings, dark Crested hen, £6 the pair: Harry Mills, 96, Junction-rd., Northampton. (706)

Greens

NORWICH Greens, Yellows, and Buffs, from 10/- each; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

GRAND outstanding self green unflighted Yorkshire cock, standard length, 15/6; on approval: Williams, 31, Ashfield-rd., Salisbury. (702)

Lancashires

WORKINGMEN'S prices; having several well-bred but undersized hens, will mate them to good-sized young cocks at 25/- to 37/6 a pair; British show cages, as new, Hawfinch 2/6, Bunting 2/6, Wagtail 4/6: Blincoe, 179, Drake-st., Rochdale. (704)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

F. J. LACCOHEE, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich; reliable birds from 10/6; approval: 92, St. George's-st., Norwich. (503)

J. C. BARNES, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Norwich, well-known strain, winner of numerous challenge cups, trophies, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright: 115, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

EDWARD FOX, Breeder and Exhibitor high-class Norwich, winner Crystal Palace and all leading shows; good birds for sale from 10/-, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (671)

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; few nice pairs, reasonable; approval; stamp. Seen by appointment on Saturday afternoons: 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, London.

COCKS, 10/-; hens, 4/-; also cages cheap: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London. (700)

NORWICH cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

YELLOW and Buff Norwich cocks, from 10/- each: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (708)

GOOD pair Norwich, 12/6 to clear; real bargains: S. Large, 59, Sprules-rd., Brockley, S.E. (700)

FEW nice half-bred Norwich hens, 3/6 each, or 6/6 for 2: Jones, Cranbourne-st., Brighton. (693)

EXHIBITION stock, enquiries, stamp: Hallhead, St. Helier, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley, Surrey. (693)

THREE pairs of good Norwich, bred from winning, sell 12/6 pair: Eaton, 22, North-st., Raunds. (701)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries; exchange roses or flowering plants: Wiseman, Radnor-place, Forres.

A FEW good Norwich for sale; unflighted cocks, 7/6, hens 3/3: Norcott, St. Marychurch, Torquay.

THREE pairs of Norwich, £1 a pair; also cocks, hens: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield-rd., Macclesfield.

TWEDDLE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale; approval, stamp reply. (705)

HAND sewing machine, perfect condition, sell 15/-, or exchange Norwich; approval: Dart, Seedsman, Barnstaple. (702)

UNFLIGHTED cock; buffs, 10/- each; one yellow, 6/6; colour-fed: Sanderson, Harriston, Aspatria, Cumberland. (705)

NORWICH; two buff cocks, 12/6 each, five hens 4/- each; cash or deposit: Strange, 79, Donnington-gardens, Reading. (699)

TWO splendid pairs colour fed Norwich, excellent type, 13/6 pair to clear; absolute bargains: 216, Grange-rd., Ilford. (702)

GOOD typical Norwich, winners, cocks from 20/-, hens 10/-! seen any time: Carr, 59, Black Lion-lane, Hammersmith. (699)

LARGE, typical buffs variegated and clears; hens, 7/6; cocks, 12/6, upwards: Street, 87, Park-rd., Crouch End, Hornsey. (701)

GOOD stout 1915 buff Norwich hen, 20/-; ditto yellow, 15/-; approval; cash or deposit: W. Cleaver, Blankney Hall, Lincoln. (707)

FEW exceptionally good birds to dispose of; come and inspect them; home all day: Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (682)

GIVING up. Pairs from 15/- up; most of them can be seen at Aberdeen Show to-day (chance for novices): Strachan, Draper, Woodside, Aberdeen.

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, Breeder and Exhibitor of high class Norwich; stock birds from 10/-; show bids 20/-; approval. (698)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, 8 albright, Castle Douglas. (686)

A FEW good Norwich cocks (Thomas's strain), 1915 and 1916 bred, 10/- and 12/6 each: Robert Stewart, Springfield-place, Uddingston, N.B. (701)

FEW good yellow buff hens, with plenty of size, good heads, from 10/- to 15/- each; all related to my winners: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (704)

TWO Yellow hens, good heads, grand type and quality, 20/- and 25/-; two Buffs, ditto, 25/- each; unflighted: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

DOUBLE breeder, 4/6; few good yellow Norwich hens, 4/6 each; bird net, with poles and pegs, 6/6: 50, Hamilton-st., Pentrechurch, nr. Merthyr Tyd. (705)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, breeder 35 years, best blood; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham.

NORWICH cocks and hens, yellow and buff, clear and variegated, short cobby birds, 10/6 each; approval, deposit: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

SINGING Canarics for sale, Border-Norwich cross cocks, 1916, cold room bred, 7/6 each; bred special for song: J. Pendreigh, 161, High-st., Rothesay, Scotland. (705)

WILLIAM PHIPPS has a few good prize-bred Norwich for sale; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; approval; inspection, stamp: 16, Millplatt-avenue, Isleworth. (701)

LARGE variegated yellow cock, 1915, clear buff hen, 25/- pair; ticked buff cock, 1916, 15/-; clear buff cock, 1916, 10/-; approx.; stamp: Smith, Hairdresser, Bedlington. (701)

SPLENDID collection Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, all on approval; send for full free price list before deciding to purchase elsewhere: R. Hanford, Derby. (693)

CLEAR yellow 1914 hen, ticked yellow cock, unflighted, right type, sound, healthy birds, 15/- each; approval, cash or deposit: A. Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton. (707)

BRAYBROOK noted strain; few good yellow and buff cocks, unflighted and year olds, 15/- to 30/- each: approval, inspection invited: 9, Stanley-st., Briercliffe, near Burnley. (700)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, 4th Ardwick, 35/-; 1914 buff cock, 17/6; 2 good unflighted buff hens, 15/-, 12/6; 1914 buff hen, 12/6; approval: Lingard, 37, Rumley-rd., Burnley. (705)

LARGE selection of Norwich cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-: week's approval; deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (702)

WINNER Norwich points medal, 1915, has good yellow and buff 1916 cocks, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, also hens, good feather and wing carriage; approval: Roberts, 43 Young-st., Derby. (690)

PRIZE strain Norwich, buff hens, 5/- and 10/-; marked, 10/-; cocks, variegated yellows and buff marked, 20/- each: H. Knight, 92, Adderley-rd., Clarendon-pk., Leicester. (702)

NORWICH, can spare few cocks and hens, yellow and buff, clear and marked, good strain; satisfaction guaranteed; stamp reply: P. Bendall, 62, Bruford-rd., Wolverhampton. (704)

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare a few really good single birds and pairs from his renowned strain at prices to suit the short purse: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (708)

BIG-HEADED nicely marked unflighted buff cock, very cobby, 17/6; 1915 clear buff cock, good size and type, 20/-; two 1916 buff hens, small but typical, 7/6 each: Bonniwell, 63, St. Quintin-av., North Kensington. (703)

WILLIAM MACQUEEN, Carver, Dumfries; cocks from 15/-; hens from 10/6; good heads and necks, chubby build; winner of over 200 prizes with Norwich Plainheads; approval. (704)

YELLOW cocks, 1915 and 1916 bred, 10/6, 12/6; buff hens, 5/6, 7/6; large, typical birds, excellent head and feather; cold room; approval: Clarke, West Hagley, Stourbridge. (702)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, offers unflighted and year-old birds of rare type and quality, all are large and healthy; cocks from 15/-, hens from 7/6; inspection invited. (658)

FOUR variegated Buff Norwich cocks, 12/6 each; four variegated buff hens 10/6 each, from best of stock; dirt cheap; approval: J. Hodder, 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, London.

TWO grand Buff hens, large, with good heads, 40/- and 50/-; also large stock Buff cock, good head and neck, 50/-; all unflighted; approval, or seen appointment: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

CHAMPION unflighted non-fed clear yellow cock, 1st Auchinleck in strong class, a regular topper, price £3 10/-; seven days' approval: William Crawford, 64, Townhead-st., Old Cumnock, Ayrshire.

R. W. SMITH offers a few of his noted Norwich, including 1915 yellow-marked cock, 2nd Newcastle, 2nd Whickham, 1916 buff, saddle-marked cock, 2nd Blaydon, 3rd Halifax; single or pairs: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead.

GRAND ticked yellow cock, good head, thick set, 15/-; clear yellow hen, good size, 12/6; both unflighted; heavy marked yellow hen, 1915, Saunders direct, 10/-: Young, Mechanics' Institute, Alford, Lincolnshire. (703)

UNFLIG. Variegated buff cock, good carriage and subs., 20/-; typical 1916 clear yell. cock, 15/-; 1915 and 1916 clear buff cocks, good stock birds, colour fed; approval; stamp: E. Blaney, 19, Oliver-st., Mexboro, Yorks. (703)

BUFF cock, 4th Bristol (see report), yellow hen, 35/-; marked buff cock, commended, yellow hen, 35/-; 2 buff marked hens, 15/- each; yellow cock, 30/-; lovely quality, well known strain: Phillips, Decorator, Portishead. (702)

TWO pairs well-bred grand strain birds, unflighted marked buff cock, clear yellow hen; lightly marked yellow cock and buff hen, unflighted, £1 per pair; will separate; approx., deposit: Green, Somer House, Midsomer Norton. (701)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, big stock birds; mkd. buff cock, 15/-; var. yellow cock, 10/6; clear buff hen, 5/6; yellow hen, 6/-, unflighted, fed; also big var. buff cock, a monster for size, 30/-; 1915 bred, cold bred; approval: Percival, 20, Cambridge-rd., Ellesmere Port. (705)

EXHIBITION Norwich; var. yellow cock, can win small shows, 25/-; marked yellow hen, grand stock bird, 15/-; clear buff Yorkshire cock, good stock bird, 20/-, cost 70/- as unflighted; all 1915 bred; can be seen any time; approval: Mawdsley, Orrell-lane, Burscough. (706)

JUDGE SILK has 200 grand Norwich, which, owing to business, must be sold; grand pairs from 30/- to £5; hens, yellow or buff, from 15/-; cocks from 15/-; show birds; prices on application; my birds have won consistently for years; no better strain living: 27, St. Michael's-rd., Aldershot. (700)

GENUINE offer. Exhibition yellow Norwich cock, buff hen, rare shape, large head and neck, shortest possible wings and tail; 30/-; yellow green cock, buff hen, 18/-; large dark cock Goldie Mule, real Goldie face, winner, 12/-; light variegated do. hen, 4/-; approval: W. Lynham, 70, Bucclench-st., Kettering. (702)

SIX pairs of good colour-fed Norwich, from 30/- upwards, clears and variegated, yellow and buffs, 1915 and 1916 birds; Tristem strain: W. Matthews, 25, Chatsworth-rd., Bristol. (701)

CHAMPION clear yellow cock, good head, substance, and colour, can win in keenest competition, £5; three clinking buff cocks, 30/- each; excellent yellow hen, 30/-; three good buff hens, 15/- each; will exchange some for 2 monster unflighted buff Crest-bred cocks; approval: Bagshaw, 81, Honeywall, Stoke-on-Trent. (702)

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SIX 1916 Roller hens, 3/- each: Russell, 27, Garden Suburb, Dursley, Glos. (697)

DEEP Glucke and Water Glucke hens, from winners; also few cocks or pairs: Earnshaw, 33, Charles-st., Nelson.

HEALTHY, well trained, British Rollers, Randall's, cocks from 15/-; hens, 5/-; approval: Moir, Cross, Alnwick. (667)

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W. BUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich

ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

GOOD Roller cock, 1916 bred, very cheap, 7/6: S. Atkinson, Wellington-st., Redditch. (706)

1916 ROLLERS, Randall's; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval: Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts. (702)

HEALTHY, well trained British Rollers, Randall's cocks from 15/-, hens 5/-: Sandiford, Prestou. (699)

ROLLER cock, 24 points London International this year, 25/-: McLean, 100, Glasgow-st., Ardrossan, Ayrshire. (704)

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BRITISH Rollers, pure Randall's and Glucke strain; cocks 15/-, hens 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: F. Goulden, 46, York-rd., Bowdon, Cheshire. (701)

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TWO yellow cocks, 20/-, 15/-; two buff hens, 10/-, 7/6; two buff cocks, 12/6 each; unflighted, bred from winners, Ambler's strain; approval: Jones, 34, Lowther-st., Briton Ferry, S. Wales. (703)

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EXHIBITION birds; two Twites, two Mealy Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrids, one Siberian Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, one Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid; two Greenfinches, two Lesser Redpolls: John Neilson, Limekiln Burn, By Quarter, Hamilton, Lanarkshire. (703)

EXHIBITORS. Variegated Goldfinch Mule, £1; Linnet Mule, 15/-; Goldfinch and hen Canary, 12/6; Linnet and hen Canary, 12/-; contest Linnet, suit Castleford or Sheffield, singing, 15/-; or exchange good 1-up bird or Rollers to the value: James Norburn, 47, Station-rd., Worshro' Dale, nr. Barnsley. (760)

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FOUR young cock Budgerigars, 7/- the lot: Mason, 14a, Bargate, Boston. (699)

PAIR of splendid Budgerigars, with cage, 20/-; bargain: 78, Manvers-st., Nottingham. (705)

COCKATIEL, hen, aviary bred, perfect condition, 12/6: B. Onions, 66, Rushall-st., Walsall. (700)

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, finest possible, 6/6 pair; Yellows, 7/6; husk nests, 6d.: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne (663)

COCKATIELS, Greyheaded Parrakeets, Golden-crowned Parrakeets, 25/- a pair: A. Keegan, 35, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin. (704)

PAIR Cordon Bleus, 30/-; Black-headed Mannikins, 10/-; Zebra finches, 12/6; cock Budgerigars, 3/-: Miss Webb, Millington-rd., Cambridge. (707)

LARGE pair Yellow Budgerigars, 1915, winners and good breeders, 15/6; cock Cutthroat, 4/6; exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere. (705)

BARGAIN, grand pair, each green and yellow, Budgerigars, prices low, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (686)

COCKATIELS, cocks or hens, 12/6 each; Budgerigars, cocks or hens, 4/6 each; Barbary Doves, cocks or hens, 1/6 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (702)

MASTERPIECE in a talking African Grey Parrot, marvellous. Please note this is an expensive bird. Stamp for particulars, or seen; Mrs. Moore, 11, Lupus-st., Pimlico, London. (700)

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SPLENDID Amazon Parrot, with lovely mark head, finger tame and docile, most intelligent, talks, mocks yourself, and very interesting pet, will amuse you for hours, been in England two years; large circular cage, good condition: this is genuine offer; £3 10s.; payments to good home to be considered: Mrs. F. Carey, 286, Dudley-port. (668)

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WONDERFUL tame talking Amazon Parrot, also sing, whistles, mimic, lady's pet, £3; with cage; approval on receipt of cash; also fine male Rock Parrot, good plain talker, no screaming, 30/-; pair gold front Tui Parrakeets, 25/-; pair Canary-wing Parrakeets, 25/-; pair Tirica Parrakeets, 25/-; Californian Quails, 16s. pair; hen Golden Pheasant, 12/6; grand little pet monkey, 30/-; Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (705)

PRIVATELY imported African birds; pair Taha Weavers, 25/-; one young cock, partly in colour, 10/-; Half-masked Weaver, 10/6; Sitagra Weavers (species?), 10/- each; Giant Whydah, 63/-; Grenadier Weaver, 12/6; Queen Whydah, 63/-; Pintail Whydah, 21/-; pair Napoleon Weavers, 15/-; Green Singing Finch, 6/-; St. Helena Waxbills, 15/- pair; cock Quail Finch, 15/-; cock Scaly-fronted Finch, 15/-; pair Red-headed Finches, 25/-; odd cock, 15/-; all Weavers and Whydahs in full colour and good feather: Bainbridge, Thorpe, Surrey. (693)

INDIAN Blue-cheeked Barbet, show form, 60/-; Wandering Tree Pie, 50/-; Ringnecked Parrakeet, extra fine, 20/-; Peruvian Redheaded Conures, very rare, finger tame, £8 pair; Orange-flanked Parrakeet, finger tame, 40/-; Salle's Amazon, finger tame, £3 10s.; Australian, Bauer's Parrakeet, £4 4s.; Swainson's Lorikeet, 60/-; Roscila Parrakeets, cage-moulted, 40/- each; Leadbeaters Cockatoo, magnificent specimen, £4 4s.; African Timneh Parrot, £5 10s.—John Frostick, Naturalist and Importer, 303, High Road, Streatham Common, S.W.

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OTTERSPOOL
Public Gardens Collection.

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COCK Blackbirds, Thrushes, three 2/6, six 4/-; cock Chaffinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, three 2/-; mixed birds, Greenfinches, 2/- dozen; Larks 5/- doz.: Watson, birdcatcher, School-lane, Earith, Hunts.

FOUR cock Goldfinch Mules (much notes) and 1 hen, also 4 Roller hens, £2 the lot, or sell separate; will exchange part for Pathe disc records: Hy. Rotheram, 25, Wynyard-rd., Hillsbro, Sheffield. (703)

ONE Goldfinch mule, 2 Greenfinch mules, £1; 3 pair Norwich 12/6 per pair; 2 hens, 6/- pair; Yellow Butchards 7/6; or the lot £3 5s.; approval, deposit: A. Gauldie, 31, Guthrie Hill, Arbroath.

LARGE cock brown Linnet, contest singer, 5/-; pair aviary bred Greenfinches, 2/6; Canary reared cock Goldfinch, 7/6; ditto cock Chaffinch, 4/6; ten hen Canaries, 3/6 each; exchange birds: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (702)

THREE immense cock Bullfinches, rich colour, lovely caps and bars one certain winner, price 10/-; also grand exhibition cock Linnet, with superb muling hen Canary, with double breeding cage, price 10/-; bargains: J. Percival, 53, Abington-avenue, Northampton. (705)

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GRAND selection of good Yorkshire Canaries, four cocks and hens, 12/6 pair; four cross with Rollers and Norwich, cocks and hens, 12/6 pair; or 95/- lot; cock Goldfinch, father of Mules this year, in the best of health, 7/6; and good house-moulted cock Bullfinch, in full song, 5/-; £5 5s. lot: Jones, 7, Cambrian-st., Rhymney. (705)

GRAND Norwich or Roller cock Canaries, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-; large cock Chaffinches, a.m., 3/6, 5/-; grand cock Bullies, a.m., 7/6, 10/-; cock Robin, 2/-; monster pair Yellow Budgies, 10/-; odd green cock, 4/6; Missel Thrushes, h.r., beautifully spotted, 7/6, 10/- pair; White Doves, with 1 squab, 4/6; cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6: Weaire, Snodland, Kent. (706)

WANTED.

WANTED good cock Bullfinches, cheap for cash: Bartholomew, Dunstable. (914)

WANTED hen Canaries, exchange British songsters: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable. (694)

DOVES, Ringneck, wanted, also pet rabbits: A. Sneegan, 35, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin. (704)

WANTED, healthy Canaries for cash; send lowest prices: Leitch, 529, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (656)

WANTED h.m. cock Siskin for cash, or exchange cock Goldie or Bullie: J. Goodchild, Clare, Suffolk.

ANY quantity for cash; cavies, rats and mice: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (706)

EXCHANGE Scotch Ayrshire blankets for Canaries, value 25/-: Andrew Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, any quantity of all kinds of Canaries and British birds for prompt cash: Barnes, Corn Merchant, Merthyr. (687)

WANTED all kinds of Canaries, Mules, British, any quantity; best price paid: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (657)

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries and British, for cash; state prices to: W. S. Dinwoodie, junr., 13, Tureen-st., East Glasgow.

WANTED for export, all classes of Canaries and Mules; best price paid: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Mill-rd., Dewsbury.

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GOLDFINCHES and Bullfinches, will give 2/6 per pair, also all kinds of Canaries, either sex: Frank Sparks, 200, Overgate, Dundee. (647)

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WANTED good singing Roller or Cinnamon Canary; exchange "Wright's Illustrated Book of Poultry": Beattie, Howgill Crossing, Annan, Dumfriesshire.

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WANTED, 500 Canaries, all varieties, reasonable prices, no risk, I send cash first, large or small lots taken: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (686)

WILL buy for cash any quantity hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/3; hen Canaries, 1/3 each; cock Canaries, cock Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins; write stating prices: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (706)

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canaries; give 3/- to 3/6 each; common or Border hens, 2/- to 2/6; hen Goldfinch Mules, 2/- each; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London. (701)

WANTED cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; hens, 1/6; cock Linnet Mules, 6/- each; hens, 1/-; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, 2/6 pair; cock Linnets, cock Chaffinches, 4/6 dozen; hens, 1/-; Norwich Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; cash on receipt or deposit: C. Hobbs, 141, King's-rd., Camden Town, London.

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Young or old Norwich or Yorkshire hens, 50/- doz.; hen Goldfinches, Mules, 15/- dozen; hen Goldfinches, 6/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 18/- dozen; cash or deposit with Editor: W. Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytonstone, London, E. (575)

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CANARIES, all breeds, also **BRITISH**, **MULES**, and **FOREIGN BIRDS**. Kindly state what you have for sale, and price, to—**WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.** Tel. 5297. (691)

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
15th and 16th December.

71 CLASSES. POPULAR JUDGES.

ENTRIES CLOSE LAST POST, MONDAY, DEC. 11. Schedules from—**Thos. J. McGregor, Sec., 48, Sarahville Crescent, Larkhall.**

MANSFIELD

and District Cage Bird Society. Annual Open Show on Saturday, December 16. **Judge, J. Robson**, of London. Schedules now ready. **Plenty of money specials.—Sec., B. Gabbitas, 57, Montague Street, Mansfield, Notts.** (692)

WHITEHAVEN

Yorkshire Fanciers' C.B.S. 3rd Annual Open Show, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, in Tangier Hall. Classes: York 8, Novice 3, Border 5, British 5, Judges, Mr. F. Coulson, Millom, and Mr. J. Ellwood, Cockermouth. Entries close Dec. 11th. Schedules from—**J. McLaughlin, Hon. Sec., 37a, George-st., Whitehaven.**

FELINFOEL

Show, December 16th. In aid of the Local Boys who have joined the colours. Judge, W. J. Harry, Esq. **Thomas J. Davies, Hon. Sec., Parkview, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm.** (688)

IRVINE

OPEN SHOW, TO BE HELD DECEMBER 16. Under patronage of B.F.C.C. and N.P.C. No cancelling and no amalgamation. Popular judges. 23 medals for competition. Borders 23, Norwich 12, Yorkshires 4, Scotch Fancy 4, British 10. Send entries; we will class them. Entries will be accepted first post on Tuesday.—**James Paterson, Sec., 64, Montgomery Street, Irvine.** (707)

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The Welsh Kendal, DEC. 14. All Canaries guaranteed. Entries very small; only four entries in 23 classes. Sunday, 10th, postmark accepted.—**D. D. Jones, Sec., 19, Edward Street, Mardy.**

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SHOW, JANUARY 2, 1917.

Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshires, British and Foreign birds. Five money prizes every class. Specialist judges. Schedules from—**James Laidler, Seedsman, Paisley.** (705)

FELINFOEL

DEC. 16. Entries very short; compelled to extend till Dec. 12. Classes: 3 Yorks, 2 Nor., 2 Borders, 6 British.—**Thomas J. Davies, Hon. Sec., Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm.** (705)

WISHAW

RED CROSS OPEN SHOW
On Saturday, 30th December,

Masonic Hall. Under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.C.C.C. Entries close Wed., Dec. 27. 50 classes. Schedules from—**Jas. Watson, 16, Young Street, Wishaw.**

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

8th Annual Show, DEC. 16, 1916, under Yorkshire Union rules. Patronage of Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., and C.M.Y.C.C.. Will be held in Park Chapel Schoolrooms, New Cross Street. 37 classes. The "rose bowl" classes for the best unflighted York. being Nos. 5 and 6. Judge, H. J. Chittenden, Esq. Entries close positively Tuesday, Dec. 12. For schedules apply—**J. Spencer, 10, Runswick Terrace, Bankfoot, Bradford.** (699)

PONTYPOOL
ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

Welsh Cage Bird Club Patronage, St. James' Hall, JANUARY 4.

Good classification. Plenty of open specials. J. R. Houghton, judge. Schedules ready from—**W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan.**

Porth and Rhondda Valley
C.B. Society.

2nd Annual Open Show
HELD AT
LLWYNCELYN HOTEL,
ON
Thursday, Dec. 14th 1916.

London Judges: Canaries, J. Robson, Esq.; British, S. J. Nicholls, Esq., Swansea

Schedules from—Sec., **JOHN CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth, Glam., S.W.**

ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 10

WEST LEEDS District F. & F. Society. **Open Show, Saturday, DEC. 16, 1916.** 13 classes, Canaries and British, at the Northern Hotel (2 minutes from all stations). Clock for most points. Special most points each section.—**H. Walker, 24, Granite Street, Armley Road, Leeds.** (701)

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Bodmin Street Schools, 8. Election of officers. Distribution of prize money. Members bring or send ticket money.—D. Haveuhand.

British Roller C.C.—Dec. 12, The Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W., 7.30. Birds present, and the song explained. A welcome to all Roller fanciers.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Nomination of officers.—F. P. Terry.

Bristol East C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Headquarters, Glass House Hotel, 8. Presentation trophies, specials. Prizes and specials to winners at annual show, Nov. 25.—W. J. Norman.

Burnley C.B.S.—Dec. 10, 75, Lindsay Street, 7. Final arrangements for members' show, Dec. 16. Local fanciers welcome.—J. Moorhouse.

Bethnal Green, S. James-the-Less F.A.—Dec. 11, Ridley House, St. James' Road, N.E., 8.30. Distribution of prize money and acceptance of ticket money.—T. G. Bransford.

City & Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 11, Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., 8. Yorks. judging competition and nomination of judges for 1917.—F. J. Martin.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 9, Flying Dutchman, 7.30. Arrangements for members' show, Boxing Day. Election of steward.—W. Helliwell.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Angel Hotel, 6.45. Classification for open show; election of officers for 1917.—F. Harrison.

Darvel C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Lesser Town Hall. Club show.—J. Roxburgh.

East Ardsley.—Dec. 9, Black Swan, 7. Annual show business.—A. Walton.

East Stanley Workmen's F.F. & C.B.B.—Dec. 10 Club Room, 6.30. To complete schedule.—J. Armitage.

East Ham C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Town Hall, 8. Annual show, prize distribution.—F. Onslow.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Dec. 9. Show postponed to Dec. 16 on account of Gt. Horton O.S. open show being on Dec. 9. Judge, Mr. J. H. Fowle (Queensbury). Birds staged 2.30 at the Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road, Gt. Horton.—A. Firth.

Garden House (Workmen's Club) Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Club Room, 7. To complete schedules and special business.—T. Nicholson.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 7, King Cross Band Room. Members' show of hen Canaries; birds staged 7.30. Judge, Sam Haigh.—A. Sutcliffe.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 9, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show. All unflighted birds (except British). Birds staged 2.30. Judge, C. Pickup, Gt. Horton. Classification, see syllabus.—J. J. Dunn.

Hirst East End C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Social Club, 7.30. Classification and to enrol new members; subs.—W. Hall.

Keighley C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show and auditors.—C. W. Town.

Llanelly.—Dec. 9, Greyhound Hotel, 6. Classification of specials for schedule, and other business.—H. Webster.

London C.B.A.—Dec. 14, Red Lion Hotel, 2, York Street, St. James, 8. General business. Table show, 2 classes: Nor. yell. and buff; 2 For, 1 Large, 1 Small. Specials in each class.—A. Wallington.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 11, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Final arrangements for open show. Large attendance requested for a special purpose. — T. J. McGregor.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 9. Balance-sheet and election of office-bearers.—J. A. Muir.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Dec. 14, Oldham, 8. Notices of motion.—T. R. Jones.

Lanchester F.F. & C.B.C.—Dec. 9, Queen's Hotel, 6.30. Stewards for annual show.—C. Mitchell. (Please forward your address, and also note that announcements must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in CAGE BIRDS and the "Poultry World.")

Mansfield F.A.—Dec. 9, Lower Victoria Hall, Leeming Street. Annual members' show.—E. O. Davies.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Dec. 13, Shields Cafe, 7.30. Table show, 3 classes Champions, 3 classes Novices.—R. Havis.

Oxhill Central C.B.F. & F.S.—Dec. 10, Club Hall, 10.30. Last meeting prior to show. Entries close Dec. 12.—W. J. Platten.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Room, back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Delegates' report; annl. show; general business. Entries annual show, Dec. 21.—A. W. Newton.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Owing to military taking over school rooms the meeting will be held in front hall of church.) Show report, audit, elect new members and officers for 1917, and other urgent business.—G. Maclellan.

Plymouth W.C.O.S. — Dec. 12, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Nomination of officers. Pair show, and discuss open show for 1917.—W. A. Dyer.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Granby Hotel, 7.30.—W. Jagger.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Granby Hotel. Members' show. Birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. W. Jowett.—W. Jagger.

Ryhill C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Sportsman Inn, 7.15. Show arrangements and special business.—J. Govier.

Sacriston P.P.R. & C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 5.30. Confirming schedule for show, Jan. 13. Subs. now due.—W. Dodd.

Stanley Victoria F.F. & C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Club Room, 12. Protests and paying of prize money.—R. Hutchinson.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Dec. 12, Trinity House, Shaws Heath, 8. Delegates' report re Federation show; important.—W. Stafford.

Scotland Gate (Choppington) C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Social Club, 7. Schedules for show, etc.—H. Seely.

South Shields Always Ready C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7. Election of two auditors and other important business.—J. W. Watson.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 12, 7.30.—W. Walker. (Place not stated.—Ed.)

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Dec. 13, Station Hotel, 7. Balance-sheet; annual meeting; election of officers. Table show for Linnets. 2/6 for best.—G. Greenwell.

West Stanley and Dis. F.S. & C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Victoria Hall, 6.30. Stewards for members' show and other important show business.—R. Hutchinson.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Dec. 16, Ship Inn, 7. Final arrangements for show and judge.—F. Moore.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Dec. 8.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.) F.L., T.A., D.H., C.W.

1917.
Jan. 4.—**Pontypool C.B.S.**—(W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan, Pontypool.)

Scotland.

Dec. 9.—**Hamilton C.B.S.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd., Hamilton). A.A., W.G., T.R., W.S.C., W.P.C., A.C.

Dec. 15-16.—**Larkhall C.B.A.**—(T. McGregor, 48, Sarahville Crescent.)

Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

1917.
Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

Dec. 14.—**Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. Challenger, 37, High St., Cymmer, Porth, Glam.) J.R., S.J.N.

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Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Trengove will judge the members' show of the Burnley C.B.S., Dec. 16.

The special by Mr. T. K. Langstaff in our schedule, writes Mr. McLaughlin, hon sec. Whitehaven Y.F.S., should read to be won locally. This has been left out through a printer's error.

At the next meeting of the London C.B.A., Dec. 14, at 2, York St., Piccadilly, at 8, there will be held another of the monthly table shows to which fanciers are invited. There will be two classes for Norwich Canaries, 2 British birds, and 2 Foreign.

We are sorry to hear of the accident which befel the hon. sec. of the Hoyle F.A., Mr. H. Ware, while on his postal rounds on Nov. 29. His machine broke, throwing him heavily to the ground, and his left ribs and his collar-bone were broken. We are sure that all fanciers who know him will sympathise with him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Sorry I omitted to say in my report of Border Fancy C.C. meeting, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, that owing to present conditions we have been obliged to raise the membership fee from 1s. to 1s. 3d. I also take this opportunity to thank all members who have so kindly sent in specials, as we have well over 100, and I think ours will be one of the best schedules ever presented to the fancy.

The entries at Mardy Show, writes Mr. D. D. Jones, sec., are anything but encouraging; not a single entry to date in either of the guaranteed classes, which are 16 in number (see show advertisement). Finches, linnets, and foreign are all empty; surely our esteemed judge, Mr. Castree, deserves a better encouragement than this. The whole of the proceeds of the show go to the wounded soldiers and sailors local fund.

Mr. J. Spencer, 10, Runswick Terr., Bradford, hon. sec. of Bradford East O.S., writes that the selling prices in classes 19, 20, 21, for the show on Dec. 16, are 20s., 15s., 12s. 6d., respectively, not as printed in the year book. Unflighted birds have 8 classes, of which two are in competition for the silver rose bowl. The arrangements for the show are in the hands of skilful fanciers, and the birds will be despatched on their return journey at the earliest possible moment.

£5 for the Red Cross.

Mr. J. Fairgrieve, sec., East Lothian C.B.S., writes that after paying expenses of the Red Cross Show they have handed over the sum of £5 to the Red Cross Society, including 15s. from Mr. Livingston, Bathgate, and 10s. from Mr. J. Patterson, Chirnside.

SEASONABLE GREETINGS.

TO all our readers and to all our contributors we send Greetings and Grateful Thanks.

During more than two years of world war the "fancy" has kept its end up. Hundreds of pounds have been raised by bird shows for the benefit of war charities. Thousands of wounded soldiers have been entertained at our shows to their great delight, and many of these will join our ranks when the better times, which may be nearer than they seem, come along.

The future of "the fancy" is assured, and, considering the virility it has shown during a period of stress such as the most pessimistic pessimist would never have dared two years ago to predict, there is no wonder.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS during times of prosperity, have stood loyally during a time of storm, and contributors have helped us splendidly in our efforts to keep going. The result to-day is that CAGE BIRDS is stronger than ever, and, as we are proud to be able to say, more appreciated than ever. No effort of ours will be spared to render our paper worthy of the loyal support accorded, and in the happier times which will come as surely as to-morrow's dawn, we hope and believe that the personal friendship which has existed between CAGE BIRDS and its readers and contributors will, if possible, be more strongly cemented than ever.

To the least hopeful we would say "Buck up; there is already a rift in the cloud through which the silver lining is to be seen. Soon the sun will be shining." May your Christmas be happy, though with a chastened happiness, and may the New Year open with brighter prospects than ever for our country and for us all.

Ring Ouzels in the South.

We hear from Mr. Walter Swaysland that a Fire-crested Wren was picked up dead on the quay at Newhaven on Nov. 8. Mr. Swaysland reports also seeing five Ring Ouzels near Brighton on Nov. 15th, a very late date for these birds.

The Norwich Plainhead Club: Extraordinary General Meeting.

There will be an extraordinary general meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club, Dec. 16, at 3, at the Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, writes Mr. John Hopkins, hon. sec., to consider the objections which have been lodged against some of our amateur members. I hope as many as possible will attend.

A Bumper Benefit to Red Cross at Cambuslang.

The Cambuslang C.B.A., writes Mr. A. Crawford, sec., handed over to their local Red Cross work party the handsome sum of £66 as the outcome of a prize drawing in connection with their annual show, and I hope that other clubs will not let this escape without notice. I feel sure this is a record for a confined club, but it would give me the greatest pleasure to read in your paper of its getting beaten.

Larkhall Entries Extended.

Entry date for Larkhall show is extended to Wednesday morning, Dec. 13, first post, owing to our printer being unable to supply schedules in time for sending out, writes Mr. T. H. M'Gregor, sec. and treasurer, 48, Sarahville Crescent, Larkhall. A good special list assured; if any fancier is too late in receiving schedule, and will send on birds we will classify. Exhibitors should send birds on to arrive on Thursday evening, Dec. 14. (See advertisement).

Corrections in Show Reports.

In unflighted hens at Huddersfield Mr. P. Hirst won 2 and 4, not 3 and 4 as reported, and A. Radley won 3rd, not 2nd. At the show of the London and Counties A.C.B. the runner up for the cup was H. Bell, not Durham. At Blaenavon, in unflighted buff cocks vhc no name should read vhc Hyde, and 2nd in unflighted novice cocks should read Hyde, not Latham as reported. At Swansea 1st in clear, etc., buff Yorks should read Griffiths, not Brown.

Yellow Parrots.

At the last meeting of the Zoological Society Mr. Alfred Ezra exhibited living examples of three Lutino specimens of Alexandrine (Palaeornis nepalensis), Ring-neck (P. torquatus), and Plum-head (P. cyanocephalus) Parrakeets recently received from India. In all these birds the yellow is pure and perfect, being of a delicate sulphur shade.

Writing of these birds to the "Avicultural Magazine" for November, Mr. Ezra says: "My brother has recently sent me from India no less than three Lutino Indian Parrakeets representing three species, the Ring-neck (Palaeornis torquatus), the Alexandrine (P. nepalensis), and the Plumhead (P. evanocephalus). All are in fine condition and are not yearlings, since they have the full long tail. In all, the yellow is pure and perfect, of that particularly delicate sulphur shade one gets in these Lutinos. The Plumhead has a pink head, and the Alexandrine shows the usual red patch on the wings, the wing coverts adjacent to it being also edged slightly with red, giving a very pretty effect. The Ring-neck and the Plumhead both have red eyes and flesh-coloured feet; the Alexandrine's eyes are normal in colour, but the feet are light. However, some races of the Alexandrine have pale-coloured feet naturally. Neither the Ring-neck nor the Alexandrine has a ring. Besides being the finest looking bird, the Alexandrine is by far the rarest of the three: in fact, is the first Lutino of the species I have heard of, although Alexandrines are quite as common as Plumheads, if not more so. Along with these came a Lutino Plumhead with normal eyes and feet. This is rapidly assuming normal plumage, also being far enough advanced in the change to show that it is a male bird."

A Fine Entry at Gateshead.

Just as we are going to press we hear by telegram from Mr. Curry, the Gateshead secretary that entries for the show to-day, Saturday, number over 900.

The "Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, for November is mainly occupied by lists of officers for 1916-17, members of the society, and rules. A beautiful coloured drawing of the Guatemalan Jay, by Mr. Goodchild, is worth in itself more than the cost of the number, and the articles include "Jays" by Mr. H. D. Astley, "The Brown-necked Parrot" by Mr. E. Hopkinson, etc.

TO JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

In View of Our Next Annual.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1917 is now in course of preparation, and in order that our annual list of judges of cage birds should be up to date, and correct in detail, we shall be obliged if judges who wish their names to appear in next year's Directory of Judges will send us on a postcard their present address and the varieties they are prepared to judge, naming, if any, those in which they specialise. No charge whatever is made for the insertion, **but only the names of those who send us the particulars desired will be included in the list.** A specimen entry (fictitious) is as follows:—

Smith, J. A., 175, Doncaster Street, Edinburgh.—A.V., Spl., H.B. and F.

"Kindly thank all those who wrote me in answer to advt. of Yorkshires in CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 18. I had so many applications that I could not answer all. Wishing you every success."—F. COOKE (Darlington).

"My short advertisement under Yorkshires has cleared off all my spare cocks down to the last bird. Later on I shall hope to trouble you again for sale of my spare hen-stock."—PERCY LANE (Worcester).

"I should esteem it a favour if you will kindly thank all those who wrote in reference to my Hawfinch advertised in CAGE BIRDS. It is impossible to reply to every individual letter, as it would cost shillings in postage. All those who sent stamped address envelopes I will reply to in due course. It is simply marvellous that one small advert. should bring so many letters and postcards. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so well deserves."—P. PEARCE, Camberwell).

ANOTHER NEW HYBRID REPORTED.

"M.R.T.," in a letter in the "Nature Notes" column of the "Scotsman" says that a new Hybrid has been bred this year in a small garden aviary, the female parent being a Greenfinch. A mixed series of Finches—native and foreign—is kept in the aviary, but no male Greenfinch is included. The nest was formed in a straw bottle-cover, fastened up in a horizontal position on the wall of the shelter shed, and five eggs were laid. Three of these were hatched, but only one young bird was reared to maturity. So far as could be seen the Greenfinch bore the entire labour connected with the upbringing of the young family, and for some time it was a matter for speculation what bird could be the father of the young mule. When the youngster had completed its first moult doubt was no longer possible, however, its colour arrangement and general appearance proclaiming unmistakably its relationship to a Scarlet Grosbeak. This bird—also known as the "Scarlet Bullfinch" or "Siberian Rosefinch"—has a very extensive range over the Asiatic Continent, and is common in India in winter. Before the war consignments from India were occasionally to be found in the shops of London dealers. The young mule continues to flourish, though, sad to relate, the Grosbeak has come to an untimely end.

HOW FANCIERS HELP

POPLAR C.B.S. TAKES A HAND.

A Norwich Canary Realises Over £100 for the Funds of the British Red Cross Society.

WE are indebted to Mr. A. E. Leech, chairman of the Poplar C.B.S., for the following interesting particulars of the sale of a Norwich Canary and cage for the benefit of the funds of the British Red Cross Society. When the full tale comes to be told of how fanciers have helped this and other charities by handing over the profits of shows and by other means, this story of the Canary from the East End of London will take a foremost place. The account is accompanied by an official receipt for £101 4s., and the following letter from Sir Charles Russell to Mr. A. Vaughan, of Spratts' Patent, London, whose kind offices went far in producing such a fine result.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., enclosing cheque value £101 4s., being the proceeds from the sale of a Norwich Canary, which was given by the Poplar Bird Cage Society, and sold by you on the Corn Exchange.

I wish to assure you how much this kind help is appreciated by these societies, and on behalf of my committee I desire to thank you most heartily. Would you also convey to the Poplar Bird Cage Society our very grateful thanks.

I enclose herewith formal receipt, and with renewed thanks,

I am, Yours faithfully,
(Signed) CHARLES RUSSELL,
Chairman, Collections Committee.

Mr. Leech's Report.

Unusual interest was taken in the sale of a Norwich Canary and cage, which was sent by the Poplar C.B.S., to the Corn Exchange, Mark Lane, on Nov. 10, to be sold in aid of the British Red Cross Society. On arrival the bird was placed in the able hands of Mr. Vaughan, the representative of Messrs. Spratt's Ltd., who took great interest in the proceedings. First of all the bird was put in a shilling draw which yielded a goodly sum, the winner generously putting it up by auction, and after being sold several times realised in all the handsome sum of £101 4s.

The Poplar C.B.S. are desirous of taking this opportunity of thanking Mr. Vaughan, the members of the Corn Exchange, and all those who kindly contributed in such a generous manner for so good a cause.

A Newspaper Account.

The "London Corn Circular," Nov. 20, 1916, after referring to the sales of splendid flowers, fruits, and various other gifts, reports as follows:—

The history of this memorable day would be incomplete without the inclusion of the "Story of the Canary," to use the language of that friend of our childhood, the "Arabian Nights." It seems that on this very day, the 10th of November, not the Commander of the Faithful, late of Bagdad, but the Poplar Cage Bird Society, a denizen of a nearer East than even the Near East, had made the Exchange a gift of a pretty Norwich Canary in a gilt cage, adorned with ribbons representing all the colours of the Allies.

The object of these wise men of the East—of London—was to induce the merchants of Mark Lane and their customers to buy this little bird at a price high enough to help to swell the purse of the Red Cross Society, and it must be admitted that the market rose to the occasion.

The bird was first put in a shilling draw that quickly produced £33, which meant if there is anything in figures, 660 shilling tickets. But the lucky winner generously waived his right to the prize, and on his proposition the little songster was put up to auction on the market—result a further £44 for the Red Cross Funds. But by this time the afternoon was wearing on, and the auctioneer in the Chrysanthemum show, who had started at 3.30, was busily at work. To his rostrum the little bird was brought, with the result that in a few minutes it had been "put up" four times, the fall of the hammer bringing £7, £5, £5, and £6 respectively, or £23 in all.

Thus a little Canary in a gilt cage had brought exactly £100 to the Red Cross in half the proverbial jiffy. The ultimate and proud possessor of this eastern gift—he had had it knocked down to him at each of the last three thuds of the hammer—was Mr. Beresowster, representing Messrs. Thornett and Fehr. He is to be congratulated on his purchase.

Prize Money Paid.

We learn that prize money in respect of the following shows has been paid. If any exhibitor has been overlooked he should apply to the secretary concerned: Old Shildon Workmen's Club, Burnley O.S.

Special Show Reports Supplement

Four Extra Pages this Week.

CARDIFF.

A Glorious Display of nearly 1,000 birds: Fifty-first win for a Border Fancy Canary.

The 20th open show of the Cardiff C.B.S. was held at the Cory Hall, Cardiff, Nov. 29 and 30. At one time it was feared that the show would have to be abandoned owing to inability to obtain a hall, and it was only after great difficulty that the Committee were enabled to secure this hall, which is beautifully lighted and free from draughts, and at night electrically lit. Entries totalled nearly 1,000, and made a really glorious display, giving the judges a hard day's work.

Of the management, we cannot speak too highly. As in years past everything went off in perfect order, and no wonder with such an enthusiastic band of fanciers as the Cardiff boys, headed by the Chairman, Mr. E. J. Banks, a keen Lancier who does everything in his power for the welfare of the Society. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. Braithi, is another hard worker to whom nothing is a trouble. Treasurer, Mr. A. Bubl, is one of the best, and a real sticker when any work is to be done, and the genial Sec. and Show Manager, Mr. Edwin Thomas, gets through an enormous amount of work with seemingly no trouble. Last, but by no means least, comes the Committee, all of whom are real good fanciers and enthusiasts. Revd. C. B. Jolliffe, Messrs. E. James, H. C. Smith, D. Raymond, J. Pearce, S. Wiseman, E. J. Davies, W. J. Philps, F. Howard, A. Shelfam, F. S. Whetton, D. J. Lewis, H. J. Ford, Willstone, and Wilson.

Sales were excellent, many notable winners changing hands at good prices. The winner in the 20s. selling class, a grand Buff Norwich, had no less than six claimants on the first day of the show.

Norwich were the finest collection seen in Wales for very many years, practically all the well-known exhibitors sending down teams. To individualise is rather unfair, still we cannot help mentioning the beautiful buff cock shown by Mr. S. Cook, the buff hen of Mr. Tristem (we understand quickly claimed), and the brace of yell. and buff cocks of Mr. Crawshaw, all of fine subs. and grand type. Other real champions were put down by Messrs. Houghton, Spillman, Collings, Revd. Jolliffe and Thomas. The Novice exhibits in this section were really fine, some grand birds being staged by Messrs. Davies, Williams, Jenkins and Garbutt.

Yorkshires were splendid, altogether 300 of them, and truly a great entry, not a bad one amongst them. Mr. L. Dykes staged a really great team, which were much admired, as also were the unfl. yell. cock, of Mr. Simison, the unflighted buff ck. of Mr. Heggie, and the buff ck. of Mr. Snead. The Novice Classes were very strong, and so good all round were the exhibits, that one could almost fancy we were amongst the champions. Mr. Terrett's yell. ck.; Mr. Pennell's buff ck.; Mr. Norman's unfl. yell., and Miss Garland's unfl. buff being all birds of exceptional merit that could give a good account of themselves in the champion classes.

Borders were a magnificent collection, in fact one of the best seen in the South; every class was well filled with splendid examples of the "little ones," the type all through being particularly even, quality high class, and the majority beautifully staged. The buff ck. class was an eye opener, and it took the judge some time to sort out the cream, for every bird had to be carefully handled and compared. So keen was the competition that such noted birds as Mr. Jenkin's old buff only managed a third position, an aviary companion beating him for second place. The winner, sent in by Mr. Owen, Aberavon, is a charming example of what a high-class Border should be and well deserved his position. Another fine class was the buff hens, twenty-one real beauties, headed by Mr. Jenkins' old champion Cinnamon marked, this making her fifty-first win. Mr. Nicholas staged a couple of fine Cinnamons, winning with a lovely buff of grand quality. The Novices put up two excellent classes, some of the birds being quite equal to the champions for type and quality, but many lacked the finishing touches in staging them that the old hands know make such a big bid for victory.

Mules and Hybrids were a sight worth seeing. Pride of place must be given to Mr. Chick's cl. yell. Greenie Mule (we believe the Leicester winner), a pen-fed bird, of fine size and beautifully pure col. that has a big future before it. Mr. Goodall staged his charming Redpoll-Canary, and Messrs. Martin and Archer their well-known team; Mr. Crane also putting down some fine exhibits. The judges were:—Mr. J. H. Payne, Champ. Nor. and Mules; Mr. A. Maggs, Novice Nor and Selling; Mr. H. C. Smith, Yorks.; Mr H. Norman, Borders and British

The British Bird section was a good one, both in quantity and quality. All the Southern "cracks" were out, and the fight was keen for premier honours. Of the twenty-two H.-M. Goldies, some really grand birds were scarcely sufficiently up in colour to have more than a sporting chance, the winners were splendid specimens, burnished like gold. The Bullfinch cock class was one of the best seen for some time, about ten out of the sixteen were good enough to win at most shows, but here it was only the very choicest that could get in the money. In the West they generally manage to put up a good show of Linnets, and Cardiff was no exception. The two classes contained some magnificent specimens, and right down to the last bird were full of merit. Lovers of these beauties had a treat, no one could find fault with the first half-dozen in each class. The remainder of the classes were good, the one for hens being particularly interesting and contained some grand specimens. The Cup winners were:—Nor., W. Crawshaw; Yorks., L. Dykes; Bord., D. Jenkins; British, H. J. Chick; Spl. best Mule: H. J. Chick (cl. Greenie); Most points Mule, J. Crone; Challenge Bowl, best unfl. Can., bred by exhibitor, E. Thomas, with a grand Var. Nor. The winner in this class not being bred by the exhibitor was ineligible to compete.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. J. H. Payne.

YELL. CK. (17): 1, Spillman, grand col., qual., good bold head, beautifully moulded body, grand subs.; 2, Davies, close up, grand head, splendid type, lovely qual. and col.; 3, Collins, cl., nicely rounded head, good deep chest, nice short flights and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Houghton, nice col. and qual., good chest, nicely moulded, good wings and tail, handly as bold head as leaders; vhc, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks; hc, Burt; c, Jenkins. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Cook, grand head and neck, plenty of subs., beautifully moulded, best flights and tail, lovely col. and qual., 3 we could not find when we took notes; 2, Houghton, another good one, topping head, nicely moulded, grand wings and tail, handly as much subs. as leaders; 4, Crawshaw, grand head and neck, nice deep chest, fine col. and cond., shade longer than leaders; vhc, Burt; hc, Gadley; c, Jones. TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Crawshaw, head and wing tkd., (a blaze of col. good, well rounded head, nice deep chest, short flights and tail, grand qual. and cond.; 2, head tkd., beautiful col. and qual., capital type, good subs., well braced wings; 3, Houghton, wing tkd., fine size, col. and qual., nicely moulded, good wings and tail, fine cond., col. and qual; 4, hc, James and Wells, lightly var., neat head and neck, good subs., best of wings and tail, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Phelps; c, Richards. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Crawshaw, lightly var., good head and neck, fine deep chest, good wings and tail, well cut away, plenty of subs., grand qual. and cond.; 2, lightly var., grand subs., good head and neck, beautifully moulded throughout, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, James and Wells, grizzle mkd., line size, grand shape, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, perhaps shade longer than leaders; 4, Jones, lightly var., good head and neck, nice cobby shape, fine col. and qual., handly as well cut away; vhc, Collings; hc, Gurley; c, Thomas. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (10): 1, Crawshaw, var. buff, a beauty, grand size and shape, good head and neck, fine deep chest, splendid wings and tail; 2, James and Wells, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., plenty of subs., nicely moulded throughout, best of wings and tail; 3, Davies, fine buff green, grand size, very shapely, lovely qual. and cond., good head and neck; 4, Morris, var. buff, lovely col. and qual., fine cobby shape; vhc, c, Houghton; hc, Allsopp. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Tristem, cl., beautiful col. and qual., nice head and neck, good subs., splendid wing carr., finely cut away; 2, Gorley, cl., another good one, nice col., good head and neck, well moulded, good size, qual. and cond.; 3, Tedstone, cl., good head, nice deep chest, fine flights and tail, well cut away, handly as much subs. as leaders; 4, Dr. Weekes, cl., paler col., neatly moulded throughout; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, James and Wells; c, Hitchings. BUFF (23), A grand class: 1, Tristem, cl., neat body, wonderful subs., good round head, nice neck, deep chest, grand wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Davies, cl., fine size, grand shape, good wings, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Houghton, cl., good head and neck, very cobby, good wings and tail, handly qual. of leaders; 4, Jones, tkd. both eyes, nice col. and qual., good head and neck, nicely moulded throughout, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Banbury; hc, Spillman; c, Mabbett. UNFL. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Revd. Jolliffe, head and wing mkd., a beauty, lovely col. and qual., grand head and neck, good deep chest, nice cobby shape, well braced wings, beautifully cut away; 2, Thomas, lightly var., another nice one, grand col. and qual., good head and neck, nicely moulded throughout, splendid subs, plenty of daylight behind; 3, c, Davies, cl., lovely col. and qual., good head and neck, grand type, well braced wings, nicely cut away, fine subs.; 4, Houghton, wing mkd., neat head and neck, good size, nicely moulded, shade longer than leaders; vhc, Collings; hc, Banbury. BUFF (19): 1, Crawshaw, eye, neck and wing mkd., a gem, grand head and neck, fine deep nicely rounded chest, splendid wings and tail, good subs., col. and qual.; 2, Collings, wing mkd., fine size, neat head, well filled neck, good cobby shape, lovely col. and cond.; 3, Houghton, lightly var., good col. and qual., nice head and neck, good deep chest, well cut away; 4, Spillman, cl., fine size, nicely moulded throughout, grand col. and qual., trifle longer than leaders; vhc, Davies; hc, Banbury; c, Thomas. UNFL. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Collings, cl., nice col. and qual., good head, splendid subs., beautifully moulded, nice wings and tail; 2, Stubbs Bros., close up, good col. and qual., grand cobby shape, nice subs. and cond.; 3, Kerr, cl., handly as rich col., grand qual. and cond., nice size and shape, good wings and tail; 4, Gorley, wing tkd., lovely col. and qual., neat head, good chest, wings and tail, trifle longer than leaders; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Rev. Jolliffe; c, Allsopp. BUFF (17): 1, Spillman, cl., a good one, good round head, full neck, deep chest, good subs., fine wings and tail, well cut away; 2, Stubbs Bros., cl., fine size, neat head and neck, nicely proportioned, grand col. and qual.; 3, Cook, can mkd., nice col. and qual., good cobby shape, fine wings and tail, plenty of subs.; 4, Crawshaw, lightly var., beautiful qual. and cond., good chest, wings and tail, handly as bold head as leaders; vhc, Houghton; hc, Brown.

THE NOVICE NORWICH.

Judge: Mr. Maggs.

YELL. CK. (10): 1, Davies, cl., grand col., fine head and neck, good cobby shape, plenty of subs., lovely qual.; 2, E. Powell, var., fine size, grand type and qual., good wings, tail, qual, and cond.; 3, W. Williams, cl., good head, nice deep chest, good wings, tail, and col., shade longer than leaders; 4, W. A. Powell, nice size and type, good col. and qual., handly head subs. of leaders; vhc, Morris; hc, Caddy; c, A. Williams. BUFF (10): 1, Williams, grizzle mkd., nice qual. and col., fine size, very cobby, nice short wing, good carr.; 2, Wilson, cl., lovely col. and qual., nice head and neck, very shapely, neat wings and tail, good subs.; 3, Davies, nice col. and qual., plenty of subs., grand shape, well cut away; 4, No Name, fine green, good size, nice head, neat wings, fine col.; vhc, Powell; hc, Hill; c, Lewis. HEN (12): 1, Jenkins, cl. buff, fine size, nice head and neck, good round chest, well cut away, lovely col. and qual.; 2, vhc, Slee, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head, very shapely, nice size; 3, Wilson, cl. buff, good head, nice col. and qual., fine size, handly as cobby as leaders; 4, Vaux, var. buff, good col. and qual., nice type and size, loses trifle head; hc, Stevens; c, Davies. UNFL. CK. (9): 1, Williams, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, fine deep chest, short flights and tail, good subs.; 2, Davies, close up, fine size, grand shape, good head and neck, well packed wings and tail, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Garbutt, var. buff, lovely col. and qual., fine size, good head, plenty of subs., handly as cobby; 4, c, Wilson, cl. buff, good col. and qual., very shapely, handly subs. of leaders; vhc, Rudge; hc, Stevens. HEN (12): 1, Garbutt, cl. buff, nice model, good round head, fine shapely body, well cut away behind, nice wings and tail; 2, Powell, cl. yell., splendid col. and qual.; correct type, well braced wings, good subs. and cond.; 3, Lewis, cl. buff, good size, nice deep chest, beautifully cut away, shade longer than leader; 4, Hill, grizzle, head mkd. buff, splendid subs., fine wings and tail, handly width of skull of leaders; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Vaux.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. H. C. Smith.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Dykes, a gem, nice round head, good shoulders and back, fine length, grand wings and tail, well up on leg, good col. and qual.; 2, Maidment, another good one, fine head, neck and shoulders, nicely moulded throughout, splendid length, pos. and leg, good col. and qual.; 3, vhc, Bale, fine shoulders and back, good length wing, very shapely, good nerve, pos., col. and qual.; 4, Watkins, lovely col. and qual., grand type, qual. and col., good pos., fine length; hc, Pritchard; c, Mrs. Holliday. BUFF (19): 1, Dykes, another gem, lovely qual. and cond., grand shoulders and back, fine flights and tail, stands like a Guardsman; 2, Snead, neat head, good shoulders, fine back, grand length, good wings and tail, lovely qual. and col.; 3, c, Pritchard, close up, paler col., neatly moulded throughout, fine wings and tail, lovely pos. and nerve, well clothed; 4, Griffiths, lovely length and pos., fine back and shoulders, well balanced wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; vhc, Heggie; hc, Newell. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Dykes, yet another topper, eye and wing mkd., grand qual. and col., splendid head, neck and shoulders, beautiful length, pos., and nerve, fine leg; 2, Snead, wing tkd., lovely col. and qual., good straight back, fine length, lovely pos., grand model; 3, Simeson, grizzle, mkd. head, fine length, good nerve, neat head and shoulders, good wings and tail, tip-top qual. and col.; 4, Heggie, cheek tkd., grand col. and qual., good type and qual., lovely length, pos. and nerve; vhc, Davies; hc, Watts; c, Wooton. BUFF (16): 1, Snead, tkd., a beauty, lovely col. and qual., good head, neck and shoulders, beautifully moulded, fine leg, grand pos. and nerve; 2, Heggie, close up, lovely length, grand col. and qual., good back and shoulders, fine wings and tail, stands well; 3, Dykes, lightly var., another good one, splendidly clothed, neat neck and shoulders, good back, wing and tail, lovely length, pos. and nerve; 4, James and Wells, eye and wing tkd., grand col. and qual., good shoulders and back, nice length, fine pos.; vhc, Cowley; hc, Beaumont; c, Brown. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (10): 1, Bale, yel. var., beautiful col. and qual., neat head, good shoulders, splendid wings and tail, grand length and pos.; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, var. yell., splendid type and qual., good straight back, best of wings and tail, perfect pos.; 3, Pritchard, var. yell., grand col. and qual., good head and shoulders, body length, pos., and nerve; 4, Hyde, var. buff, good head, shoulders, and back, plenty of length, fine pos. and nerve; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Maidment; c, James and Wells YELL. HEN (15): 1, Snead, cl., lovely col. and qual., grand head, neck, shoulders, and back, beautiful length, splendid pos. and nerve; 2, 4, Heggie, a brace of good ones, head and wing mkd., grand col. and qual., tip-top head and shoulders, good straight back, fine wings and tail, grand nerve and pos.; 4, cl., splendid col. and qual., neatly moulded throughout, good leg; 3, c, Bale, cl., capital type, grand qual. and col., nice leg, stands well; vhc, Maidment; hc, Newell. BUFF (15): 1, Dykes, cl., good head and neck, splendid shoulders, nice straight back, grand length, beautiful leg and pos.; 2, vhc, Bale, eye and wing mkd., close up, nice round head, capital shoulders and back, correct length, pos., and nerve; 3, Coulson and Brennan, tkd., neat head and neck, good straight back, fine length and pos., grand col. and qual.; 4, Heggie, cl., lovely col. and qual., beautifully moulded, grand length, fine leg and pos.; hc, Hiscox; c, Watkin and Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Simeson, grizzle cap mkd., a grand exhibit, beautiful head, neck and shoulders, grand back, well braced wings and tail, splendid length and pos., lovely col. and qual.; 2, Watkins, grizzle, cap mkd., another good one, nice head and neck, fine back, wings, and tail, grand leg, pos. and nerve; 3, James and Wells, grizzle mkd., lovely col. and qual., good shoulders and nerve, line wings and tail, stands well; 4, vhc, Heggie, cl., splendid col. and qual., grand head, neck and shoulders, tip-top length, good nerve and pos.; hc, Bale; c, Griffiths. BUFF (20): 1, Heggie, cl., a beauty, grand head, fine shoulders and back, splendid length and pos., well up on leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, no name, cl., another really good one, beautiful qual. and col., nice back, fine shoulders, grand flights and tail, lovely length; 3, James and Wells, cl., close up, perfect length, good straight back, nice head, neck and shoulders, splendid leg and pos.; 4, vhc, Newell, yet another good one, splendid head and neck, fine flights, lovely length, pos., col. and qual.; hc, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks; c, Lane. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Dykes, cl., beautiful lady, lovely head, neck, shoulders, and back, grand length, splendid length and pos. and col., grand feather; 2, Heggie, another topper, grand col., fine head, good back and shoulders, lovely length and pos., perfect feather; 3, No. 17, lightly var., fine length, pos. and nerve, well moulded throughout, lovely qual. and cond., tip-top col.; 4, Watkins, cl., good col. and qual., neat head and shoulders, fine length and pos.; vhc, Lane; hc, James and Wells; c, Brown. BUFF (16): 1, Dykes, lightly var., another champion, fine head and shoulders, good back, wings and tail, splendid length, qual., cond., and nerve; 2, Lane, cl., neat head and neck, grand type, lovely col. and qual., perfect wings and tail, well up on leg, good nerve; 3, Mrs. Holliday, cl., lovely exhibit, beautiful type and qual., splendid length, grand leg and nerve; 4, Fry, cl., good head and shoulders, nicely moulded throughout, lovely col. and qual.; vhc, Bale; hc, Watkins; c, Simeson.

NOVICE, YELL. CK. (23): 1, Terrett, lightly var., a real good one, fine head and neck, good shoulders and back, grand flights, splendid pos. and leg, good col. and qual.; 2, Fry, cl., another good one, well up on leg, nice pos. and nerve, best of flights and tail, well moulded throughout, shade pale col.; 3, Llewellyn, cl., grand length and pos., neat head and shoulders, nice back flights and tail, good level col.; 4, Smith, head and wing mkd., nice col. and qual., splendid type, fine leg and pos.; vhc, Latham; hc, Powell; c, Jones. BUFF (14): 1, Pinnell, head tkd., nice col. and qual., fine head and shoulders, good back, best of flights and tail, nice length, pos. and leg; 2 Clarke, wing tkd., close up, good qual. and cond., beautifully proportioned, fine length, good nerve and style; 3, Powell, var., splendid length, neat head and neck, well moulded throughout, good wings and tail, fine leg and pos.; 4, Terrett, cl., plenty of length, nice col. and qual., very stylish; vhc, Smith; hc, Llewellyn; c, Fry. HEN (19): 1, Powell, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., very shapely, fine head, neck, shoulders, and back, grand length, good leg and nerve; 2, Kerwood, cl. yell., nat. col., neat head, good shoulders and back, well up on leg, tip-top qual. and cond.; 3, Miss Garland, cl., neat exhibit, nice round head, good straight back, well braced wings, lovely style, pos., and leg; 4, Latham, wing tkd. yell., plenty of length, good nerve, nice pos. and style; vhc, Thomas; hc, Blewitt and Son; c, Llewellyn. UNFLIG. HEN (18): 1, Blackmore, lightly var. yell., grand col. and qual., fine head, good shoulders, nice straight back, plenty of length, good nerve and pos.; 2, Skerratt, cl. buff, good qual., beautifully proportioned, grand length, pos., and nerve; 3, Miss Garland, wing tkd. yell., neat head and neck, good flights and tail, splendid length, pos. and nerve, good qual. and cond.; 4, hc, Thomas, cl. buff, very typical, nice length, good leg and pos., hardly head of leaders; vhc, Tucker; c, Jones. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Norman, grand col. and qual., splendid head, neck, and shoulder, good back and flights, nice leg, pos. and nerve; 2, Pugh, well fed, neat head and neck, good back, fine flights and tail, stands well; 3, Bevan, grand col., good type, splendid leg and nerve, good qual. and cond.; 4, Latham, another good one, lovely col. and qual., fine type, well moulded throughout, good nerve and leg; vhc, Clarke; hc, Bowden; c, Pinnell. BUFF (28): 1, Miss Garland, a real gem, lovely head, neck and shoulders, beautifully clothed, grand pos., length and style; 2, Bowden, another good one, lovely col. and qual., best of wings and tail, fine length, grand type and leg; 3, Skerratt, splendid type, well moulded throughout, good leg, nice pos., col. and qual.; 4, Norman, good col. and qual., fine leg and nerve, well proportioned, stands well; vhc, Tucker; hc, Clarke; c, Bevan.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

Judge, Mr. H. Norman.

YELL. CK. (10): 1, Jenkins, an old winner, typical, lovely carr. and style, beautifully moulded throughout, good head, nicely braced wings, in the pink; 2, vhc, Madagan, beauty, close up, nice size and style, neat head, free neck, closely packed wings, lovely qual.; 3, Owen, smart and stylish, nice movement, beautifully proportioned, neat head and wings, sound cond.; 4, Thomas, typical, nicely built; hc, Last; c, Williams. BUFF (17): 1, Owen, beautiful balance, sweet head, nicely filled-in back, good wings and tail, sound col., full of qual., staged to the minute; 2, 3, Jenkins, grand example, leader sweetly moulded and proportioned, lovely type, rare quality of feather, 3rd the old winner, looking fit, good throughout, perfect head, both well staged; 4, hc, Madagan, good one, nice size, sweetly moulded, nice free style, grand qual. and cond.; vhc, Watkins and Thomas; c, Last. VAR. (10): 1, Messer, charming, neat, typical, stylish, and free, good on points, rare qual. of feather, A1 cond.; 2, Edgington, fine exhibit, neatly moulded, clean cut, capital wings and tail, full of polish, close up; 3, Davies, quite nice, neat head, wings tightly packed, sound qual. feather; 4, c, Last, capital type, nicely proportioned, good head and wings, scarcely so richly burnished; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Sampson. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Sampson, typical, nicely moulded and filled in, sweet head, good wings and tail; 2, Mrs. Garbutt, similar, nicely built, on good lines, clean cut, neat tail; 3, Davies, smart and jaunty, nicely proportioned, good head, back and wing, capital qual.; 4, Jenkins, smart and stylish, scarcely so nicely rounded, but rare qual. of feather, fine cond., hot col.; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Madagan; c, Williams. BUFF (21): 1, hc, Jenkins, old cinnamon mkd. champion leading, faultless type and style, still in rare fettle, a good win; 2, Raymond, good cl., nice type, nicely proportioned throughout, good head, tightly packed wings, clean cut, rare qual. and cond.; 3, Tedstone, charming eye mkd., nice size, typical, free movement, grand wings and tail, lovely qual.; 4, Watkins and Thomas, neat and stylish,

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good head and wings, nicely filled in all round; vhc, Hutchinson; c, Bacon and Hewitt. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, 4, Nicholas, magnificent team, bonny buff cinnamon leading, rare type and qual., sound col., well packed, neat wings, 3rd good yell. cinn, lovely type and style rich col., 4th very fine buff green, lovely type and style, well filled in, richly pencilled; 2, Raymond, charming yell. green, neat, stylish, well proportioned, sound deep rich col., distinct and dense in pencilling; vhc, c, Bacon and Hewett. NOV. CK. (25): 1, Daniels, lovely eye and wing mkd. buff, sweetly typical, neat, shapely head, free neck, well packed wings, clean cut, good qual., well shown; 2, 4, Williams, charming cl. yell., smart and stylish, nicely moulded throughout, sound col. and qual., 4th yell., good type, capital head and wings; 3, Mrs. Beavan, stylish buff, typical free movement, capital wings and tail, good qual.; vhc, Smith; hc, Hurle; c, Mrs. Thomas. HEN (16): 1, Tranter, lovely yell., beautiful type and qual., nicely modelled, sweet head, tight wings, fine cond.; 2, Myles, very fine buff, smart and stylish, free style, good head and wings, sound cond.; 3, Edmonson, stylish yell., nice size, typical and clean-cut, smart wings and tail, fine qual.; 4, hc, Thomas, lovely buff, well packed all through, good head and wings, fine cond.; vhc, Mrs. Rogerson; c, Daniels.

THE MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.

CAN. MULE, CL. ETC. (15) wonderful class: 1, Chick, the celebrated cl. jonque non-fed Greenf.-Can., grand size and shape, beautiful clear col., shows parentage well, a real champion; 2, vhc, Martin and Archer, eye, neck and wing mkd. Goldf.-Can., splendid size and shape, good blaze, lovely col. an l qual. and cond.; 3, 4, Heggie, another cl. Greenf.-Can., buff, grand size, beautiful shape, qual. and cond., losing only in col. to leader, 4th grizzle mkd. Greenie, nice col. and qual., grand type, a grand exhibit, hard lines to meet two such champions; hc, c, Crone. DK. GOLDF. (12), a hot lot: 1, no name, jonque, grand size, lovely shape, good blaze, beautiful col., qual. and cond.; 2, Crone, jonque, close up, tip-top col. and qual., good subs., fine blaze, perfect cond.; 3, Heggie, jonque, good size, fine head, very shapely, hardly rich col. of leaders; 4, vhc, Jeffries, jonque, lovely blaze, good size, very shapely, grand qual. and cond.; hc, Jones; c, Rudge. DK. GREENF.-CAN. (10): 1, Crone, jonque, grand size and subs., fine bold head, lovely qual. and cond., tip-top col.; 2, Jeffreys, close up, grand col. and qual., plenty of subs., put down in perfect order; 3, Robinson, buff, splendid subs., fine bold head, grand shape, naturally lacks richness of col. of leaders; 4, c, Emerson and Winstone, yell., shade smaller, beautifully moulded, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Parlett; hc, Andrews. DK. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, Goodall, Redpoll-Can., a little gem, good head, beautifully moulded body, good size, col. and cond.; 2, Crone, Linnet-Can., fine size, good shape, col. and qual., feathered like wax; 3, Heggie, Siskin-Can., splendid size and shape, beautifully marked, lovely qual., col. and cond.; 4, Jeffreys, Linnet-Can., fine size and shape, grand col. and qual., hardly as closely feathered as leader; vhc, Jones; hc, Martin and Archer; c, Holborrow. A.O.V. MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Martin and Archer, Greenie-Chaff., well-known, grand size and shape, showing parentage well, put down in perfect order; 2, Ball, Goldf.-Bullf., fine size and shape, good blaze, fine cap, beautiful col., qual. and cond.; 3, Crone, Can.-Bullf., fine size, very shapely, nice breast col., rather rough at thighs, which told against him; 4, Jeffreys, Linnet-Bullf., nice size, fine shape, grand breast, col., lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Reynolds; hc, c, Jones. HEN HYB. (8): 1, Collins, cl. Goldf.-Can, nice size and shape, good level col., nice qual. and cond.; 2, Hurd, Linnet-Goldf., nice size, very shapely, showing shade of Linnet with a touch of blaze and bars of Goldie; 3, Jones, Goldf.-Bullf., fine size and shape, nice blaze, good col. for a lady; 4, Sampson, neat Siskin-Can., very sprightly, well-laced thighs, good qual. and cond.; vhc, Thompson; hc, Ford; c, Edwards.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

Judge, Mr. H. Norman.

GOLDF. (22): 1, Alexander, beautiful specimen, nice size, shapely, well proportioned, good square face of rich bright col., well up in tanning, capital wings; 2, Ford, another beauty, full of qual. and col., nice full blaze, deeply tanned, well buttoned, in grand order; 3, Jeffreys, nice size, expansive blaze of rich col., fine wings, showing plenty of gold, grand order, 4th a good one, bold and shapely, grand face, well up in tanning, nicely put down; vhc, Lloyd James; hc, Watkins; c, Burt. F.-M. (14): 1, Lewis, rich col., good size and correct shape, expansive square-cut blaze, rich tanning, capital wings; 2, Williams, close up, good broad face, well-coloured, nice depth of tanning, well buttoned; 3, Ford, bold shapely bird, good face, perhaps scarcely so wide on top, but nice col. and very fine wings, should make a good one; 4, c, Lloyd James, nice size and shape, bold head, good expansive blaze, grand wings; vhc, Richards; hc, Jeffreys. BULLF. (16): 1, Gibbon, a gem, as near perfection in type as could be imagined, grand head, good full neck, massive body, nicely mkd. wings, full of polish and well-coloured throughout; 2, Alexander, if anything a tone richer in col., but scarcely so nicely built, good bold cap, grand back and wings, A1 cond.; 3, Robinson, still another good one, close up, bold, full front, fine col., beautiful feather; 4, Osborne, good size and type, rich col., capital wings, A1 qual.; vhc, Fox; hc, Lucas Bros.; c, Parlett. GREENF. (17): 1, Holborrow, rare size and type, bold, full head and neck, massive body, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Mrs. Delton, grand bold buff, rare qual. feather, beautifully proportioned, fine subs., rich col., A1 cond.; 3, Thompson, very fine yell., nice size, well filled in all round, capital wings, rich col. and qual.; 4, Parlett, beauty for size and type, scarcely so nicely polished; vhc, no name; hc, Francis; c, Davies. LINNET (19): 1, Parlett, a gem, rare size and type, nicely proportioned, sound depth of col., good wings, richly pencilled throughout, A1 qual.; 2, Davies, beauty, close up, grand size, beautifully pencilled, rich nutty-brown back, capital wings, fine cond.; 3, Francis, similar, not far behind, bold, full front, full of work, sound cond.; 4, Mrs. Dalton, scarcely so massive, but lovely type, nicely proportioned, rich sound col., well pencilled, A1 qual.; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Richards; c, Davies. F.-M. (19): 1, Thompson, fine bold bird, grandly pencilled, lovely col., good qual., steady; 2, Jeffreys, big bonny birds well built, bold front, full of work, grand qual.; 3, Parlett, big one, fine rich col., good wings, sound qual., nicely mkd.; 4, Evans, beauty, full of work, sound col., capital wings; vhc, no name; hc, Alexander; c, Davies. SISKIN, &c. (19): 1, 3, Mrs. Dalton, lovely Siskin, grand size and shape, good cap and bib, sound col., beautifully laced, 3rd very fine bold Redpoll, charming exhibit; 2, Evans, good Twite, nice size and col., good wings, richly pencilled; 4, good Siskin, fine bold bird, sound col., good cond.; vhc, Sampson; hc, Pugh; c, Emerson and Winstone. HAWFINCH, LTC. (6): 1, Robinson, well-known Waxwing, magnificent bird, hard to find fault with, in the pink of cond.; 2, 4, Chick, very fine Hawfinches, cock, yellow, leading, grand col. and cond., 4th well-known hen, very fit; 3, Thomas, grand bold buff cock Hawfinch, rare type and qual., beautifully proportioned, want of col. round beak and bib put him back; vhc, Francis; hc, Hiden. A.O.S. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Chick, good bold Corn Bunting, beautifully mkd., 3rd very fine Bramble, grand size and col.; 2, Collins, lovely Yellow Bunting, grand size and shape, rich col., beautifully mkd.; 4, Mabbett, very fine Chaffinch, capital size, good cap, sound rich col., in the pink; hc, Thomas; c, Holborrow. HENS (10): 1, 2, 3, Chick, fine team, all put down in very fine condition; 4, Collius, lovely Bramble, nice size, capital col. and qual.; vhc, Parlett; hc, Gordon Smith; c, Braith. SOFTBILL: 1, 4, Lean and Son, splendid Blackbird, grand size and col. and fine cond.; 2, 3, no name. PAIRS, £3 (18): 1, Collings; 2, Ball; 3, Bale; 4, Wilson; vhc, Locke; hc, Watkins and Thomas; c, James and Wells. SELL. 50s. (23): 1, Collings, a grand unflig. buff Nor., quickly claimed by several; 2, Ball; 3, Jenkins; 4, Bale; vhc, Phelps; hc, James and Wells; c, Tedstone. 25s. (7): 1, Garbutt; 2, Williams; 3, Edwards; 4, Bevan; vhc, Pennell; hc, Brailli; c, Ball.

ULSTER O.A.

Annual open show, Nov. 24, held in Clarence Place Hall, and was a great success, almost 500 entries being staged. The best exhibits in Ireland were on view, and some grand youngsters were staged for the first time. Plainheads were the outstanding feature, and Yorkshires were the best at this show for some time. Crests were not so numerous, but quality better, and the Scotch Fancies were up to other years. Mules and British were well up to other years, except Goldfinches. Mr. Neill won spl. best Scotch Fancy, with a grand young green cock. Mr. Young best unflig. Nor. with a grand yell. tkd. hen.

Much of the success of the show was due to the new secretary, Mr. Brown, who spared nothing to bring it to a success, and he was ably assisted by that sterling fancier, Mr. J. Stewart (president). The proceeds were for the Red Cross funds, and there never was a show in Belfast so largely patronized by the public. Committee: J. Neill, J. Carson, J. Telford, T. Young, W. Teasey, A. L. Hurd, J. McLarnon, D. McBride.

The judges were:—Scotch Fancies, Mules, Brit. and For., Mr. A. Livingstone (Paisley); Crests, Nor. and Yorks, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington); and their awards gave general satisfaction. The stewards were: W. Teasey, M. Fleming, W. H. Gillespie, A. Creighton, who did their work in a proper way and saw that all birds from a distance were watered, etc. Dublin birds and those from other districts were sent away in time to catch their connections.

BELGIANS (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Lavery, 1st yell. ck., grand depth, quite a veteran, 2nd yell. hen, a nice one, not the depth of winner. SCOTCH FANCY YEL. CK. CL. OR FOUL (6): 1, Hamilton, grand size, well topped, nicely cleaned out and good drive; 2, 4, Gillespie, loses a little in size, well to the perch and nice top and length of side; 3, 6, Dunlop, loses only in subs.; vhc, Cloughley. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 5, Lavery, big ones, 1st grand pos., top and depth, a good worker, 3rd not so good in drive, very useful sort; 2, 4, Hamilton, grand worker, good style, and gets well away, 4th stylish, loses in length of side and tail; hc, Dunlop; c, McNeary. Cloughley. Hurd, Brown. YELL. PIED OR GREEN CK. (6): 1, spl, 5, c, Neill, won spl. best Scotch Fancy, grand young cock, great length of wings and tail, acute drive, gets well into pos., a little more depth would improve him; 2, spl, McNeary, grand top drive and pos., beaten in neck and length; 3, 4, Lavery BUFF (9): 1, c, Dunlop, grand style, gets head well down, good depth, a bit more length would improve; 2, Lavery, bigger, good top, gets well to perch, a good worker; 3, spl, Trimble, nice one, loses in size; 4, c, Gillespie; vhc, hc, Hamilton. Canfield YELL. HEN, CLEAN OR FOUL (6): 1, spl, 2, 5, Lavery, winner one of the best, 2nd loses in depth; 3, Canfield, good top drive and a good worker; 4, spl, Neill; hc, Cloughley. BUFF (6): 1, Neill, nice lady, hard up, nice depth; 2, Lavery, lighter built, nice pos., good top and drive; 3, Cloughley, a big one, grand depth and top, good stock hen; 4 Hamilton; vhc, hc, McNeary. YELL. PIED OR GREEN HEN (7): 1, Lavery, pied, grand top, well cleaned out, a grand worker; 2, spl Gillespie, spl, best young hen, a green, gets well into pos., grand top and drive, sweet worker; 3, 4, Neill, two nice young hens, only lose in size; vhc, hc, Hamilton; c, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Gillespie, good top, hard up, fine length; 2, 3, spl, Dunlop, on similar lines, loses in sub.; 4, Hamilton; vhc hc, Lavery; c, Trimble. SELL.: 1, Dunlop; 2, Cloughley; 3, Canfield; 4, Lavery. CREST CK. (8): 1, spl, 4, spl, almost clear body D.C., fine expansive crest, good centre, droop and feather; 4 Green, crest as round as a rim, nice centre, will improve; 2, spl, c, Adams, cl. body D.C., nice centre, good radiation, good size; 3, Smyth, even mark D.C., good centre, weak in frontal, nice body and size; vhc, McAllister; hc, Brownlee. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Creighton, three even mkd. D.C., winner is neatest, little in them, three good ones; 4, McCann C.-B. CK. (3): 1, Brownlee, fine feather, well laced, broad skull and good entrance; 2, 3, Creighton HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 5, Creighton, 1st variegated, nice entrance, good feather, good size; 2, Green, nice cushion, well lashed, right feather and fine size; 4, Adams.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELLOW CK. (12): 1, Dongan; 2, Stewart, very little separates these two, good qual., heads, necks, and good fronts both cobby; 3, Beattie, cheek mkd., fine size, good head, neck and front; 4, Houston; 5, Brown; 6 Thomson, chubby, good head, neck and qual., fine size, 3rd shade slack in feather; 2, Carlton, grand size, good head, neck, col., and qual.; 4, 5 Dongan; 5, Carson; 6, Teasey. VARIEG. (11): 1, spl, 2, Lavery, wins, heavily variegated, great head and neck, short back, good col. and qual., 2nd another yell., not so hot, grand body, full front and good pose, 3, spl, Thompson, buff, mkd. wings and eye, cobby, grand head, neck, col. and qual.; 4, McAteer; 5, Browne; 6, Stewart. YELL. CK., UNFLIG. (9): 1, Browne, hot col., nice head and neck, good pos.; 2, Jenkins, wing and eye marks, nice front, hot col., good qual., loses in head; 3, Teasey, wing mark, loses only in col., nice qual., good pos.; 4, Neill, not finished the moult; 5, Carson; 6, Lavery. BUFF (12): 1, Dougan, nice youngster, fine qual., good head, neck and col., nice packed body; 2, spl, Carlton, close up, on similar lines, loses a shade in qual; 3, Stewart, heavily variegated, great subs. of body, grand neck and head, a great stock bird; 4, Brown, loses in thickness right through; 5, 6, Lavery; 7, Brown. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Thompson, grand size, good entrance, short body, well across perch, good front, a good 'un, 2nd nice short hen, falls away too much behind the eye, pale in col.; 3, Crawford, tkd. wing, lucky perhaps, bit weak in head, good body and qual.; 4, Stewart, hot col., wide skull, short body and good qual., might have gone up; 5, Alexander; 6, Teasey. BUFF (10): 1, Lavery; 2, spl, Thompson; 3, spl, Young; 4, spl, Teasey; four good big ones, in grand cond., 1st is nicer behind the eye than 2nd, 3rd is close up, 4th loses a bit in col. and entrance; 5, Thompson; 6, Houston. VARIEG. (6): 1, Lavery, buff, short body, grand front, good col., qual., head and neck; 2, 3, Thompson, big one, good col. and qual., shade longer and narrower on top of head; 3rd only loses in thickness. YEL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Young, spl. best young Nor., grand hen, broad entrance and good front, nice col. and qual., nicely across perch, good size; 2, 4, Browne, variegated, good pos., short, good col. and qual.; 3, Stewart, good head, neck and col.; 5, Carleton; 6, Teasey. BUFF (11): 1, Scott, a nice one, not finished, good head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 2, 4, Alexander, wing mark, loses a bit in head, 4th on same lines, but open in feather; 3, Lavery, dark tail, nice one, close up; 5, Young; 6, 7, Neill COCK, LIMIT (9): 1, spl, McAteer, sweet one, more head would help him; 2, spl, McCann, buff, neck mark, fine size, good head and neck, nice qual. and col.; 3, Carleton, yell., good col. and qual., shade long; 4, spl, Browne; 5, Brown; 6, McCann. HEN (13): 1, Scott, yell., hot col., weak entrance, good size; 2, Beattie, buff, cobby; 3, spl, Alexander, a nice one; 4, Jenkins; 5, Browne; 6, McBride. YELL. CK. NOV. (7): 1, spl, Murphy, heavy variegated, big body, fair head and neck, hot col. and good qual.; 2, McCrea, wing mark, pale in col., good qual., grand head and neck; 3, Clawson, mark head, pale in col; 4, McVicker; 5, Montgomery, jun.; 6, Kane. BUFF (10): 1, McCrea, grand size, col. and qual., nice pos., good front; 2, Kane, better entrance, good body, col. and qual., drops tail a little; 3, spl, Murphy, wing mark, loses a bit in head; 4, spl, Clawson, mkd. back, grand qual., col., head and neck, not big, bit unlucky; 5, 6, Murphy. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 2, McCrae, grand head and neck, nice col. and qual., 2nd only beaten in head; 3, McVicker; 4, Clawson. BUFF (6): 1, McCrea, clean cut, good col. and qual.; 2, Kane, loses in head; 3, McVicker; 4, Murphy; 5, Kane; 6, Montgomery. OK., UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, 4, Montgomery, 1st yell., a bit thin all through, nice col. and qual., 4th buff, mkd. head, short body, good head and neck; 2, 3, McCrea, buff, good head, neck and col., qual. A1, 3rd yell., var., nice short body, good col. and qual. and well across the perch; 5, Williamson; 6, Kane. HEN (7): 1, Best, nice buff variegated, good front and neck, nice col., qual. and size; 2, Murphy, yell. variegated, good col., fine qual., nice pos.; 3, 7, Loughlin, grizzle head, cobby, grand qual.; 4, Barkley; 5, McCrea; 6, Tipping. SELL.: 1, Young; 2, Stewart; 3, Neill; 4, Carleton; 5, Crawford; 6, Casson; 7, McBride. SONG BIRD: 1, 2, McBride.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

YELL. CK. (19): 1, Byrne, grand raky bird, well on leg, grand qual., good front, tight as wax; 2, McKeon, mkd. head, non-col., nice qual., good front, well filled in neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Neill, good length, nice wings and tail, little heavy in front; 4, spl, hot col., neat one, nice back, rare wings and tail; 5, Telford; 6, Winkup. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Winkup, grand back, wings and tail, well filled in front and neck, finer head would improve him; 2, spl., mkd. head, big one, shade slack in tail, fine qual. and col.; 3, Fleming, nice style, not so big, but neat; 4, Dalton, close up, tight as wax; 5, Malcolm; 6, McKeon. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Dunlop, neat on legs, good front, tight as wax; 2, 3, Fleming, good length of wings and tail, great cond., well staged, 3rd only beaten in wing carr.; 4 Williams, a neat one, in the pink, close up; 5, Byrne; 6, Winkup. BUFF: 1, Malcolmson, cinn. mkd., well filled in neck, nice front and grand pos.; 2, Hurd, nice stock hen, good front, neck and qual., bit too thick through; 3, Woods, neat, on good lines, open in front, but otherwise nice; 4, Fleming, nice show hen, tight as a bottle, might have gone up one; 5, McKeon; 6, Winkup. CK., UNFLIG. (21): 1, Fleming, cheek mark, well on legs, could do with more behind the perch, a nice youngster; 2, Dunlop, nice qual. and col., well filled in neck, nice front, good wings and tail; 3, McKeon, pale in col., on good lines; 4, Woods; 5, 6, Winkup. HEN (17): 1, Winkup, buff, pale in col., nice size, round body, good stock hen; 2, Malcolm, hot col., neat one, well filled in neck and good back and shoulders; 3, Williams, on right lines; 4, Malcolm, not so big but sweet; 5, Fleming; 6, Telford. CK. YELL. NOV. (9): 1, spl, 3, M. Millan, real nice one, nice front and back; 2, spl, Loney, trifle open in front, nice pos., good qual., 3rd not so tight as those in front; 4, Fleming; 5, Webb; 6, Fleming. BUFF (8): 1, Craig, nice length of wings and tail, good pos.; 2, Loney, small for a cock, nice col. and qual., well filled in neck; 3, McMillan, cinn. mark, nice one; 4, Webb; 5, McKeown. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Loney, wing mk., nice pos., good front and neck, good swagger; 2, McMillan, wing mark, close up, trifle slack in feather; 3, spl, McKeown, fine raky bird, in good cond., nice front; 4, Webb; 5, McMillan; 6, Craig. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Webb, wins in length of wings and tail; 3, Sands; 4, Peters, very little separates these four; 5, 6, McMillan. CK. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Donnan, yell. variegated, wins, nice style, on good legs, neat wings; 2, Williamson, fine raky bird, hinged tail a bit; 3, Craig, good size, but open in front; 4, Hunter. HEN: 1, Webb; 2, Peters; 3, Sands; 4, McKeown, very little separates these four, winner scores in cond. and length of side, wings and tail; 5, 6, McMillan.

THE MULES AND BRITISH BIRDS.

LIGHT MULE (8): 1, spl, Creighton, yell. var. Goldie, well known; 2, spl, Lavery, variegated, yell. Greenie, fine col. and fair size, could be bolder, a nice exhibit; 3, Carson, buff 4-point Goldie, nice size and col., better shown, in the pink; 4, Lavery, variegated; 5, Teasey; 6, Watson. HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Alexander, 1st well-known Goldie-Bullie, Linnet-Bullie, Goldf.-Greenf., and Goldf.-Linnet. A.O.V. CAN. MULE, DARK (13): 1, Creighton, big jonque Goldf., in good bloom; 2, Alexander, good big dark Linnet, good col., grand cond.; 3, Beattie, Greenf., not big, but grand col. and cond.; 4 5, Carson; 6, Trimble. GOLDF. (11): 1, spl, Creighton, nice chubby bird, well tanned, good square blaze, steady; 2, spl, Harvey, nice one, loses in tan and not up so well in blaze; 3, Keating, not so big in blaze as winners, good tan and moons.; 4, Gillespie; 5, Lavery; 6, McBurney. LINNET (11): 1, Creighton, grand nut-brown, well defined markings, not so steady, chubby bird; 2, Harvey, steady and well mkd., not the size; 3, Donnan, going too light in col., steady as a rock, fine size; 4, Lavery; 5, Montgomery; 6, Boyd. GREENF. OR BUNTING (7): 1, 4, Creighton, Yellow Bunting, well known; 2, McAteer, another Bunting, fine size, nicely staged, loses in col.; 3, spl., 6, Lavery, good yell. Greenf, fine size, good col. and steady; 5, Griffith; BULLF., ETC.: 1, Harvey, Bullf., good size, nice cap and col.; 2, R. Boyd, Bullf.; 3, Montgomery, Chaffinch; 4, Keating; 5, Milliken. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, McAteer, Mealy Redpoll, good size, fine col. and cond., 2nd big Siskin, rare cap, good col., nicely barred and well laced at flanks; 3, Griffith, Siskin, nice front, good cap, fair col. and well barred; 4, Lavery, Siskin, close up; 5, Creighton; 6, Boyd. FOR. (1): 1, Williamson, Orange Bishop, in good col. GIFT: 1, Hurd; 2, Young; 3, Lavery; 4, Winkup; 5, Thompson; 6, Donnan.

EDINBURGH (Open) O.S.

63rd Annual Show, Nov. 18, Buccleuch St. Halls, an ideal and cosy hall for such a grand display of Scotch Fancy and Belgians. Entries were about the same as last year, and the quality was well sustained. The office-bearers are a well-known body of fanciers, had everything in good order, and all worked with a will. The Sec., Mr. Lile, is an adept at secretarial work, and had everything in perfect order, and also did a lot in sending the birds away. The judges were Messrs. Carlow, Conway, Stewart and Paterson, who gave general satisfaction. It was very gratifying to see such a turn out of fanciers from Dundee in the North to Glasgow in the West. The cup winner was a very nice buff piebald shown by W. David, runner-up W. Allan with a hen.

Cl. Yell. (11): 1, 3, sp, Dalgleish; 1st, grand size, rare depth of shoulders, its 7th annual win, looking well; 3, not so thick set, but rare style and action; 2, Hope, grand size, rare length of side, rare action; 4, Henderson; 5, Strathearn 6, Stewart; 7, Allan; 8, Forsyth; 9, Cook. Piebald (11): 1, sp, Menzies, grand size, rare nerve and qual., easy action; 2, Petrie, nice length of side, rare top end; 3, Muir, well up in size, stylish action; 4, David; 5 Muir; 6, Carlow; 7, Muir; 8, Cockburn; 9, Munro. Tkd. (4): 1, Hope, grand size, well set up shoulders, nice drive; 2, Strathearn, very shapely, rare top end; 3, Gray; 4, Beattie. Green (6): 1, sp, Main, grand size, rich qual., takes position well; 2, Strathearn, well up in size, rare thickness through; 3, McAdam, nice head and reach; 4, Cockburn; 5, Drysdale. Buff Cl. (12): 1, no name, grand size, well set up shoulders, full of nerves; 2, Gray, fair size, rare reach, could have won; 3, David, grand size, rare drive, nice qual.; 4, Hope; 5, Allan; 6, Bain; 7, Thornton; 8, McNiven; 9, Hamilton. Piebald (16): 1, sp, and cup, David, grand type, teeming with qual., grand drive, wins; 2, Muir, grand size, rare top end, takes pos. well; 3, Dalgleish, nice size, rare shoulders, nice size and action; 5, Allan; 6, Paterson; 7, Simpson; 8, Weston; 9, Main. Tkd. (6): 1, Brown, nice size, rare head and neck, full of nerves; 2, Dalgleish, rare type, grand depth of shoulders, rare style; 3, Main; 4, 5, Henderson. Green (8): 1, sp, Hope, grand size and shape, easy action, nice length of side; 2, Main, nice size, rar driv and action; 3, no name, nice size, easy style and action; 4, Hendry; 5, Hutchison; 6, McNiven. Yell. Cl. Hen (9): 1, sp, Dalgleish, grand size, rare model, teeming with style and qual.; 2, Muir, grand size, rare action, decided drive; 3, David, rare size, nice top end, takes pos. well; 4, Menzies; 5, McAdam; 6, Muir; 7, Simpson; 8, Curtis. Piebald (16): 1, 4, Henderson; 1st, grand size, rich col., rare style, good top end; 4th, nice size, decided style; 2, Dalgleish, grand size, rare reach, stylish action; 3, Strathearn, nice length, not so thick through, but grand style; 5, Veitch; 6, Petrie; 7, Lile; 8, Bain; 9, Brown. Tkd. (2): 1, Wilson, grand size, rare action, carries tail well; 2, Cook, nice length of side, rare top end and style. Green (3): 1, Cook, fine size, well set up back and shoulders, nice action; 2, Strathearn; 3, Wilson. Buff (13): 1, Dalgleish, grand size, rare style, full of nerves and qual.; 2, Hope, grand size, much of the same stamp, presses hard; 3, no name, nice size and qual., easy action; 4, no name; 5, Allan; 6, Lile; 7, Hutchison; 8, 9, Rigby. Piebald (13): 1, sp best hen, Allan, grand stamp, rare size, grand style and action; 2, no name, nice size, rare length of side, full of nerve and qual; 3, Henderson, nice size, grand shoulders and head; 4, Forsyth; 5, Munro; 6, Beattie; 7, Cook; 8, Cockburn; 9, Wilson. Tkd. (8): 1, Muir, grand size and qual., takes pos. well; 2, Hope, grand size, prominent shoulders, decided drive; 3, Allan, nice length, not so thick through, but rare action; 4, McNiven; 5, West; 6, Carlow; 7, Lile; 8, Thornton. Green (3): 1 Simpson, grand size, rare action, full of style; 2, Muir, fair size and style, could be more prominent in shoulders; 3, Livingstone, fails in size, but stylish action. Pairs (9): 1, Dalgleish, grand sized yell. cock and buff pied hen, well matched pair, rather aged looking; 2, Thornton, clears, both of grand size and style, and well put up; 3, no name, clears, well matched and in rare order; 4, Paterson; 5, Hope; 6, 7, Veitch; 8, Beattie; 9, Carlow. Sell. Cks. (16): 1, Weston; 2, Hope; 3, Hendry; 4, Black; 5, Gordon; 6, Paterson; 7, Stirling; 8, Livingstone; 9, Millar. Hens (13): 1, McDougall; 2, Gibson; 3, Gordon; 4, King; 5, no name; 6, Millar; 7, 8, Black; 9 Hamilton. Belgians (4): 1, King, nice size, rare head and shoulders, easy style; 2, Baker, on the small side, but rare style and action; 3, 4, White.

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BRECHIN.

53rd Annual Show, held in Temperance Hall, Nov. 4; entries numbering 414, being 20 above last year, although only two Norwich came from Fifeshire and none from Glasgow, which says little for the Norwich Plainhead Club members. Borders were a grand section, both for number and quality, and deserve special mention Mr. Clark must have had his work cut out for him in placing the tickets. Norwich were back in number but not in quality; some of the winners here will win again. British were poor in number, and two of the classes had to be cancelled. Mr. J. Calderwood judged Norwich, Mr. W. S. Clark Borders, and Mr. M'Lean British.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. Calderwood.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Mitchell, nice size, good type and qual., fine cond.; 2, Allison, better col., rare type and qual., must have pressed; 3, McLean, fine type and qual.; 5, Hampton; 6, Stephen. BUFF (6): 1, Mathewson, rare type and qual., good subs.; 2, Mitchell, bigger one, good for show or stock either; 3, Smeaton, type and qual. here, good cond.; 4, McLean; 5, Masterton; 6, Lawson. YELL. VARIEG. (9): 1, Smeaton, nice bird, but some thought might have given way to second; 2, 3, Harris, good type and qual., rare col., hard lines; 3rd, another good one, fine spread, short thick bird; 4, Adams; 5, Taylor; 6, Burnett. BUFF (12): 1, Dalgety, Nor. medal winner, fine short compact bird, the right stamp; 2, Allison another good one, fine type and qual.; 3, 5, Mitchell, fine type, qual and cond.; 4, Hampton; 6, Ritchie. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Lawson, good col., fine type and qual.; 2, Mitchell, nice hen, fine col., rare type; 3, Harris, another good one, fine col.; 4, Allison; 5, Adams; 6, Hampton. BUFF (8): 1, McLean, bonny hen, well filled in, good win; 2, Harris, fine type, good head, rare qual.; 3, Emslie, another good one, fine type; 4, Melvin; 5, Lawson; 6, Taylor. YELL. VARIEG. (5): 1, Mitchell, the right type, fine col., a good Nor.; 2, Harris, fine type and qual., good cond.; 3, Smeaton, good type fine col.; 4, Craig; 5, Hampton. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Mitchell, leader good big hen, rare col., good type and qual.; 2nd, good one, shorter built; 3, Sandison, good type and qual., nice cond.; 4, Ross; 5, Dalgety; 6, Soutar. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Mitchell, good clear youngster, rare col., fine front, wins; 2, Ritchie, fine type and good col.; 3, Lawson, fine col., good cond. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 5, Mitchell, cl, fine type, good col., rare cond.; 3, variegated, fine short thick bird; 2, Souter, fine type, good col., fine cond; 4, Emslie; 6, Mathewson. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Allison, leader best young bird in section, N.P.C. medal, Sandiford's, bonny hen; 2nd, good one, fine type; 3, Mitchell, nice exhibit, good col.; 4, Stephen; 5, Dalgety; 6, Sandison. BUFF (14): 1, 4, 5, Mitchell, grand hen, all the qualities that make a Norwich; 2, Allison, good type and qual.; 3, Sandison, nice hen, fine type, good cond.; 6, Stephen. NON FED CK. (8): 1, Mitchell, nearly cl., fine size, good cond.; 2, Hampton, fine type, good cond., nice size; 3, Lawson, rare type and qual.; 4, Ewart; 5, Smith; 6, Dalgety. HEN (6): 1, McLean, good hen, fine stamp, good coud.; 2, Hampton, nice type, col. and cond.; 3, Mitchell, rare yell., good type and qual.; 4, Weir; 5, Simpson; 6, Devoy (too late for judging). SELL. CK.: 1, Craig; 2, Steven; 3, Hampton; 4, Adam; 5, Brand; 6, Lawson. HEN: 1, Adams; 2, Myles; 3, Burnett; 4, Craig; 5, Masterton; 6, Hampton.

THE BORDER CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. Clark.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Craig, B.F.C.C. medal, fine type, grand col., nice cond., staged to perfection, a credit; 2, Crabb and Finlaysnn, another good one, all there for type and qual., nice cond.; 3, Duncan, nice col., fine cond.; 4, Craig; 5, Robertson; 6, Crabb and Finlayson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Craig, nice couple, first wins on col., fine type; 2nd, good one, nice carriage; 3, 4, Crabb and Finlayson, fine col., rare type, correct pos., fine wings; 5, Lyall; 6, Stewart. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, 5, Crabb and Finlayson, nicely mkd., fine wings, good cond.; 2, 3, Craig, leader fine variegs., good col., nice cond.; 3rd, good one, rare col.; 4, Duncan; 6, Brown. BUFF (15): 1, Rintoul, fine bird, good type, rare qual.; 2, Craig, clean cut, good col.; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, correct size, fine pos.. very steady; 4, Paterson; 5, Brown; 6, Spence. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Craig, nice hen, good col., rare qual.; 2, Spence, fine type and qual.; 3, 5, Lyall, nicely drawn, good type of a Border; 4, Irons; 6, Crabb and Finlayson. BUFF (17): 1, Paterson, nice size, fine col.; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, good one, beautiful qual.; 3, 4, Craig, leader sweet hen, fine type and qual.; 5, Rintoul; 6, Irons. YELLOW. VARIEG. HEN (9)N (two birds disqualified as being even marks). 1, Crabb and Finlayson, a beauty, nearly even mkd., will win again; 2, Craig, fine col., nice type and qual.; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, fails in markings to leader, still a good one; 4, Hood; 5, McCrae; 6, Hampton. BUFF (14): 1, Lawson, nice type, good feather; 2, 3, Crabb and Finlayson, leader big bonny hen, fine qual.; 3rd, good one, hard to find fault with; 4, Spence; 5, Hastings; 6, Rintoul. EVEN MKD. CK. or HEN (5): 1, 3, Craig, good markings, grand col., nice cond.; 3rd, good one, very steady; 2, Darragh, fine makings, good type and qual.; 4, Duncan; 5, absent CINN. CK. (11): 1, Darragh, novice medal, B.F.C.C. open medal, deserves all he got; 2, Gillies, another good one, fine col.; 3, Lyall, fine Cinn., hard to find fault with; 4, Craig; 5, Forrest; 6, Spence. HEN (14): 1, Lambie, yell., bonny hen; 2, Gillies, fine type and col., good cond.; 3, 6, Darragh, nice cinn.; 4, Lyall; 5, Craig. GREEN CK. (12): 1, 3, Reid, leader fine col.; 3rd, another good one, nicely drawn; 2, Patterson, good type and qual.; 4, Smith; 5, 6, Sturrock. HEN (11): 1, 4, Reid, fine col. for a hen, rare type and qual.; 2, Lumsden, fine Border, clean cut, good col.; 3, Gillies, good one, fine col.; 5, Hampton; 6, Smith. SELL. CK. (9): 1, McCrae; 2, Craig, 3, 4, Crabb and Finlayson; 5, Rae and Reid; 6, Robertson. HEN (14): 1, Lyall; 2, Craig; 3, McCrae; 4 Crabb and Finlayson; 5, Hampton; 6, Irons. GIFT: 1, Craig; 2, Taylor; 3, McGregor; 4, Dalgety; 5, Lyall; 6, Brand.

THE BRITISH AND MULES.

Judge: Mr. A. M'Lean.

MULES (5): 1, Kidd, nice var. Goldie, shade small, nice col., good face, wins; 2, Fyffe, excellent Greenf. Mule, fine type and col., well put down; 3, Duncan, Greenf. Mule, fails in col. and cond. to winner; 4, Kidd; 5, Sharp. HYBRIDS (7): 1, Cranna, Goldf.-Bullf., nice one, fine face and cond.; 2, Kidd, Greenf.-Bullf., has the making of a good one, scarcely up in col. yet; 3, Melvin, Redpoll-Goldf., very sweet exhibit; 4, McEwan; 5, Black and Hendrie; 6, Irvine. Mr. Anderson exhibited a Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid which showed its double parentage distinctly. It had broken some of its head feathers, and this possibly kept it out of the awards. GOLDF. (5): 1, Black and Hendrie, rattling bird, needs no comment; 2, Allison, shimmer, but all there for face and tans; 3, Irvine; 4, Ewart; 5, Hutchison SISKIN (13): 1, Cranna, wins, nice size, lovely clear yell. col., good cap, on the stout side; 2, Muir, a buff, but a good one, all there for cap and lacing, well placed; 3, Calder, fails size to leaders, good bib; 4, Hutchison; 5, Fyfe; 6, Black and Hendrie. REDPOLL or TWITE (10): 1, Sykes, good one, nice level col., fine size; 2, McEwan, close up, similar type; 3, Cummings, scarcely finished yet; 4, Lambie; 5, Black and Hendrie; 6, Muir, as good as any, only unsteady. LINNET (12): 1, Cranna, good size and type, but not so good in col.; 2, Corsar, sweet one all over, shining like satin, shade smaller; 3, Sykes, good size, might be better col., too heavy mks.; 4, Allison; 5, McMaster; 6, Black and Hendrie. GREENF. (8): 1, Gentleman, wins easy; 2, Sykes, not up in col. yet; 3, Lockhart, similar to 2; 4, Black and Hendrie; 5, Fyfe; 6, Hird. CHAFF. or BRAMBLE (8): 1, 2, Sykes, leader noted Chaffinch, 2nd well-known Bramble, clear win; 3, Muir, Bramble, best of col. and condition, will make a champion; 4, Richardson; 5, Black and Hendrie; 6, A. Muir. BRIT. HEN (8): 1, Kidd, sweet Bullf.; 2, Gentleman, nice Greenf., ex. size and col.; 3, Sykes, Corn, nice shape, col. and mks.; 4, Black and Hendrie; 5, Smart; 6, Steven. A.O. BRIT. (8): 1, Taylor, Shrike, beauty, wins; 2, Robertson, Nuthatch, interesting exhibit, staged to perfection; 3, Calder, good Yellowhammer; 4, 6, Robertson; 5, Steven. GIFT (12): 1, Craig; 2, Taylor; 3, McGregor; 4, Dalgety; 5, Lyall; 6, Brand.

EASTLEIGH.

Annual open show, Nov. 15, Council Chambers. The hall is almost ideal, roomy, of good shape, and the daylight is so excellent that birds can be judged in their respective positions, saving both time and the disturbing of the exhibits. The entry was capital, and quality quite up to the usual standard of south-country shows. Norwich contained some nice typical specimens, the special for best bird going to Dr. Wecks's well-known Yellow hen, a bird with quite a record of firsts and specials. Mr. Chandler showed an exceptionally good buff marked bird in the Novice classes that won the spl. for best Unflighted. Yorkshires were quite up to standard, exhibits being sent up by such well-known South Coast fanciers as Messrs. Fulford, Troke, Gamble, Matthews, Holliday, etc. The show was splendidly managed by Mr. J. Alderslade, his assistant, Mr. F. Clark, rendering yeoman service. Other helpers were: Mrs. Alderslade, Messrs. Crook, Thornton, Page, Thornback, Legg, etc. The show was well attended by visitors. Mr. H. Norman judged.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Foyle, good subs., short, thick set, good back and wings, capital head, not particularly hot in col., but excellent feather; 2, 3, Miles, grand size, capital type, nicely proportioned and filled in, fine qual.; 3rd, not far behind; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Dr. Weeks; c, Silk. VAR. (4): 1, Miles, grand grizzle wing, fine subs. and style, hot col., well proportioned, fine qual.; 2, Frost and Rogers, bold bird, shapely, nice head, good back and wings, excellent condition; 3, vhc, Dr. Weeks. BUFF (5): 1, Silk, well put together, good head and beak, neat wings, fine qual.; 2, Parkes, another good one, close up, nicely proportioned, good subs., grand cond.; 3, vhc, Miles; hc, Alderslade. VAR. (6): 1, Dr. Weeks, not a big one, but excellent qual., grand head, nice full neck, in capital order; 2, Foyle, fine subs., neat head and wings, good cond.; 3, Frost and Rogers, typical, well proportioned, lovely qual.; vhc, Thornton, lovely qual.; vhc, Thornton; hc, c, Alderslade. HEN (8): 1, Dr. Weeks, well-known Yell., grand type and style, hot col., lovely qual.; 2, 3, Miles, beauties, stylish and typical, good in head and wings, lovely qual. feather; vhc, c, Foyle; hc, Parkes. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Dr. Weeks, nice subs., good bold front, capital head and wings, sound col. and qual.; 2, Foyle, typical, scarcely so well proportioned, still good, fine qual.; 3, Silk. BUFF (8): 1, Lock, good subs., capital head, back and wings, full neck, nice qual.; 2, Frost and Rogers, close up, nicely built and filled in, should make up; 3, Miles, neat head and wings, fine qual.; vhc, hc, Foyle; c, Alderslade. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Holliday, fine length, very straight, A 1 pos., good head and shoulders, lovely qual.; 2, vhc, Matthews, shade hotter in col., but hardly the finish, nicely balanced, neat head and wings, well up on leg; 3, Frost and Rogers, not far behind, typical, smart, nice shoulders and back; hc, Troke; c, Gamble. VAR. (2): 1, Gamble, good length and style, nice pos. and qual.; 2, Matthews, BUFF (6): 1, Gamble, grand length and style, good head and wings, nice shoulders, full of qual.; 2, Fulford, beauty, little between them, fine length and style, nicely drawn, grand cond.; 3, Troke; vhc, Howick; hc, Holliday; c, Page. VAR. (3): 1, Fulford, a beauty, grand upstanding bird of good length, compact wings, fine cond.; 2, Brunell, good length, nice back and wings, good legs, A 1 qual.; 3, Frost and Rogers. HEN (9): 1, Fulford, lovely cl. buff, grand size, beautifully modelled, neat head, nice length of wing, A 1 qual.; 2, Gamble, smart yell., good length and style, well up on leg, good shoulders; 3, vhc, Yates, capital buff, good length, neat head, capital wing, sound cond.; hc, c, Holliday. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Fulford, beautifully balanced and drawn, neat head and wings, good shoulders; 2, Pratt, good cl., smart and upstanding, fine length of wing, A1 qual.; 3, Gamble, nice length and style, neat shoulders, smart wings, A 1 pos.; vhc, Yates; hc, Frost and Rogers; c, Holliday. BUFF (4): 1, Frost and Rogers, smart and upstanding, fine length, good head and wings, A 1 cond.; 2, Holliday, grand cl., fine length, neat head, good shoulders and back, capital legs; 3, Yates; vhc, Gamble. NON-FED (1): 1, Yates, lovely Green, grand length and style, sound rich col., excellent qual. BORD. (12): 1, 2, Legg, very smart var., good type, stylish and free, nicely modelled; 2, neat Cinn., good type, grand cond.; 3, Page, lovely buff, stylish, good type, full of qual.; vhc, hc, Miss Landon; c, Thornton. A.O.V.: 1, Foyle, excellent Cinn. mkd Nor., capital type, good subs. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Prentice and Read, big Buff Greenf.-Can., good shape and subs.; 2, Locke, good Yell. Goldf., nice size, well proportioned, lovely qual.; 3, vhc Hartnell, var. Goldf., smart and shapely, nicely filled in, excellent feather; hc, c, Best. DARK (13): 1, Howick, well known Canary-Bullf., still in excellent condition and grand colour; 2 Sargent, very fine Greenf-Can., capital size and shape, sound col., A 1 cond.; 3, Howes, Linnet-Can., not a big one, but full of qual., good col., capital shape; vhc, Landon; hc, Thornton; c, Alderslade. FOR.: 1, 2, Slade, two good birds, in lovely condition; 3, Vale, another nice one, well shown; vhc, hc, Parkes. LARGE: 1, Evans GOLDF. (5): 1 Lean and Son, very smart, excellent face, good top, rich col., capital wings; 2, Clark, shapely, capital blaze, of nice size, scarcely so brilliant in col.; 3, Foyle, good shape, capital blaze, not fit yet; vhc, hc, Vale. BULLF. (5): 1, Potter, good full head and neck, sound rich col., lovely cond.; 2, Clark, lovely hen, fine size, well built, nice Bullio shape, sound col., high qual.; 3, vhc, Compton; hc, Sanger. LINNET (7): 1, Francis, shapely, sound, rich col., well pencilled., fine cond.; 2, Potter, scarcely so bold as winner, but lovely qual., full of work; 3, Vale, shapely, nicely pencilled, grand cond.; vhc, Turner; hc, Emmett; c, Alderslade. GREENF. (11): 1, 2, Francis, Greenf. and Chaffinch, leader a beauty for shape and qual., well proportioned, tip-top cond.; 3, Russell, good Greenie, scarcely so bold, but grand col. and cond.; vhc, Hawes; hc, Potter; c, Cook. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Potter, grand H.M. Redpoll leading, capital size and shape, tight as wax; 2nd, very fine Siskin; 3, Sanger, good Redpoll, grand order; vhc, Best; hc, Alderslade; c, Thornhuck. A.O.V. (5): 1, Francis, very fine Hawfinch, grand size and shape, expansive bib, lovely qual.; 2, ——, very fine Bunting, good shape and size, grand cond.; 3, Potter; vhc, Potter; hc, Sanger. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 3, King, two very fine Thrushes, grand size and shape, beautifully spotted, in the pink; 2, Turner, bold Skylark, good upstanding bird, very steady, nicely mkd. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, Miss King. VAR.: 1, E. Chandler. BUFF: 1, Chandler. UNFLIG.: 1, Chandler, nice size and subs., well built all through, full of qual. NON-FED: 1, Emmett; 2, Cook. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Purnell, good ones, fine length, very stylish; 3, Clark. VAR.: 1, Nason; 2, Nash. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Purnell, nicely moulded, capital feather; 3, vhc, Nash; hc, King. VAR.: 1, Davitt; 2, Nason. HEN: 1, Kerwood; 2, Pennell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Nason. BUFF (5): 1, Davitt, good clear, nice length, good head and wings, excellent qual.; 2, vhc, Nason, stylish, good length of wing, stands well; 3, Kerwood.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Fourteenth annual show, Nov. 18. The Co-operative Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, is of capital light, spacious, lofty and free of draughts, a very fine rendezvous. The entry was excellent, upwards of 200, really better than was expected, so very busy night and day are the fanciers around this district, doing urgent work of national importance. Yorks. were a choice collection, gems being put down by Messrs. Stott, Greatrix, Wilson and Darlington, Morton, Browse, Young, Moss and Lloyd. Yorks. Greens were greatly admired, and glorious "dusky" ones were shown by Messrs. W. Jones, Barr, Browse, and Young. Norwich, although not numerous were good, nice specimens were the property of Messrs. Barr, Teare, and Stott. British captivated, those benching our national songsters in tip-top form were Messrs. Baker (Goldie), J. Stott (Linnet), Morton (F.M. Linnet), and Greatrix (Twite). Mr. W. Wilson won well with a very smart and stylish buff 4-pointed Goldf.-Can., in fine fettle. Novice classes contained many exhibits quite worthy of doing duty with success in the champion section. Notable exhibits were the property of Messrs. Byrne, Baynes, Wakem, Crowe, Corfe and Taylor.

Chairman, Mr. J. M. Moss, is a most capable controller, and treas., Mr. F. Browse, is courteous and a worker, always on the go. Mr. A. E. Lloyd is of the right stamp, knows fully the secretarial duties, has every item at his finger tips, an enthusiast who is a great asset to the society. Stewards who worked hard and well were Messrs. W. Jones, Fitzsimmons, Cooper, Baines, and Barr. Mrs. Teare rendered capital assistance. Special winners were: Messrs. Young, Greatrix, and Corbett (clrs.), Teare, Barr, and Stott (Norwich), Baker, Wilson, and Morton (Brit.), Jones, Browse, and Young (Greens), Wakem, Taylor, and Corfe (Novices). Winning draw Nos. 291, 314, 772, 950, 318, 568. Amongst the many visitors were: Messrs. Burns, Bunner, and Benson. The "better halfs" of fanciers who patronised the venture were: Mesdames Morton, Browse, Cooper, F. Jones, Corfe, Baker, Weaver, and A. E. Lloyd. Most of these ladies are at present giving valuable assistance to their husbands by attending to the birds in their lengthy absence on munition work. Judging was completed in good time, and as the room was thronged with visitors, everything appeared to point to a successful issue. Tickets had been sold well. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield) judged.

Yorks. Cl. Yell. (9): 1, Stott; 2, McTier; 3, Cooper; vhc, Corbett; hc, Young; c, Greatrix. Buff (8): 1, Young; 2, McTier; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Barr; hc, Corbett; c, Browse. Yell Tkd. (8): 1, 2, Young; 3, Greatrix; vhc, c, Stott; hc, McTeare. Buff (6): 1, McTeare; 2, Browse; 3, hc, Greatrix; vhc, Barr; c, Morton. Yell. Hen (12): 1, Young; 2, c, Stott; 3, McTeare; vhc, Cooper; hc, Greatrix. Buff (12): 1, c, Young; 2, 3, Corbett; vhc, Teare; hc, Greatrix. Yell., 1916 (13): Nice class: 1, 2, Young; 3, c, Greatrix; vhc, Corbett; hc, Teare. Buff (11): Good lot: 1, Corbett; 2, Young; 3, vhc, Barr; hc, Greatrix; c, Stott. Hen (2): 1, Teare; 2, Stott. Hv. Mkd. (3): 1, Young; 2, Greatrix; 3, Stott. Hen (7): 1, Browse; 2, Corbett; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Young; hc, Cooper; c, Lloyd. Yell. Non-Fed (2): 1, Darlington; No. 1, w.c. Buff (4): 1, Young; 2, Wilson; 3, McElroy; vhc, Moss. Hen (2): 1, Fitzsimmons; 2, Greatrix. Yorks. Yell. Green (4): 1, 2, W. Jones; 3, Darlington; vhc, Lloyd. Buff (10): 1, Barr; 2, Browse; 3, hc, Jones; vhc, McElroy; c, Corbett. Foul Yell. (4): 1, 3, Jones; 2, Young; vhc, Lloyd. Buff (2): 1, Browse; 2, Moss. Yell. Hen (3): 1, 2, Jones; 3, Young. Buff (8): 1, 3, Browse; 2, Jones; vhc, Stott; hc, Lloyd; c, McElroy. Yell., 1916 (4): 1, 2, vhc, Jones; 3, Browse. Buff (8): 1, 2, Young; 3, hc, Jones; vhc, Browse; c, Lloyd. Nor. Yell. (2): 1, Teare; 2, Stott. Buff (3): 1, 2, Barr; 3, Browse. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 2, Teare; 3, vhc, Barr; hc, Lloyd. Buff (5): 1, Teare; 2, Stott; 3, Browse; vhc, Morton; No. 2, absent. Yell., 1916 (2): 1, Barr; 2, Teare. Buff (3): 1, Teare; 2, Stott; 3, Browse. Hen (2): 1, Stott; 2, McElroy. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Stott; 2, Lloyd; hc, McElroy. Sell. 20/- (2): 1, Teare; 2, Lloyd. 10/6 (4): 1, Teare; 2, Wakem; 3, vhc, Corbett. 10/- (3): 1, Teare; 2, Corbett; 3, Wakem. Mule (6): 1, hc, Wilson; 2, Phillips; 3, c, Barr; vhc, Darlington. Goldf. (6): 1, 2, Baker; 3, hc, Davies; vhc, Morton; c, A. H. Davies. Linnet, H.M. (4): 1, Stott; 2, F. Jones; 3, W. Jones; vhc, Elroy. F.M. (4): 1, Morton; 2, A. H. Davies; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Peers. Siskin, Etc. (2): 1, Greatrix; 2, A. H. Davies. Nov. Yorks. Cl. Yell. (5): 1, Bryne; 2, Corfe; 3, Taylor; vhc, Wakem; hc, Peers. Buff (6): 1, Baynes; 2, Fitzsimmons; 3, Fairley; vhc, Taylor; hc, Wakem. Buff (7): 1, Wakem; 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Fitzsimmons; hc Baynes; c, Baker. Hv. Var. (3): 1, Crowe; 2, Corfe; 3, Wakem. Yell. Foul Green (5): 1, 2, Wakem; 3, Taylor; 3, Crowe. Foul. Yell. Hen (3): 1, 2 Wakem A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Byrne; 3, vhc, Jones. Yorks. Cl. Buff, Etc. (7): 1, Corfe; 2, Fitzsimmons; 3, Baker; vhc, Wakem; hc, Byrne; c, F. Jones. Yell., 1916 (14): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Wakem; vhc, Corfe; hc, Fairley; c, Fitzsimmons. Buff (11): 1, Baynes; 2, vhc, Fitzsimmons; 3, Baker; 4, Fairley; c, Wakem.

OLD SHILDON.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club, sixth annual cage bird show, Club Hall, Nov. 10 and 11. The hall is a most suitable place for a show, being well lighted, free from draughts, and heated with hot-water pipes. The classification was liberal, but only poor encouragement was given for a hard-working secretary and committee in receiving only 188 entries in 34 classes. In spite of the poor support, every attention was given to the exhibits. Mr. Ainsworth was a hard-working and very obliging sec., and was supported by Messrs. Orton, Galloway, Hugill, Alderson, Rowlandson, Webb, Allan, members of the committee. Messrs. W. Rutherford, Crook, and R. S. Bewick, Newcastle, judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Warrington, cl., full of col., grand type and cond., nice round head, good enough for better company; 2, Smith, cl., good col., grand wing carr.; 3, Peirson, cl., good shape, nice condition, crosses wings slightly; vhc, Bailes; hc, Seely and Son; c, Griffiths. BUFF (8): 1, McGregor, cl., nice type, good cond., very stylish; 2, Sanderson, cl., better wing carr., pressed hard; 3, Holden, cl., nice col. and cond., good head, fails type; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Smith; c, Peirson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Carr, cl. bull, grand typo and col., good carr., nice wings and tail, and a cl. yell., very similar, hard to separate; 3, Holden, nice cl. yell., good col. and cond., fails slightly in size; vhc, Bailes; hc, Priest; c, J. Dixon. HEN, A.C. (7): 1, Holden, cl. buff, nice shape and cond., good carr.; 2, H. Wilson, cl. yell., pressed hard, better type than leader, good col., somo preferred; 3, Carr, cl. buff, similar to second, nice exhibit, good wing carr.; vhc, Smith; hc, Gale; c, Clarkson. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Carr, cl. yell., nice youngster, good col. and cond., nice head, good carr.; 2, Peirson, cl. yell., another good exhibit, loses in head, good shape and carr.; 3, J. Dixon, mkd. head, nice shape, very stylish, good wings; vhc, Holden; hc, Seely and Son; c, Bailes. YORKS., CL., ETC., YEL. (5): 1, Wearmouth and Hodgson, cl., nice cond., good col., fine upright pos.; 2, M. Nattress, cl., nice shape, good col. and pos., fails cond. to winner; 3, vhc, F. Dixon, stylish bird, also behind in cond.; hc, Galloway. BUFF (6): 1, M. Nattress, cl., good length, stands well, good legs, fine cond.; 2, Wearmouth and Hodgson, mkd. neck, nice upstanding bird, very stylish; 3, F. Dixon, cl., similar to leaders, not much to choose; vhc, T. Nattress; hc, Carlisle; c, Griffin. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Stevens, cl. yell., real nice bird, good col. and cond., should turn out well; 2, Wearmouth and Hodgson, cl. yell., hard to separate, nice col. and cond., some preferred; 3, T. Nattress, nice bird, fails cond. to leaders; vhc, c, Hunter; hc, Peart and Hutchinson. HEN, A.C. (4): 1, M. Nattress, cl. yell., nice lady, nice length, good wings, carr. and very stylish; 2, Hunter, cl. buff, grand type, good cond., very smart; 3, Griffin; vhc, Carlisle. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Carlisle, cl. buff, good wings and tail, very upright, nice cond.; 2, M. Nattress, cl. yell., pressed hard for 1st, good col., hard to separate; 3, Stevens, cl. buff, good carr., nice feather, fails pos.; vhc, Griffin; hc, T. Nattress; c, F. Dixon. CREST (4): 1, 2, Taylor, wing mkd., D.C., grand cond., nice flowing crest and nice variegs., similar crest to leader, two first-rate exhibits; 3, Hugill, green crest, nice specimen, good flowing crest; vhc, Potter. C.-B. (3): 1, Taylor, heavy variegs., good subs., nice qual. feather; 2, Potter, variegs. buff, good size, nice feather; 3, Hugill. CREST UNFLIG. (5): 1, vhc, Taylor, buff, D.C., good feather and cond., nice shaped crest, wins; 2, Richardson, wing and tail mkd., nice dk. crest, good qual., nice feather; 3, Hugill; hc, McNaughton. C.-B. (1): 1, Taylor, cl., nice size, good qual., could stand plenty competition. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Hearfield, variegs., very shapely, good feather and cond.. BUFF (2): 1, Rowlandson, buff, eyes and wing mkd., grand shape, nice carr., very smart; 2, Hearfield, cl. buff, good type, very stylish, nice cond. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Hearfield, uneven, mkd., good type, nice pos., very smart. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Sanderson, real nice cinn. Nor., grand feather and cond., good size, lovely qual.; 2, Gale. NOV. (11): 1, Warrington, winner in open class, cl. yell. Nor., nice head, lovely shape and cond.; 2, 3, Lancaster, cl. yell. Nor. leading, nice col., good wings and tail, nice type, 3rd yell., nice col. and carr.; vhc, Priest; hc, H. A. Wilson; c, Hodgson. SELL. 20s. (4): 1, McGregor; 2, Orton; 3, Stevens; vhc, McNaughton. 15s. (6): 1, Orton; 2, J. Dixon; 3, H. Wilson; vhc, McGregor; hc, Stephenson; c, Stevens. 10s. (3): 1, 2, Orton; 3, Ingill. SEL., MULE OR BRIT (7): 1, McGregor, Bramble; 2, Wright, buff Lin.-Can.; 3, Todd, Linnet; vhc, Robinson; hc, Stephenson; c, Carr. LINNET, H.M. (2): 1, Wright, good col., splendid shape, good markings; 2, R. Forster, Yorks type, smaller, fails type and markings. F.-M. (9): 1, hc, Handley, good type, nice size, col. and markings; 2, H. A. Wilson, very shapely, fails col. and size to winner; 3, vhc, Wright, leader nice bird, good col. and cond., not so thick-set as winner, still a good specimen; c, R. Forster. GOLDF. (3): 1, Wright, real nice Finch, rough in upper blaze, well tanned, good type, should make a good one; 2, Carr., nice col. and cond., less than winner, nice shape; 3, Robinson. BULLF. (7): 1, Dr. Wilson, grand H.-M., good size and col., grand cap and wing bars, good type, wins; 2, H. Wilson, similar type, fails cap and bars, good col.; 3, vhc, Wright, smaller, nice cond.; hc, c, W. Wilson. GREENF. (6): 1, 3, Wright, Hartlepool winner leading, good all-round, showing age, grand head and type, 3rd smaller, good col.; 2, Carr, nice col., good bars, fine cond.; vhc, Gray; hc, Todd; c, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Wright, yell. Siskin, massive bib, good cap and col., Hartlepool winner; 2, 3, Carr, nice Twite, not the largest, but lovely feather and cond., well pencilled, 3rd nice Lesser 'Poll. A.O. SEEDEATER (4): 1, Dr. Wilson, lovely Meadow Bunting, well-known winner, nationality often disputed, splendid feather and cond., tight as a drum; 2, 3, vhc, Wright, Yellow Bunting leading, nice col. and markings. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, 2, 3, Wright, Redstart leading, Newcastle and Hartlepool winner, needs no further comment, 2nd Grey Wagtail, nice feather, stylish, very steady, 3rd Gold Crest, fine specimen, good feather, quite lively. LARGE (1): 1, Montagne, Chongh, grand size, feather and cond., hard lines not to have connetition. BRIT. NOV. (1): 1, Young, nice buff Bramble, good size, well ticked, good spangling MULE OR HYB. (13): best class in the show, some real tonners here: 1, 2, vhc, Dr. Wilson, almost cl. Goldf-Can. leading, one tkd. feather in wings, lovely col. and cond., 2nd Redpoll-Bullf., in the pink, grand col., shows cross well, really smart; 3, Robinson, lovely Goldf.-Bullf., good size and shape, splendid face, mass of col., pressed very hard, any of these fit to win; hc, Wright; c, Stenseuson; No. 11, Dr. Wilson, Greenf.-Bullf., not looking well, would have pressed also if fit, thick when judged.

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BRISTOL.

Show held Dec. 2. Entries were not up to expectation, and this may have been due to the fact that a mistake was made in stating in advertisement that the entry fee was 2s. 6d. instead of 3s. 6d. From the point of quality the show was a big success and some lovely exhibits were staged. Nor. were poor in number but competition was keen, and Messrs. Tristem, Sampson, and Giblett put down birds which deserved more extended and stronger competition. Mr. Tristem's bird which won the Brooks challenge cup, was indeed a topper, and was staged to the minute. Yorks. always are good at Bristol, and this occasion proved no exception to the rule; several of the exhibits seemed to be feeling the effects of the keen wind which prevailed outside. Messrs. Radley, Dykes, and Snead sent down some splendid birds from the North, but the Western fanciers held their own well, and made them gallop all the way. The much coveted Bristol challenge bowl was won by a charming yellow shown by Mr. Greenslade in a close race with Mr. Dykes' exhibit. Britishers were wonderful, and we heard several old show hands say they had never seen such beautiful exhibits. The winning Bunting was a stormer, and led a good variety lot. In this class Mr. House left out a Hawfinch on the ground that it had had its bib trimmed.

Bristol management is always good, and this is in great measure due to the continuity of service for many years on the part of the executive. Mr. G. T. H. Maggs has ripe experience as secretary, and nothing is wanting in his department. The stewards were Mr. J. A. Greenslade (supt.), Mrs. Tristem, and Messrs. H. R. Giblett, H. S. Water, G. Hiscox, F. Sampson, I. A. Davis, and F. J. Yorke. Mr. C. A. House judged

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Sampson, pied tail green, lovely shape and style, rare qual. and col., beautifully shown; 2, 3, Tristem, eye and wing mkd., nice feather and style; 3, rattling good bodied cl., splendid col.; 4, Bridgwater; vhc, no name. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Tristem, grand shaped variegs., soft silky feather, very nice col., well shown; 3, stylish, nice qual., wing mkd.; 2, Sampson, very nice bodied cap mkd., good col. and qual.; 4, Bridgwater; vhc, Oliver. HEN (6): 1, No. 20, no name, very smart variegs. buff, nice full chest, good shoulders, capital wings and tail, good col. and qual.; 2, vhc, Tristem, lovely feathered cl., rare chest, wings and tail; 3, Oliver, good round chested variegs. yell.; 4, Sampson; hc, Richards. BRED 1916 (5): 1, Brooks Cup, 2, vhc, Tristem, slashing yell., grand head, back, and chest, full of qual., sound even col.; 2, very smart variegs. buff, good type, feather, and style; 3, Mitchell, variegs. buff, nice qual. and col.; 4, Sampson. NOV. (13): 1, 2, hc, Giblett, very nice shaped yell., good col. and qual.; 2, typical, nicely feathered buff; 3, Mathews, beautiful cl. yell., a good one all round, but had a damaged tail; 4, Collins, good bodied buff; vhc, Withers; c, Phillips. NON-FED (3): 1, Mrs. Bridgwater, typical, close feathered buff; 2, Mitchell, smart yell. green; 3, Tristem. SELL. (7): 1, hc, c, Giblett; 2, Lock; 3, Beal; 4, Phillips; vhc, Collins. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Thompson, slashing cl., stands well up on good legs, capital shape, neat feather; 2, Clut, not quite so long, neat head, wings and tail, beautiful qual. and style; 3, vhc, Yorke, long raking bird, tkd. on shoulder, rare style; 4, Davis, shapely, nice col. and qual., thigh tkd.; hc, Dykes; c, Helliwell. BUFF (10): 1, Fulford, long shapely, eye and wing mkd., beautiful wings and tail, stands well up, close compact feather; 2, Hiscox, neck and wing mkd., capital length and pos., good feather, pale; 3, Greenslade, very neat shapely cl., grand col. and qual.; 4, Griffiths, long, stylish cl.; vhc, Snead; hc, Radley; c, Dykes. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, a real gem, full of nerve, grand qual., beautiful outline and pose; 2, Radley, very neat, smart shape and style, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Snead, very hot and slim, grand qual.; 4, Helliwell, very neat wing tkd.; vhc, Greenslade; hc, Thompson; c, Osbourne. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Greenslade, very handsome cheek tkd., rare head, shoulders, wings, and tail, a picture; 2, Davis, cl., somewhat longer, capital shape and style, but not so fit; 3, Dykes, lovely wing tkd., beautiful silky feather, grand col., seemed to feel the cold; 4, Hiscox; vhc, Radley; c, Fulford. BRED 1916 (19): 1, challenge bowl, Greenslade, very sweet cl. yell., lovely head, shoulders, wings and tail, rare qual. and col., full of nerve and style; 2, Dykes, longer yell., grand shape and carr., beautiful qual. and col., not so tight in wing; 3, Mrs. Holliday, long, racy, stylish buff, beautifully feathered and moulded; 4, Snead, very smart typical yell.; vhc, Radley; hc, Thompson; c, Buckland; No. 168, Snead, soft. NOV. (10): 1, c, Norman, very smart, shapely, lengthy yell., plenty of nerve, stands well up; 2, vhc, Withers, rare shaped buff very tight and compact, good wings and tail; 3, Hamlyn, grand bodied stylish yell.; 4, Holroyd; hc, Pinnell. HEN (7): 1, 2, Hamlyn, beautiful birds, easily ahead, a charming buff of rare feather and style, and a yell., which for style and swagger was just immense; 3, 4, Withers, very shapely yell., and well feathered stylish buff; vhc, Neads; hc, Tozer Bros. NON-FED (4): 1, Buckland, fair shape, nice feather; 2, Beal, neat feather. SELL (11): 1, 3, Davis; 2, Pinnell; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Routley; hc, c, Greenslade. A.O.V. (17): 1, 4, vhc, very smart good headed C.B., grand feather and shape; 4, stylish, well feathered, shapely buff coppy; 2, Mrs. Burgess, rich col. Gold Lizard, very nicely spangled, good shape, nice qual.; 3, Penaluna, pied buff Scotch Fancy, smart and nervy, good shape and carr.; vhc, c, Gatehouse, shapely Whites, would be better for a good hand-washing; vhc, Edwards; hc, Cheney. MULES (4): 1, 3, Collins, very handsome 4-point Goldf.-Can., lovely col. and qual., nicely mkd.; 2, rich col., dark Green.-Can., capital shape and feather; 2, Davis, very nice cl. yell. Goldf.-Can.; 4, Lock. HYB. (5): 1, Collins, very handsome Redpoll-Goldf., lovely rich col., beautiful feather and style; 2, Andrews, smart, stylish, good col. Redpoll-Siskin, nice shape and feather; 3, 4, Fletcher, nicely mkd. Goldie-Bullies; vhc, Mrs. Burgess. BULLF. (12): 1, Edwards, wonderful bloom and finish, very steady, rare shape, capital back and bars; 2, Andrews, hen, rich col., grandly mkd., rare shape and style, very showy; 3, hc, Holborow, hen, magnificent, size and shape, but not so fit; 4, Alexander, rich col, cock, good glossy cap; vhc, Potter; c, Willis. GOLDF. (12): 1, West, a top notcher and no mistake, wonderful col. and lustre, grandly mkd., lovely feather; 2, Bobbett, shade smaller, but finest qual. and col., very steady and smart; 3, Davis, large, good shape, well mkd.; 4, Andrews, very rich col., grand bars, buttons and blaze; vhc, Beachem; hc, Withers; c, Green. LINNET (10): 1, Nicholas, splendid shape and size, very rich col., beautifully mkd., in splendid fettle; 2, Bobbett, not so rich in col., grandly mkd. right through, capital shape; 3, Potter, very even and distinct marks, nice feather; 4, Cheney; vhc, Wills; hc, Tilley; c, Edwards. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Dalton, very neat Redpoll, lovely col., marks, and feather, very steady; 2, rich col. Siskin, grand cap, beautifully laced, nice size and shape, good col.; 3, Nicholas, smart, shapely, stylish Twite; 4, Cheney; vhc, hc, Potter. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, Collins, one of the finest Yellow Buntings ever seen, wonderful col., rich glossy plumage, a real gem; 2, rich col., well mkd., shapely, nice feathered Hawfinch; 3, Tilley, rich col. Green., grandly feathered, very steady; 4, West, nicely spangled Bramble; vhc, Alexander; hc, Cheney.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.A.

Seventh annual show, Nov. 18, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross. The day was extremely cold, and the task of the judges was thereby rendered difficult, but the work was got over early. Judges were Messrs. McLay, Kirkintilloch, Nor.; Hamilton, Hamilton, Yorks, and Bord.; Taylor, Shettleston, Mules, Brit. and For. The ever-obliging sec. (Mr. Proudfoot) is second to none at running a show, and is as popular to-day as when the Society was founded. The Committee are of the tried and trusty material, Messrs. Mitchell, Lunn, Young, Reid, Gillespie, Robertson, Sellar, with Messrs. Hendry and Henderson as auditors.

YOUNG BIRD.—CL. or TKD. YELL. NOR. CK. (8): 1, 2, sp, Braid, lovely type, rare qual., neat, full throughout, leader excels in closeness of feather; 3, Hyslop, good, but not so steady or massively built; 4, Allan. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Allan, nice col., cond., good size, carr., bit long in body and feather, we preferred; 2 Henderson cobbler built, not quite so hot col., but broad, neat, well filled in; 3 and 4, Campbell. YELL. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Tawse, fine wings and cap mkd., hot level col., rare qual., neat type, in the pink; 2, Campbell, cap and wing mkd., nice col. and cond.; 3, Murray; 4, no name. BUFF (3): 1 and 3, Henderson, leader fine size, good qual., neat wings and tail, top cond.; 2, Tawse. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3 spls, Braid, should also have won the S.P.C. silver medal, owing to some oversight it was given to the wrong bird, but we understand that an agreement has been arrived at, Glasgow and Dist. winner needs no comment, just in the pink; 2, Henderson; 3, Campbell. BUFF (4): 1, Hyslop, neat all over, in the pink; 2, Campbell, lovely qual., nice type; 3, sp, 4, Henderson; 4, Shorter. BUFF VAR. (3): 1, 2, Tawse, lovely col., grand qual. feather, typical, neat through, 2 nice qual. dark cap, good size; 3, Campbell. GREEN or CINN. (1): 1, Henderson, large green, nice type. NON FED (1): 1, Lunn, var. buff, A1 cond. NOV. (1): 1, Brown, var. buff, small, but neat. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, D. Lunn, all there for type and qual., neat, shapely, fine carr.; 2, Sellar, nice qual. feather, good col., style, not just so swe-tly drawn; 3, Colquhoun, good col., fine type, barely so steady; 4, W. Lunn. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Proudfoot, grand type and qual., shapely, clean cut, nice carr., only fault rather flat in skull, 2, no name, lovely qual., fitfinely drawn, neat head, wings and tail, we preferred; 3, no name, neck mkd., not quite so warm col., fine type, A1 qual., runs close; 4, Brown, good body shape, nice qual. BUFF CK. (12): 1, sp, Proudfoot, typical, nice qual. feather, good wings and tail; 2 and 3, Sellar, 2 we preferred for 1st place, fine exhibit, qual. and type A1, close cut, shapely, neat through, finely tapered, staged in the pink, 3 similar for type and qual., neatly got up; 4, W. Lunn, unsteady, but for type, qual, equals anything in class. HEN (9): 1 and 3, Sellar, leader, good all over, in the pink, 3 closer and more body feather than 2nd, neat, well drawn, well staged, we liked better; 2, Proudfoot, nice qual., cinn. mark, not just so sweetly drawn, bit unsteady; 4, no name, real good, neat, finely balanced through, might have gone up. UNEVEN or VAR. YELL. (4): 1, 3 spls, Braid, Macnab challenge cup best young Border or Yorkie, fine var., grand head, neck, well rounded, shapely body, neat, well drawn, in the pink; 2 D. Lunn, well staged; 3, Proudfoot; 4, Colquhoun. BUFF (6): 1, Sellar, nice qual. feather, neat wings, tail, but inclined to draw itself into bad shape; 2 and 4, Colquhoun, leader typical, fine qual., with better staging could have won; 3, no name. GREEN (5): 1, sp, B.F.C.C. medal, D. Lunn, yell., good one all over, well staged; 2, Robertson, buff, nice type, neat, well braced rather dull col.; 3, sp, Lamond; 4, W. Lunn. CINN. (5): All D. Lunn, very creditable team, could have stood some competition, staged in the pink. NOV. (3): 1, Brown, fine cl. shapely, staged in creditable fashion; 2, Lamond; 3, Jamieson. YORKS., YELL. CK. (2): 1 and 2, Cochrane, good length, shapely, well drawn neatly braced, could have been better staged. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, all Cochrane, good trio, leader fine stamp, grand qual. feather, shapely, nice pos., in fine order. YELL. HEN (2): 1 and 2, Cochrane, leader typical, well drawn, 2 very stylish, close up. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cochrane, fine team staged in good fashion. A.O.V. YORKS. (3): All Cochrane, 1 and 2 staged in the pink, 3 we could not find. A.O.V. (2): 1 and 2, Allan, gold and silver Lizard in nice order, well spangled, steady. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Proudfoot, all Goldfinch Mules in nice feather. OLD BIRDS.—C.B.: 1, Campbell, massive var., plenty feather, staged in good order. NOR. CK. (10): 1, sp, Tawse, massive, well built, lovely col., A1 qual., neat, good wing; 2, Braid, hard up for size, richness of col. and qual. of feather, not quite so full in head, but pressed; 3, Henderson, typical, clean cut, carr. right foils col only; 4, Proctor, nice col yellow. VAR (7): 1 S.P.C. medal, 3, Proctor, var buff, massive skull trifle browy, fine col., nice subs., true and carr., well staged; 2, Tawse, yell. lovely col., A1 qual., neat, cobby, we liked, one of the right stamp, staged to win, 3 good qual. feather, too fat for show cond.; 4, Mitchell. CL. or TKD. HEN (9): 1, sp Braid, grand, yell., capital size, lovely type and qual., in rare order; 2, Hyslop, well up for size col., qual. and feather not so cobby or clean cut away; 3, Allan, good buff, neat, full top and shapely; 4, Mitchell. VAR HEN (4): 1 Braid lovely qual., var, dark cap buff, all there for type and qual., neatly braced in rare trim; 2 and 3 Proctor; 4, no name. GREEN or CINN. (2): 1, sp, 2, Henderson leader large buff cinn. in fine order. 3 yell. green in good feather. NON FED (4): 1, Braid, lovely buff, sweet type and qual., neat in the pink; 2 Lunn; 3, Brown; 4, no name. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. (9): 1, no name typical neat clean cut, finely tapered, staged in fine style; 2 Robertson nice feather, fair type, foils at top end; 3 Brown nice type and qual., strong in head and beak; 4 Colquhoun, typical, sweet qual., shapely, fine carr. we fancied for 2nd. BUFF (8): 1, sp, D. Lunn, typical, neat through, well staged; 2, no name, neat shape, fine qual., well folded wings, close tail; 3, D. Lunn, good one, runs close up; 4, Proudfoot. YELL. VAR. (1): 1, D. Lunn, nice stamp, clean cut, shapely. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Allan, nice top end, well rounded, sweet front, shade flat across back, and inclines to cross at times; 2, Sellar, shapely, fine qual. feather, good cond., gets into awkward crouching position; 3, no name, all there for shape, type and qual., would have made a creditable leader; 4, sp, Lamond, nice exhibit, with better staging might have altered places. GREEN or CINN. (9): 1, Lamond, fine buff green, good sound col., nice qual., nicely laced, well staged; 2, no name, nice yell. cinn., in top form; 3 and 4, D. Lunn, yell. green and buff cinn., real Border characteristics, hot triers for top honours. YORKS., CK. (4): 1, Colquhoun, fine lengthy yell., hot, even col., round and shapely, well drawn, just inclined to lift at front; 2 and 3, Cochrane, former sweet qual. buff, well drawn, clean cut, shapely, well braced, runs close up; 4, Allan. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2 4, Cochrane, fine team, leader all there, an easy winner, 2 fails wings, 4 behind in cond.; 3, Allan. MULE or HYB. (3), all dark: 1, sp, 3, Allan, both Linnet cross, leader excels in col. and qual., well staged; 2, Hyslop, good Jonque Goldie. GOLDF. (3): 1 and 2, Henderson, leader excels in size, nice square blaze, fine wings, nice markings, not up in col.; 3, Proudfoot. BULLF. (2): 1, sp, Henderson, fine size, nice col., neat cap and wing bars, wins easy; 2, Allan. LINNET (7): 1, no name, fine size, real nutty col., well pencilled, very soft when we saw it; 2, sp, Henderson, nice type, feather, well pencilled, steady, not just so large as leader; 3, no name, short, chubby, in good order, nicely pencilled, well placed; 4, Allan. REDPOLL (5), all Lessers: 1, sp, 4 Allan, good exhibit, in the pink, wins easily, 4 good F.M., will improve; 2, Hyslop; 3, no name. SISKIN or TWITE (2): 1 and 2, Henderson, nice Siskin and Twite, well staged, steady. GREENF. (7): 1 and 2, Henderson, fine pair, massive in build, grand col., close body feather, top cond., well placed; 3, Lamond shade smaller, leaders clinking col., A1 cond., fine bloom; 4, no name. BRAMBLE or CHAFFINCH (4): 1, sp, 2, Hyslop, fine Chaffinch, good col. and markings, steady, well staged, 2 Bramble, nice size, grand col and markings well mangled, close up; 3 and 4, Henderson. BUNTING (4): 1, 2, 3, Henderson, grand Yellowhammer in rare bloom, fine size and col., distinct markings, 2 Ortolan Bunting, 3 good Corn; 4 Allan. HEN MAGPIE (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Henderson fine team, in capital order. Siskin Greenf., Bullf and Bramble. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp, Hyslop grand Hawfinch, not just the largest but capital col., rich well defined markings, steady, perfect bloom; 2 Allan, good Warbler; 3 ORTOLAN HOOD (1): 1 Proudfoot handsome King Harriet, annual visitor looking better than ever, excitedly stared. SMALL (9): 1 and 2 Allan; 3 Henderson, stared. CINN (9): 1 Henderson; 2 Allan; 3, no name; 4, Colquhoun; 5 Campbell; 6 Proudfoot.

WEST BROMWICH.

Tenth annual show of the [illegible]ich. Handsworth and Dis. C.B.S., Ivy [illegible] 18 and 20. Entries totalled just over 250 [illegible]ity was well to the fore in the majority of [illegible] Many of the exhibits did not turn up [illegible] mid-day and this coupled with a [illegible] the judging a difficult task. The [illegible] were nicely staged in tiers round the room [illegible] and were in the capable hands of a committee [illegible] keeping fanciers. We are Amos Dent [illegible] Greenslade, Wood and Viles, with Mr. S. N. Taylor as chairman, Mr. H. T. Collier as Hon. Show Sec. worked hard and efficiently, and was most courteous and obliging. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. Robinson's Waxwing "Heathcast Bride" in grand form. Mr. J. H. Payne judged

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

CL., ETC. [illegible] Loach, winner teeming with qual., lovely [illegible] clean col., good size and shape flights and tail; 2nd [illegible] good head and chest in pink; 3rd [illegible] grand head neck and back capital [illegible] wing and tail, not quite so tight [illegible] flights and eye tkd. lovely col [illegible] Bridtherand tail, not quite so tight [illegible] in hood good size and [illegible] qual. of feather; vhc, House; hc [illegible] Sears; c, Godley. BUFF (13) [illegible] sharply cl., a blaze of col, grand [illegible] head and neck wins [illegible] and wing mkd magnificent qual. col. [illegible] good wings and tail smooth [illegible] head; 3, Weaver, grizzled on head [illegible] nicely cut away, smooth round [illegible] and tail; 4, Henwood and Hampton [illegible] and subs. good head [illegible] thing would no doubt have put it [illegible] the top; vhc House; hc [illegible] Godley; c, Viles. HEN (12): 1, [illegible] and Hampton [illegible] and shape wonderful col nice head neck and [illegible] 2 Godley true Norwich all over [illegible] of winner both of yellows [illegible] tkd. good shape and feather [illegible] cobby head and wing mkd [illegible] head and chest, short tail [illegible] vhc Houghton; hc, Taylor [illegible] UNFLIG. YELL (8): 1 Houghton, wing mkd chest tkd cobby body lovely col and [illegible] and tail, and good head; 2, Henwood and Hampton, col good size lovely feather col and [illegible] head and neck, not quite so cobby; 3 Crundell head and neck, not quite so cobby; 3 Crundell and Rowley, hot col., good shape wings and tail, not quite the class of feather; 4 Collier nice shape, good wings and tail, nice head; vhc Godley; hc, Postmashood; c, Viles. BUFF (8): 1, Godley, tkd on head, hot col., grand shape and feather short [illegible] and wings and neat tail nice head and neck; 2 vhc Gough and Leach, [illegible] good shape, nice head wings and tail; 3, Henwood and Hampton, good size and shape nice wings and tail beaten in feather; 4 Taylor wing tkd. nice shape and feather good flight and tail a bit down in col.; hc Crundell and Rowley; c, Viles. UNFLIG HEN (9): 1, 4 Postmashood clinking buff well up in size grand shape nice head wings and tail capital feather [illegible] vhc, Gough and Leach well nice shape, well up in col. and qual. of feather neat tail and wings; 2, Willoughby nice shape and good feather buff, neat tail good head; hc Wagstaffe; c Hulse. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3 Godley, winner buff sound col., shapely, grand feather good head and neck well good col nice shape and feather; 3rd good skulled buff, nice shape col and feather; 4, hc Hartin; vhc c, Darby. UNFLIG (6): 1, 2, 3 Godley good sized and shaped yell leading nice feather sound col; 2nd lovely col buff shapely good skull and feather, good wings and tail; 4 Darby well nice col, good feather. NOV YELL (5): 1 Maiden nice col., shape and feather nice head; 2 Draper hot col, variegs. nice feather; 3 J Wilson; 4, W. Wilson, variegs. (3): 1 J Wilson nice shape and feather; 2, Dudley close up; 3 Barron. BUFF (9): 1 Lander, cl. yell., nice shape col and feather good wings and tail; 2, 4, W. Wilson, lovely feathered buff capital shape flights and tail; 4th, tkd. buff, good size and shape, bit slack left side; 3, J. W. Wilson, cl. yell., good col. and feather, nice head and neck; vhc, Draper; hc, Maiden; c, Cullick. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 4, T. Jones, variegs. yell., sweet shape, close fitting jacket of good quality, neat tail and wings; 4th, buff, good feather; 2, Lander, wing tkd. buff, hot col., nice shape and leather, close up; 3, Cullick, yells., nice feather and shape, good head; vhc, Maiden; hc, Miller; c, J. Wilson.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Hawley, wing and eye tkd., smooth as a bottle, straight and well up, good wings and tail; 2, Dykes, good length and pos., well on leg, nice wings and tail, not quite the feather, hot col.; 3, Hall, good col. and feather, nice pos., beaten in length; 4, Wells, nice col., well on leg, stands well; vhc, Cowley; hc, Smith; c, Barron. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, good length, straight as a pencil, good col., shape and feather; 2, Cowley, wing tkd., beautiful feather, nice back, wings and tail, stands well; 3, Smith, neck, eye and wing mkd., good length and pos., not so tight in feather; 4, Cowley; vhc, c, Hawley; hc, Gibbons; c, Holiday. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, yell., slim built, beautiful feather, well on leg, erect pos., well packed wings and piped tail, quite a charming young damsel, and well toileted; 2, Wells, cheek mkd., good stand, nice feather, wings and tail, not quite so slim built; 3, hc, Cowley, buff, slim, good feather and pos., narrow shoulders and whip tail; 4, Hall, slim variegs. yell.; vhc, Hawley. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Dykes, neck tkd., fine pos., well on leg, grand feather and qual., neat pipe tail and well packed flights; 2, Gibbons, variegs., slim built good pos., nice feather and style; 3, Richards, cl., good length, nice feather; 4, Hawley, hot col. cheek and wing mkd., good feather and stand, loses in length; vhc, Wells; hc, Amos; c, Smith. UNFLIG. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, nice length, finely drawn, grand feather, well on leg, neat wings and piped tail, nice back, narrow shoulders; 2, 3, Cowley, finely drawn out, good length and feather, pos. A1, close up; 3rd, nice feather and col., bit short sided; 4, c, Richards; vhc, Gibbons; c, Smith. HEN, UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dykes, neck tkd. yell., slim built, stands well on good legs, nice feather neat flights and nice tail; 2, Holiday, buff, good feather and pos., nice flights and tail, rare col.; 3 Gibbons, long and neck mkd. yell., nice feather; 4, Amos; vhc, Allen; hc, c Smith. NOV. CL. ETC. YELL [illegible]sdon, good pos., slim built, well on [illegible] feather; 2, 3, Clarke, good col., nice tail and wings not quite so slim; 3rd, grand col. good [illegible] nice head and tail well on leg, beaten [illegible] Welsh; hc, Allen; c, Greenhouse. BUFF [illegible] 1, 3, Clarke, wing tkd., grand feather, [illegible] good flight and [illegible] 3rd, nice pos., well [illegible] and tail; 2 Greenhouse cl. [illegible] and pos. good tail and flights close [illegible] Sheldon, stands well, nice tail, not quite so [illegible] Sheldon; hc, Pritchard. HEN (7): 1, 4, G[illegible] mkd yell., good length, well on leg, [illegible] 2, 3, Sheldon, cl. yell well on leg [illegible] good wings tail, beaten breast; 3rd, nice cap, [illegible] short; vhc, Barron; hc, Nash; c, Clarke. UNFLIG (11): 1, hc Sheldon buff, lovely feather [illegible] and nicely drawn out, capital tail [illegible] flights good one; 2 Swindon, well [illegible] nice col. and feather; 3 Clarke, [illegible] well up in col., loses a bit [illegible] nice feathered and slim [illegible]

A.O.V. [illegible] both Norwich one a heavily [illegible] the other a foul yellow, both [illegible] (7): 1 Collier; 2, vhc, hc, Cowley; 3, Draper; 4 Taylor. 21: (4): 1, Derry; 2, Taylor; 3, [illegible] 15s (8): 1, Derry; 2, Wenger; 3, [illegible] 4 Digger; vhc, Beck; hc, Nash; c, [illegible]

THE HYBRIDS AND BRITISH BIRDS.

MULE DK. or [illegible] 1, 2, Tonks well known yell. Siskin leading [illegible] size, shape and markings; 2nd [illegible] and feather; 3, Poole. Green [illegible] 4, Dudley, buff Siskin, nice [illegible] vhc Raby; hc, Moseley; c, Scott. [illegible] (6): 1, Barron, Bullf., good [illegible] nice col. breast, [illegible] 2 Robinson Bullf [illegible] other not quite so [illegible] Clarke, nice [illegible] 4, Greenhouse, nice feathered and [illegible] (7): [illegible] well persisted on [illegible] nice size and col., good size and [illegible] grand trim; [illegible] hc, Tonks; c, [illegible] and markings a bit [illegible] LINNET or GREENF. (11): 1, Ward, [illegible] two good buff Greenfinches well up [illegible] and bars and very close [illegible] a bit in skull; 3, Barron Linnet [illegible] well pencilled, sound breast col.; 4 Tonks; hc, Raby; c, Greenhouse. A.O.V. [illegible] Comm. Hawfinch, rare size, good bib, bars and feather; 2nd, Chaffinch, grand feather and shapely, nice whites; [illegible] same Bramble, [illegible] good col. full of work; 4 Tonks. SO[illegible] Robinson, Waxwing in grand [illegible] and feather, nice tinning; [illegible] Jeffries, fine Thrush, grandly spotted, good col., topping feather, steady; 3 nice feathered Nightingale. FOR (9): 1 Hampton nice Yellow Budgerigars; 2 Yellow Goldf. nice tinning and bars. GIFT (3): 1, Cowley; 2, Viles; 3, Taylor.

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HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 350, June 24 issue.)

We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Witherby, the Editor of "British Birds," for permission to extract from an exhaustive article entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGE," which is appearing in the magazine, the portions which refer to such birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers are referred to the magazine mentioned for the complete account.

MOULTS.

TREE-PIPIT AND MEADOW-PIPIT (*page* 321, *June* 10) *correction.*—Examination of further material shows that in the moult from the *Juvenile* to *First winter* the median and inner greater wing-coverts and three innermost secondaries are, at all events sometimes, moulted, and this may be the rule, although in the large series I previously examined none were moulting these parts. The central pair of tail-feathers are also occasionally moulted.

FAMILY CERTHIIDÆ.

The members of this family, belonging to two distinct genera, differ in their moults, in that the adult Tree-Creeper has but one moult in autumn, while the Wall-Creeper moults the body-feathers also in spring.

BRITISH TREE-CREEPER (*Certhia f. brittanica*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from August to October. No moult in spring, and abrasion has no noticeable effect. There is no sexual difference. JUVENILE.—Like the adults, but the upper-parts with larger pale centres to the feathers, giving it a more spotted appearance. The under-parts are duller and not so silvery as the adult. FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, wing-coverts and innermost secondaries are moulted from August to October, but not the primary-coverts, tail-feathers, nor the rest of the wing-feathers. After this moult the bird is like the adult.

FAMILY SITTIDÆ.

BRITISH NUTHATCH (*Sitta e. britannica*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August. No moult in spring. Abrasion causes the buff of the under-parts to become a little paler. The female has the chestnut of the flanks rather paler than the male, otherwise the sexes are alike. JUVENILE.—Closely resembles the adult, but the upper-parts are duller and tinged with brownish, the stripe through the lores and eye is brown-black rather than black, and the flanks and under tail-coverts are paler and duller, not bright chestnut as in the adult. FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers and lesser and median wing-coverts are moulted in July or August, but not the greater wing-coverts, primary-coverts, nor the tail or wing-feathers. After this moult the birds become like the adults.

FAMILY PARIDÆ.

The adults of this family all have a complete autumn moult, and no moult in spring. The effect of abrasion is not very marked, but the differences between fresh and worn plumage, though small, are distinct.

The difference in the sexes of the adults are well marked in *Regulus* (the Crested Wrens) and *Panurus* (the Bearded Tit). In *Ægithalos* (Long-tailed Tits) the sexes are alike, and in *Parus* I can find no sexual difference in the plumage of *P. palustris* (Marsh Tit), only very slight differences in *P. ater* (Coal Tit), *P. cæruleus* (Blue Tit), and *P. cristatus* (Crested Tit), and rather more marked ones in *P. major* (Great Tit).

The juveniles are very distinct from the adults in *Regulus*, *Ægithalos* and *Panurus*, but not so much so in *Parus*, though in all the species (except perhaps in *Parus atricapillus*) they have easily seen differences.

The moult from the juvenile to the first winter plumage in *Parus* and *Regulus* is usually confined to the body-feathers and wing-coverts, but extends to the innermost secondaries in some species of *Parus* and in *P. major* and *P. cæruleus* the central tail-feathers are also involved. In *Ægithalos* and *Panurus* the moult is complete.

The first winter plumage is usually like the adults, but in *Parus major* and *P. cæruleus* small differences are noticeable.

As I have already dealt in detail with the plumages of most of the British species of *Parus* and of *Ægithalos*, I need not detail them again.

BRITISH AND CONTINENTAL GOLDCRESTS (*Regulus r. anglorum* and *R. r. regulus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August or September. No moult in spring.* There is very little change by abrasion. The sexes are alike except that in the female the centre of the crown is all lemon-yellow instead of the hind-part being burnished orange as in the male. JUVENILE.—The chief difference in the juvenile is that it has no yellow or gold and scarcely any black on the crown, which is greyish-brown tinged green and mottled with black, especially on the sides, where there are black lines in the adult. The rest of the upper-parts are browner than in the adult. The sexes are alike. FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, median and lesser wing-coverts are moulted in July to September, but not the rest of the wing-coverts nor the tail or wing-feathers. After this moult the birds become like the adults.

FIRE-CREST (*Regulus i. ignicapillus*).

The moults and differences in the adults are the same as in the Goldcrest. The juvenile is very similar to that of the Goldcrest, but has the lores and upper-part of the ear-coverts blackish, the mantle, scapulars and rump rather more green and the innermost secondaries without whitish tips.

BEARDED TITMOUSE (*Panurus b. biarmicus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in autumn. No moult in spring and practically no change by abrasion. The adult female lacks the black moustachial stripes of the male, though the feathers in this region are somewhat elongated, the crown of the female is yellowish-brown, often streaked with brownish-black instead of being grey as in the male, the mantle of the female is paler and less tawny, and usually has some dark streaks, the under tail-coverts are buff instead of black, besides other smaller differences.

JUVENILE.—The mantle and back are black, and the rest of the upper-parts, as well as the under-parts, are paler and buffer than in the adult female, the central tail-feathers are pale buff, and the rest largely black instead of tawny, the lesser coverts are pale buff instead of grey, and the wing-feathers have not nearly such bright edgings as in the adult. The first (bastard) primary is much broader and longer than in the adult. The sexes appear to be alike.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile plumage is completely moulted, including the wings and tail, in autumn, and after this the birds resemble the adults.

(To be continued.)

*In the *Scottish Naturalist*, 1914, p. 247, the Misses L. J. Rintoul and E. V. Baxter state that they have examined three spring specimens "with new feathers coming on throat and crop." I have also seen a few examples in March and April with a feather or two growing here and there, but this is not unusual with many species which have no regular moult.

Use Our Notepaper.

Breeding and Rearing Hybrids.

By F. GREEN (Hemel Hempstead).

A Canary Hen is generally used for the purposes of hatching the eggs from Hybrid breeding pairs, and in this article the treatment of the Canary while she is hatching the eggs and the proper method of rearing the young Hybrids are both explained.

TO continue my experience in Hybrid breeding as given in my letter on page 559 of the September 23rd issue of CAGE BIRDS, I would point out that every Hybrid breeder should have some common pairs of Canaries for foster parents. They are best kept in the open shed with the Hybrid pairs, for they are then exposed more to weather conditions, and do not come into breeding condition so soon as Canaries that are kept in warmer rooms. They seldom come into condition before May, and should not be forced in any way, for this will be just the proper time for the Finches.

Make sure which are good feeders before trusting them with the rearing of the Hybrids, and if possible keep the cock with the hen, as young Hybrids are hungry mortals, and never seem satisfied. For this reason two feeders are better than one.

How to Manage the Eggs.

Having got the Canaries nesting and ready to take the eggs from the Hybrid pairs, it will sometimes be necessary to cast aside a whole clutch of Canaries' eggs to take four or five from the Hybrid pairs. Hen Bullies will lay seven or eight, and sometimes more in one clutch of eggs, and these should all have incubation for at least seven days to prove if they are fertile.

But where possible it is a good plan to keep one or two Canary eggs, that are more likely to be fertile, in the nest with three or four Hybrid eggs, as most likely there would only be one fertile egg among those from the Hybrid pairs, and by hatching a Canary or two the young Hybrid would have a better chance of being reared than if it were alone in the nest.

After the hen Canary has been sitting for about seven days the eggs can be tested. If fertile, return them to the nest. If unfertile, destroy them, and take the nest pan away from the Canary for about a week. By that time she will be ready to go to nest again, and ready to take more Hybrid eggs.

Should the eggs prove fertile, on the ninth day hang on a bath, and if the hen will take the bath give one every day until the young are hatched.

Should the hen not bathe, on the tenth and eleventh days put a little piece of green food in the wires of the cage to entice the hen off the nest. Then go very gently to the cage, take out the nest pan, and drop a few drops of warm water on to the lining of the nest. Some prefer dipping the eggs in warm water, but I prefer the other method, as the eggs keep damp for some little time; as Hybrid eggs are very hard shelled, and the young Hybrids weaker than other young, that is a great help to assist the hatching.

As soon as the nest pan is back in the cage again, take away the green food, and the Canary will soon settle down on the eggs again. At about the twelfth day the pair of Canaries should have a little egg food—yolk of hard-boiled egg and Osborne biscuit. The eggs often go on to the fourteenth day before hatching, but sometimes the young will be hatched on the night of the twelfth, and it is better to be prepared.

When the Young Ones Arrive.

Do not give the birds too much hard seed to feed with for the first three days. After that time I give a good mixture of most seeds that are on the market for Finches, including crushed sunflower if the Canaries will feed with it. For greenfood I prefer seeding dandelions, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, but I have not much faith in chickweed, so I only use that very sparingly.

When the young can feed themselves, continue the egg food; also crush the hemp and sunflower until they are ten weeks old. They are then able to crack the hemp themselves; but the sunflower is better crushed until they are over the first moult. Give them the mixed seed, and put the birds into a large cage or flight which will give them plenty of room to exercise.

Do not colour feed for the first year. I have found the following a very good mixture for colour-feeding: — One breakfast cup of bread crumbs or crushed biscuit, one hard boiled egg, two teaspoonfuls of cold pepper, and one teaspoonful of sugar. When the birds are nearly through the moult add one teaspoonful of linseed meal, which helps to put a gloss on the plumage, and do not forget to give a good supply of sunflower at all times; the birds will then be in good condition.

The chief things in the proper keeping of all cage birds are regular feeding, cleanliness, and a bath regularly. Study the habits of the birds in their wild state, so they can be treated as nearly as possible to it in cage life; the birds will then repay you for all trouble taken with them. Others may have different methods than those stated above; this is only my own experience with the birds, and if it has been of any help to fellow fanciers I shall be pleased. I myself like reading in the columns of CAGE BIRDS the experience of others with their birds, and this is my reason for giving my own.

Facing Your Second Season.

By the Rev. C. J. NORRIS, Llanishen.

Some sound advice to the beginner in Canary Breeding, showing how chance success with one pair of birds does not necessarily mean similar success with a large stud unless proper means are taken.

"ONESIPHORUS" is a Yorkshire cock, as buff as buff can be, and with a song as mellifluous as his name. He kindles the eye of a friend of mine, and his loneliness moved the heart of his bachelor schoolmistress owner. Could I get him a mate? I enlisted the sympathies of my ministerial colleague, the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, through whose preaching I became a fancier, and got a hen lithe and long and yellow.

My friend broke all the canons of Canary breeding and succeeded! Ye shades of the menus in the Canary-breeders manuals! A glance inside of the cage during the feeding of the young would have made Messrs. St. John and House scratch their heads, and feel as though their insides were being stirred with a soup spoon. But there remain unto this day eleven vigorous young Yorkshires, the progeny of Onesiphorus. Next season my friend is going to sweep the show bench. Perhaps!

The truth is that the second season in Canary breeding is like the second round of golf. In the first round, knowing nothing of the game, you hit the ball with your cricketer's stroke, and your soul is lifted to the seventh heaven as the little white sphere whistles through the air. You go home convinced that you are a born golfer. You buy a whole armoury of clubs, and read Braid on "Advanced Golf."

You go to your second round, take the described swing, and —— nearly fling yourself into space, while the dimples on your motionless ball seem to broaden into grins at the figure you are presenting to the angels. I want to give my friend, and others facing their second season, "Punch's" advice—"Don't"! In fact a number of them.

Easy Does It.

Don't start out with the idea that ten birds will take up no more of your time than two. So far as the daily attention before the breeding season is concerned, the difference will be almost negligible. But if you are going to keep the cages as clean as they ought to be, time must be found. If your time is limited, instead of buying ten birds, spend the same money on five; two cocks and three hens, or, better still, three real "toppers," and the colour of their coats will not surpass the brightness of your face next show season. He that has too many irons in the fire generally burns his fingers, and he that has more birds than he can properly care for loses his song.

Neither must any man think that because he did well with one cock and two hens he is bound to do proportionately well with four cocks and eight hens. The truth is that you perilously enlarge the scope for individual partiality by the ratio of your increase.

Every Adam would marry the Eve he protests against in the crowd if she were the only one. It is the variety of choice and opportunity that baffles natural instinct. Sentimental Tommy told Grizzel that it is easy enough to make up your mind when you only have one, but he had so many.

Now that is not exactly the trouble with your Norwich Tommy. It is rather getting his mind to harmonise with yours. Last year I had paired up in my mind—such a delightfully easy process—a fine variegated buff cock to two quite queenly clear yellow hens. As a wise match-maker I stealthily observed all the rules of the game. He saw no other hen, and only one of those at a time. They called and courtesied to him most charmingly in turn. But when in course of time he was put in with them he met their advances by the most abominable behaviour, and despite the fact that he was singing fit to burst they each presented me in turn with unfertile eggs.

Disgusted, I at last took him away in the middle of May, and threw him in with a little housemaid of a crossbred green hen. He married the slut on sight, and I have three cocks of the brood singing to-day. I got one Norwich out of him for the whole season! He was never happy away from that shameless piece of green fluff, and from my best yellow Norwich hen I got ne'er a chick.

Of course the champions may be able to obviate such intrigues, but I am writing for the man facing his second season, and to him I say don't keep more than twenty-five per cent. more hens than cocks.

The Importance of Elbow Room.

And, further, do not neglect to provide cage-room for the young fliers. No man would start house-keeping in two rooms if he thought his wife would present him with triplets every spring. Not merely because the music would be too confined, but because he would foresee a vast mortality, and for himself an early moult.

Be wise, and have as many double-breeders, clean, and garnished, and empty, as those in occupation. Yes, even though you begin with half the number of birds intended. Better spend half your money on cages for live young than all of it upon birds that will hatch and rear for the scavenger.

Two qualities that make for success in breeding are repose of mind and quietness of manner. The man who, through lack of foresight, is preparing for seasons of tearing his hair is not going to give to the bird-room the quietness which commands success. Build your full cages in the air, dream your dreams my fellow fancier, but be sure you build your empty cages for the shelves as well. You so stand to make the dreams of to-day the facts of to-morrow.

Finally, don't neglect to read what the successful men have to say, and begin early to make an index of things in your CAGE BIRDS that you will want in a time of crisis.

Correspondence.

Alleged Rough Treatment at Bacup.

The Allegation Refuted.

SIR,—As secretary of the Bacup Roller Canary Society, may I be allowed to say in reply to Mr. R. Vernon, that no cage was broken at our recent contest, and if he received his cages in the condition stated we are not to blame. It would have been better if Mr. Vernon had made enquiries before rushing into print.

GEO. JOHNSON.

Heavily Variegated Borders.

A Guaranteed Class at Edinburgh.

SIR.—Admirers of the heavily variegated Border Fancy, will be pleased to see that the Border Fancy Club Committee have agreed to let this class remain as last year at this forthcoming show in Edinburgh at the New Year. I am guaranteeing this class, and trust that exhibitors will send as large an entry as possible, so as to encourage other societies to give a class for this handsome and very useful bird, which has up to the present been sadly neglected, both in the shows and in the breeder's room. When properly mated they are the birds to balance up a marked strain, and more good marks can be bred for them than most fanciers are aware of. If once we can get show committees to put on classes this variety will become a popular favourite, and their value will be understood.

J. PATTERSON.

Border Fancy Show Cages.

A Plea for Uniformity.

SIR,—In visiting a prominent show, held under the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C., I heard some comments on the styles of cages, and on investigation I found there was certainly good grounds for complaint as the following will show. Cages were anything from 10½ to 14 inches long, and from 4½ to 6 inches broad, some of them big enough for a Scotch fancy. The heights depended on the circle that was adopted for the top. Some had fancy bent rails; and a few straight, and they were either laced with wire or soldered; a few have adopted punched bar. Some had doors of the latest invention, and the holes at drinkers were round, square, oval, oblong. The seed boxes were of the finest art designs; but they were all glossed over with a safety coat of black. As all the other specialist clubs have a standard cage, why not the Border Fancy C.C.? I hope to hear the views of some more lovers of the "wee gem."

DISTINCT MARKS.

What is a Ticked Bird?

The Judge Changes the Question.

SIR,—Messrs. Stubbs Bros. have described the Port Talbot incident very fairly indeed, both as regards my action, and the state of the bird's feathers. I cannot, however, agree with their statement that all who saw the bird agreed that it was in its right class. The bird was shown as a marked bird, I considered it was not such, and so marked it "wrong class." Therefore the question asked should be: What is a marked bird?

The bird in question has no solid marking. It is grizzled, and lightly grizzled, the dark colour is on the top of the feathers, and does not extend into the shafts. There is no solid marking anywhere on its body, eyes, wings, or tail. How such a bird can be marked I fail to see.

As to Messrs. Stubbs' challenge I cannot accept it. To do so would be to acknowledge that I may have been wrong, and have not the needful ability for the task I performed at Port Talbot. It is close on forty years since I first exhibited a Norwich, so I ought to know what constitutes both a marked and a ticked bird.

More than that, it would be undignified on my part to consent to my judgment being submitted to the decision of some other judge not so experienced as myself. There is no judge to-day who has had so many years experience as judge and journalist as myself. Therefore who is the man who shall decide whether my judgment is right or wrong?

Coming to the personal aspect of the case I may say that it grieved me quite as much as it grieved the owners to see such a handsome bird in the wrong class. If by my action I have done Messrs. Stubbs an injustice I deeply regret it, but I feel confident my action was right, and as it was my duty to act as I did I cannot accept their challenge.

C. A. HOUSE.

Catalogues at Cardiff.

Why the Supply Failed.

SIR,—Please allow me through your valuable paper to apologise to the exhibitors who were disappointed in not receiving marked catalogues on the Thursday morning. Through our printer breaking down we did not receive the marked catalogues until the show closed on the Thursday night, just as we were starting to pack up the birds. We only had a limited number of unmarked catalogues on the second day of the show, and as we had a record attendance on both days, and visitors were clamouring for catalogues, it means that we lost about £7 through not being able to supply them. I have received a few post cards from exhibitors complaining that though they had received their birds home in grand condition they had not received the catalogue. I deeply regret the disappointment, and trust the exhibitors will accept the explanation. Every case of birds was in the hands of the railway company in good time, as I took care to send off all long distance birds by a special delivery.

E. THOMAS, Sec.

Proposed Society for Barking.

Why Not Help the Old One?

SIR,—Having noticed in CAGE BIRDS that Mr. F. C. Howard and Mr. Collard want a society started in Barking, I think that a good many of your readers in Barking are not aware that there is a society within a mile or two from Barking, that has been established for the past six years. I would suggest that this would hardly be the time to start a fresh society seeing how the old-standing ones are being depleted through a number of members joining the forces. Those who wish to start a society should rather join the nearest one, and then when we get into more settled times float a society nearer home.

I am quite willing to receive new members and give them all the information they require as regards joining, and they will be among fanciers who would only be too glad to give them a hint or two. We have five cups and a rose bowl for competition, and Sir John Bethell, our president, has just given another silver cup for the British section. Our headquarters are at the East Ham Town Hall, within easy distance from Barking, and we have already members from that locality.

F. ONSLOW.

21, Selwyn Road, Plaistow.

Specials at Larkhall 1915 Show

Possibly a Clerical Error.

SIR.—Whatever may have been the object of Mr. Thomson, late secretary of Larkhall how, in writing the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 25, instead of writing directly to me in answer to my letters at the proper time I do not know. He has, however, given publicity to a subject that is none the worse for an airing, that specials at shows are a source of worry and trouble to secretaries. No one knows better than I do, but in this case Mr. Thomson is asking for the trouble. He informs me (for the first time) that all the Yorkshire specials have been paid out, and admits that there may have been a mistake which could have been avoided, if special winners had asked for their specials. I agree with him, that this is not the time to trouble about last year's specials, and I had no intention of saying any more about it, had he not taken this step; but when he paid the prize money I thought it was the right time, and in acknowledging receipt of same I mentioned that I had won special No. 43. I got no answer, so again in February I reminded him by letter, and got no reply.

The facts of the case are as follows: I showed a fairly strong team of Yorkshires at Larkhall, and gained a fair share of the prize cards, including an official special card, No. 43 (the cage label was also marked special). If Mr. Thomson looks over his books he will see whether anyone else won that special. I am still in possession of the special card (which can be produced). I have no desire to have the special paid to me; all I ask is that the mistake be made as public as this letter of his has been, and if Mr. Thomson lets me know through your valuable paper that he has handed the special over to the new secretary, I will forward a like amount to be added to their funds this year.

I thank Mr. Thomson for so kindly stating that I am an exhibitor of some standing, and while asking him where my action was like that of a beginner I would suggest that his mode of settling matters up is a very good way of making "a beginner" into "a finisher," which might have been the case had he been dealing with a recruit.

J. F. PARK.

The Training of the Roller Canary.

A Believer in Humane Methods.

SIR,—I read with great pleasure and interest the excellent article by Mr. Gutierrez in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 25th. To my mind his system of caging, isolating, and darkening his birds in training is the most healthy and humane that has appeared in your pages. The training of the Roller Canary in the usual and orthodox way, by shutting up in a tiny cage, and enclosing in a close dark box for the greater part of the day for weeks and months on end, is, really, to speak plainly, nothing short of cruelty; it is absolutely contrary to the nature and liking of the bird, and in no way calculated to benefit its health.

This training business I have always felt to be the one drawback to the otherwise most interesting hobby of breeding and rearing the Roller Canary, and my dislike to the system had led me, like Mr. Gutierrez, to think out and adopt a plan that at least gives the birds more scope for exercise, and an abundance of fresh air at all times.

I, too, adopt the curtain principle for darkening, but only in the early stage of the training. I run all the young together in large flights from the time of leaving the parents, and as soon as the young cocks begin to shape their song at all I commence to darken them by hanging a curtain before the cages; first a light one, and as time goes on I darken still more, until the twittering becomes a bit subdued, and at the same time begins to round up. From this early stage I arrange it so that they hear only a good tutor sing, and they are kept in these flights together until they have well got over the moult.

At this stage I find it is necessary to cage them off singly, and it is here I cannot quite see with Mr. Gutierrez's system, as I cannot see how he can give each individual bird its proper treatment. I find some require much more darkening down than others; in fact, each one seems to require special and individual treatment, and I am reluctantly compelled to put them into shutter cages.

I do not use song boxes, or the usual small song cages, but good roomy ones with shutter fronts, more than double the size of the ones in general use, and so constructed that they are easy to clean out, well ventilated, and except for the necessary darkening they make comfortable homes for the birds. The shutters are always kept open as much as possible short of allowing too much loud song, and offenders can always be stopped immediately when you are present. I find a sprig of plantain seed (rats tail) will busy them a long time, and keep them off song. The shutters are open all night, and the dark window blind being down they can be left till quite late in the morning, and hardly any singing will take place.

I await the next article from some humanely disposed fancier, giving us still further hints for improving this darkest side of the Roller fancy.

HENRY NEVE.

More Trouble About Hybrids.

The Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid at Clapham Show.

SIR,—About June 20, I wrote you re the breeding and rearing of a Hybrid between a cock Goldfinch and hen Chaffinch. This bird I moulted successfully, but unfortunately for me it turned out a hen, and of course it has no blaze like you would expect to see in a male Hybrid of this cross. I showed this bird at the recent Clapham show in the A.O.V. Hybrid class between two British birds, and when I entered it I pointed out to the secretary (Mr. Hose) that I did not expect the bird would do much good in a class with cocks, only I wanted people to see the bird, and prove that I had bred the cross I claimed through CAGE BIRDS to have bred.

I asked Mr. Hose to let Mr. Allen Silver or Mr. Norman know the bird was there if they were at the show on either day, because Mr. Silver had written me to know the bird's colour and markings in baby plumage. There were only three birds in the class, and on getting a catalogue I was surprised to see my bird had not got even a card in a class of three. Being the most rare Hybrid in the Show, if only a hen, surely she deserved a card in such a class. The first bird only in the class got a card, the other two were left out. In the report of the show in CAGE BIRDS nothing was said about the Goldfinch-Chaffinch hen Hybrid, and as nothing appeared during another week or two, I thought I would write to Mr. Hose, the secretary, and his letter I enclose, also the one I got from Mr. Robson, the judge.

What I want to do now is to prove that this bird is a genuine Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid hen, and shall be delighted to send her up to you for your experts or anyone else to see. I am a member of the National British Bird and Mule Club, and perhaps they might allow me to send the bird up for inspection at one of their meetings, the same as in Mr. Anderson's case. I can bet my life on this bird being what I claim it to be and nothing else. How can a hen Chaffinch lay an egg, and sit and hatch a young hen Chaffinch if she had never even seen a cock Chaffinch for the three years I have had her?

My aviary is 13 feet long, 6 feet 6 inches high in front, and 6 feet high at back, and 6 feet wide; all the roof is covered in, and all round the flight part of the aviary I have got a false aviary to keep cats right away from even seeing the birds, and up and all over the false aviary and roof I have trained blackberries to keep the birds from seeing cats or anything else. When you go down my garden to the aviary all you can see till you get right down by it appears like one very large bush. In this aviary last summer, besides the hen Chaffinch, I had two hen Bullies, one cock Linnet, one cock Greenie, and the Goldfinch cock. The Chaffinch had six nests of eggs in all, but this was the only egg fertile in the lot.

THOMAS W. WREN.

[The letter from Mr. Hose points out that the judge had power to "withhold any prize where he is of opinion that the exhibit does not merit reward," and the letter from Mr. Robson is as follows:—

"After carefully examining this bird I was unable to make it anything but a poor specimen of a hen Chaffinch, not a Hybrid. I failed to trace the slightest sign of a Goldfinch cross in it. I am afraid you will never get any recognised Hybrid judge to accept the bird as a Hybrid. Myself, I have not the slightest doubt that it is not a Hybrid, which is the reason I did not award it a prize at the said show."]

The Fancy and War Bread.

Another View of the Matter.

SIR,—The views expressed by your esteemed correspondent, the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, in last issue, were rather a surprise to me. I had certainly thought of the effect our war bread may possibly have in the rearing of young Canaries, but the whole drift of such considerations was to the end that the young birds, and fanciers also, incidentally, would benefit thereby.

I was possibly overlooking the fact of the "white bread" theory of digestibility, etc., hence my momentary surprise that anyone could fear the result of using war bread in place of white, or biscuit for young bird rearing. Personally, I am convinced that fanciers have not the slightest cause for fear, and that the only effect of the change will be a beneficial one.

I have for years pointed to the value of this bread—or, as I have previously termed it, wholemeal—for use in place of white bread, as will be seen in the pages of "Our Canaries," and other places of much older date. As regards the way the birds take the change I shall be much surprised if it is not accepted and carried on.

A friend writing me recently, not a bird fancier, or even a bird keeper, but just a lay observant-person who habitually feeds the wild birds—remarked inter alia: "It is curious to note how the wild birds invariably and eagerly pick out all the wholemeal bread before eating the white." The wild birds evidently know a good thing, and so, I think, will our Canaries.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bran Makes Egg Shells.

SIR,—Whilst appreciating the good spirit in which the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe has written on the above subject, as his warning is no doubt well meant, yet if the rev. gentleman will forgive me for being a bit blunt, I must say that I think him a bit over cautious and pessimistic. In my humble opinion the community need have no fear in accepting the new flour. I for one rather welcome the change, as I think our food in general has been faked up too much.

As regards the birds shelling all their seeds does not the threshing machine shell the wheat and leave the kernel, exactly the same as the birds do their seed? Surely he has overlooked the fact. Why do poultry men include so much bran in the feeding ration? I am told that it supplies the lime with which the birds shell their eggs, and when used regularly soft shelled eggs are conspicuous by their absence, and egg binding is reduced considerably.

This being so, the new flour should be a blessing rather than a curse to the Canary fancier. I send these few remarks for what they are worth, and hope that they will be received in a right spirit, as I do not pose as an authority on the subject, but hope that some better educated reader of CAGE BIRDS will either confirm my thoughts, or prove that I am wrong.

R. P. BIXTER.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Between Two Stools.

The Necessity for Plain English in Classifications.

SIR,—I was much pleased with the interesting account of the Alario-Greenfinch hybrid, in last issue, but I am wondering now whether your editorial note was an oversight. Granting that it is implied that a class for A.O. hybrid admits only hybrids between British birds, does it not follow that a class for Foreign Hybrids also admits only hybrids between two foreign birds, in which case this hybrid would not be eligible as you suggest for such a class? Being a hybrid between a Foreign and British specimen the fortunate owner appears to me to be between two stools, and eligible for neither class. The only chance would seem to be in a class for A.O.V., where such is found nowadays, or A.V. not classified.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

[In writing the footnote referred to by our esteemed correspondent, we had in mind such a class as was provided at the last important show in London, that at the Holborn Hall in February last. In the schedule for this show was a class headed "Foreign Bird Hybrids (any bird having one parent a foreign bird eligible.)" Among the entries in this class were a Green Singing Finch-Linnet Hybrid, which was awarded 2nd prize, and a Green Singing Finch-Canary Hybrid, and the Alario-Greenfinch Hybrid would have clearly been eligible for competition. Of course if a class were headed simply "Foreign Hybrids" the quibble might arise, as the judge might consider it to mean that both parents had to be foreign.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Fresh Fields for Fanciers.

Budgerigars as Talkers.

SIR,—I was very interested in the letter by Mr. A. R. Coe in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 25th, relating to singing and talking Budgerigars. I have kept Budgerigars, both green and yellow, for the last two and a half years, and have made a great study of them, especially in training them to talk; my experience is that of the two varieties the green is the best, the yellows seem to be a little more timid. I have hand-reared three within the last eighteen months, two green and one yellow, and at the present time I have two cock birds, a green, and a yellow.

The green Budgerigar was mentioned in CAGE BIRDS of May 20th last, when about eight months old. He is a very fine talker now, quite as good as any Parrot. He will say the following sentences: "Pretty boy, John," "How do you do?" "Open the door for John," "Piece of bread and butter," "Good-night, mother," "John is lovely," "Dear little John," "Hurry up," "Good-night John," "Hello! Charlie," "Hello! boy," "Oh, he is a pretty bird," "Sweet pretty little Dick," and many other sentences. The reason of the last-named sentence is that he is in a cage next to a Canary in the living room, and has heard us say that sentence to the Canary. He will start off into a warble exactly like the Canary song; will also whistle you just as a person does to attract your attention; in fact, when I have been in another room I have often thought it was someone whistling me. He comes out of the cage, and flies on to my shoulder, will come and eat a piece of bread and butter from my hand when at breakfast, and is perfectly tame.

With regard to the yellow Budgerigar, I find he picks up many sentences from the green one, so if you can manage to train one to talk he will act as schoolmaster for the others; at least, that is my experience, but they must be hand-reared and taken from the nest when about a fortnight old to teach to talk, and kept in the room where you live, so that they get accustomed to you. Handle them as much as possible, to get them perfectly tame.

I have been a regular reader of your valuable paper for 2½ years, and have derived much valuable information concerning the above birds from its pages. I have written the above few lines in the hope that it may enlighten some of your readers about the Budgerigar as a talking bird.

I have read in Mr. C. P. Arthur's book on Budgerigars that Mr. Wiener says Budgerigars have no talent for learning to talk, but this is not correct, as my experience proves in possessing two talkers at the present time, and also one which I reared for a lady in Norwich, which is also a fine talker.

If any of your readers doubt the ability of Budgerigars to talk, I should be most happy to show them my birds at any time.

C. W. W. CHURCH.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

How to Catch Bullfinches.

By Stoker F. W. STONE, R.N.

A Reader, who is now after bigger game, tells how he caught and kept Bullfinches in peaceful days.

AS a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS since its first issue, I should like to say a little about my favourite British Finch, the Bullfinch. Almost every reader of CAGE BIRDS knows the colour of this handsome species, so there is no need to describe it, but there are hundreds of fanciers who have never seen it in its wild state.

It is seldom anyone could make a mistake in knowing the Bullie even when on flight. Flying fairly low, it utters its call note all the time Also the patch of white on its rump betrays it, but one could be led astray this way if not certain as to its flight, as the Bramblefinch also has a white rump.

The Bullfinch is a shy bird in its freedom, and yet it is a fairly easy bird to catch, providing no one has been trying to catch them, and made them scared for the time. A trap-cage, side net, lime, or self-acting spring net will serve, but I prefer the side net or the trap cage. The side net I use is about 9 ft. long, 4ft. wide.

The Place, Time, and Method.

During the months of October to February Bullfinches feed on blackberries and other berries, dock seed, ash-keys, and other wild seeds which grow along the hedgerow, and a low hedge near a copse is a likely place to catch them. I have caught hundreds of Bullfinches by the method I will describe.

Firstly, procure two good cock call birds and one hen; secondly, a side net 9ft. by 4ft., and a catching outfit. In war time one needs to economise, so a carrying box and store cage can be made out of a shallow box about 18in. by 9in. by 6in. Knock off one side and top, stretch canvas over the top, and tack down; now wire the front, or, better still, fit a punch bar front with door.

The morning is the time for catching Bullies, so we start off as soon as light, making our way for a low lying hedgerow near a copse. If any are heard, select a spot, and set the nets quickly. Place some docks in the net in three patches, and place them so that the tops are about 8 inches off the ground, and they look natural. Put one cock call bird in the centre of net under the patch of bait, and then place a cock about 5ft. from the net, and the hen on the other side of the net at the same distance, i.e., the call birds should be in a line with each other. Attach the pull line, and wait results.

If the call birds are good, you can depend on netting the whole flight of wild ones, perhaps 5, 10, or more. I have netted two dozen from one feeding place in three pulls, most of which were cocks. The main point is, don't pull if you get all in but one; wait till all are in; very often something has disturbed a nice net-full while waiting for a couple more perched on the hedge near by. But the call birds started piping away, and then in the net the lot would go, and soon they were mine, so you see all that is required is patience.

The trap cage is a very good method of catching Bullfinches, providing it is a large roomy one. Bait it with docks, and a few small bunches of privet; use a good cock call bird, and success is certain.

How to Keep Freshly-caught Birds.

Fresh-caught Bullies should be kept very quiet in the store cage. My method of getting on seed is as follows:—First, place plenty of dock seed in the cage, and privet berries if any are about. Have one dish of soaked hemp, another dry hemp, and one soaked Canary, Niger, and Maw in equal parts. Diminish the soaked seed after the third day, and increase the supply of hard seed; also reduce the proportion of hemp by one half, and increase the Canary seed. I have seldom had a bird die by this management, and I have proved it on hundreds of Bullies.

The next thing is to know a good bird if you have one. Select a bold stoutly-built bird with a well-cut bib, the back of a clean slate colour, quite free from smoky appearance, bars well defined, and wing carriage good. If a bird has these qualities it will make a show specimen after moulting out.

The best cage for Bullie is a box pattern, 18in by 8in, by 10in, but I consider Bullfinches are better moulted outdoors in an aviary where you can give plenty of wild food; there is nothing to come up to it for moulting out a good rich colour. Blackberries and privet berries are nature's colour food, so as many as can be got may be given the birds.

Hens for Hybrid breeding should be young, large, and of good colour and if bought now they will be quite steady by spring. I wish success to every Hybrid breeder, and "Long live CAGE BIRDS."

Club Reports.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Dec. 1, North of England Cafe, Station Street; Mr. J. Farrar presided. Business relating to members' show was gone into. Decided that entries close Dec. 20, and that we pay five shillings per class prize-money; stewards to be chosen by show manager (Mr. Farrar). Decided that the thanks of the meeting be sent to Mr. Hall, of Leeds, for his kindly donation to the show funds. —P. Riseborough, Asst.-Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 2, at headquarters, Mr. J. Watkins presiding. Messrs. R. Smith and W. Amphlett were appointed to arrange for staging for open show, and G. Waters and R. Smith as judges' stewards. The following specials were placed: 5s. in class 8 and for most entries, and 2s. 6d. each in classes 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 33. Sec. was instructed to have 500 tickets printed. Decided that members of H.M. Forces be admitted free. Next meeting, Dec. 30. W. D. Lewis, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Nov. 22, Mr. Wm. Mather chair, and a very good attendance. Schedule for annual show was adopted as read. After business there was a judging competition. Result:—Champ.: 1, 2, Crawhall; 3, Mather. Unflig.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Comber; 2, Crawhall; hc, Mather. Nov. Yell.: 1, 2, Studholme; 3, G. Shields. Buff: 1, Shields; 2, 3, Studholme and Son. Unflig.: 1, 3, Studholme and Son; 3, Shields; 4, Marmion. Decided to hold next meeting, Dec. 13. Table show. 3 classes champions, 3 novice.—R. Havis, Sec.

NEWCASTLE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 29, Blue Bell Hotel, Shield Road, Mr. G. MacParthing chair, and a good attendance. Sec. submitted a statement giving particulars as to recent show. £24 1s. 7d. was paid to members who exhibited, and the full expenses were £32 18s. 1d. The meeting considered the statement satisfactory, and gave a vote of thanks to the officials, stewards, and other members who gave a helping hand at the show. Two special prizes left over, which had been received after other specials were put into the schedule. It was agreed that the silver medal be given to the member who had the least points at the show, the other, a trinket set, to be drawn for at next meeting, Jan. 31. There will be no meeting in December.—Ed. Coltman, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Postponed meeting, Nov. 25, 42, Cowcross Street, E.C. Mr. F. Harrison presided over a good attendance. Mr. F. C. Knight was elected a member. There was a discussion over the diplomas and it was proposed that there should be at least 12 entries in each section, champion, amateur, and novice, and British birds, and six in Mules and Hybrids. Members were glad to have the pleasure of seeing our esteemed and hard-working member, F. Harrison, elected as chairman, and to distribute the prizes and specials for the late autumn show. Owing to having been called to the Colours some time back, he was only paying the society a flying visit. A hearty vote of thanks to Pte. F. Harrison, wishing him the best of luck during the time he is serving the Colours, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—W. Gilbert.

MANCHESTER (Amalgamated) CLUB SHOW.

Radius Extended and Judge Elected.

Meeting of delegates Dec. 3. Proposed to extend radius to 20 miles, and to hold the show in Manchester this time, on a convenient date early in the New Year so as not to clash with others. Caxton Hall was mentioned. Mr. A. G. Davies, Manchester, was selected to judge after a very keen vote with others. Societies represented were Stockport, Radcliffe, Rochdale Good Intent, Oldham, and Openshaw Gorton. Next meeting Dec. 17 at 3, Homing Society Club, 32, Victoria Street, Manchester. Business: Classification report over room, guarantee, etc. Others wishing to join in must send representatives to this meeting or will be too late.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST COUNTIES

Meeting Dec. 2, Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie presided over a good attendance. New members admitted: Messrs. D. Blair (Govan), T. McMillan (Dennistoun), J. Patrick, J. Letham (Partick), J. Algie, R. Spence (Whitewich). Six members took part in the washing competition for prizes presented by Messrs. Anderson, Findlay, Pettigrew, and Adam. Mr. D. Dinwoodie judged, 1, J. Findlay; 2, R. Steel; 3, A. Whitelaw; 4, W. Hamilton; also ran, W. Robb and W. Brown. Schedules for annual show Jan. 27 were distributed, also show posters and admission tickets for sale. At next meeting Mr. J. H. Adam will read a paper on Canary Management. Specials for annual show will be booked at next meeting, so a bumper attendance is desired. A good number of specials have already come to hand, notably from Messrs. Wright (Newcastle), Crauna (Auchterarder), Munro (Glasgow), and many others. Remember, 77 classes require "some" specials. Next meeting Jan. 6, 122, Ingram Street, 7.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Nov. 30, Mr. Willows chair, before a good attendance. It is very gratifying considering the busy times, that throughout the year the average attendance has been about 25. The first item on the agenda was the presentation of M.R.C.C. challenge cup, won by Mr. Harper for the second time in succession by scoring 1st prize each year in champion young bird classes. Balance-sheet of show, Nov. 9 and 10, being read, showed a profit of £11 7s. 10d., and was greeted with great satisfaction. Being the end of the financial year, balance-sheet of the year was read, showing a neb profit of £19; total cash in treasurer's hands, £28 12s. 1½d. A printed balance-sheet will be sent in due course to all members. December meeting abandoned owing to being so close to Christmas holidays. I have had many applications for new members for 1917, and I shall be pleased to communicate with Roller fanciers wishing to join. The fees are 2s. 6d. per annum, 1s. entry fee, 1s. payable in advance. The society has no radius.—J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec., 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

At the last meeting a Norwich judging competition took place. There was a good muster of members and a fine array of birds. In the absence of Mr. A. Howard, Mr. F. J. Martin acted as final judge and critic. The winners were Messrs. Robertson, Wingate, and King. Next meeting a judging competition in Yorkshires takes place.—F. J. Martin, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

The Bell Glucke Tour.

Meeting, Dec. 2, Griffin Hotel, Mr. F. Heaton chair, before a good attendance. Sec. read a paper from one of our most eminent judges on "Bell Glucke as it should be sung," after which the meeting was open for discussion of same. Various opinions were expressed, but all agreed that it is high time something was done to try and get all judges into the same way of thinking, as the way we are going now leads to nowhere, because we don't find two judges alike in their ideas of the different tours. However, we have great hopes that under Federation rules and control the different tours will be understood on the same basis, and it will be impossible to give points for any new tours without the full consent of the Fancy as a whole. A vote of thanks was given to our friend for his able letter, and we think that if this could be thrashed out in a friendly way in CAGE BIRDS (with the Editor's permission), it would be of great interest to the Fancy.—H. Best, Sec.

THE FEDERATION OF ROLLER CANARY CLUBS.

ITS OBJECTS AND ITS RULES.

By H. BEST (Leeds).

In writing these few lines I want to clear the air in respect to what was done at the meeting of Roller Clubs held at Leeds on Nov. 4. I may say I have received letters lately in reference to the part played by members of the Provincial Roller C.C., and should like at once to set their minds at rest by saying that nothing could have been farrer than the way they met us. With reference to what there has been so much talk about, the calling of the first meeting at Manchester, they were the first to agree that they had made a mistake, and they were ready at once to throw their rings into the pool in February if the British Roller C.C. would agree. There appears to have been a feeling in the Fancy that the offer was not genuine, but I think by this time all will agree that business only was meant. As secretary of the Leeds club I was instructed to write all the Roller clubs to see if a meeting could not be called to get delegates of all the clubs together to discuss ways and means whereby we could lay down hard and fast rules to be adhered to by all clubs; one thing in particular being to see if we could bring about means whereby there would be only one acknowledged ring in the Fancy. Another very important point was that every club should have a say in the management of the Fancy. By this I mean song standard, which some thought was going to be altered straight away. Far from this being the case, it was proposed that no song standard shall be altered without the full approval of all the clubs, and then only by giving six months' notice of same, as it was thought to be unfair to breeders to make drastic alterations at once.

Another important point was that all show dates can be arranged between the different clubs, and after a date has been fixed no club will be allowed to alter their own without the sanction of the Federation as a whole. This will prevent clashing of dates. I sent out invitations to all Roller clubs in the Kingdom, with the exception of the Scottish National, but it was agreed that Mr. Montague and myself should watch their interests, and I have since received a letter to say they are with us all the way.

I have been asked a great many times what rules the Leeds club intended to bring forward, but the only answer I could give in fairness to the other clubs was that it was not for the Leeds club to dictate rules, but merely to submit them, to be agreed on by all the delegates. This they did, and out of them the following rules were accepted.

The Federation shall be named the National Federation of British Roller Canary Clubs, and shall be composed of any number of clubs in the British Isles.

The headquarters shall be at or such place as shall be decided on from time to time at the annual delegate meeting.

The business of the Federation shall be transacted by a Control Board, such board to consist of a President or Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer; the Committee to be formed of the Secretaries of the different Roller clubs, thereby helping to keep in touch with all the members of the clubs. The officers to retire annually, but to be eligible for office on re-election.

It shall be the duty of the Control Board, through the Secretary, to issue all rings and deal with special prizes. It shall also make, rescind, or amend any rule, subject to the clubs' approval, and shall decide time and place for the next annual meeting.

It shall be the duty of the Control Board to regulate the standard of song, and in no case shall any club alter the standard without the full authority of the Control Board, which shall be given at the annual meeting. Any suggested alteration of song standard to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board six months prior to the annual meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to send out copies of any proposed alterations to all the clubs of the Federation, to be discussed, so that each club can instruct its delegate to vote on the question as to whether an alteration shall be made or not.

These are broadly the rules submitted by the Leeds Club and accepted by the other clubs of the Federation, which include the following as represented at the Conference:—Bolton, Messrs. Kilsham and Massey; Provincial, Wareing and Smith; Wigan, Greenall and Unsworth; Leeds, Best and Montague; Audley, Tomlinson, 2 votes; Walkden, Hibbert, 2 votes, and the Scottish Club, represented by the Leeds delegates. As Secretary of the new Fed. I shall be pleased to give any information possible in respect to same.—H. Best, Secretary, 5, Alma Place, Beckett Street, Leeds.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 18, Angel Hotel, owing to the inclement weather we had a poor entry; only 35 birds were staged, but some nice birds were shown, some of them having been out in the open. Mr. Turner, a new member, showed a grand unflighted buff cock, which won special best bird in show, and will be heard of again. W. Evans won specials for best yell. old birds, getting on a bit in years, still a nice Norwich; best Novice Yell, A. Evans, a new member; J. Lanckham, sp. in Yorks. section; Novice Yorks, spl, Taylor. Mr. A. Wilson judged and gave satisfaction .Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Evans; 2, Carrington. Buff: 1, Carrington. Hen: 1, Carrington. Unflig. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Birchumshaw. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Unflig. Yell. Buff: 1, Birchumshaw. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Unflig. Yell. Hardbill: 1, 2, Evans; 3, Harrison. Nov. Yell. Ck. Nor.: 1, Evans; 2, Taylor. Hen: 1, Lunn; 2, Turner; 3, Smitham. Buff Ck.: 1, Turner; 2, Evans; 3, Lunn. Hen: 1, Evans; 2, 3, Lunn. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Smitham. Buff: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Smitham. Unflig. Buff Hen: 1, Turner. Nov. Yorks: 1, 2, Taylor. Nov. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Lunn. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Evans.—F. Harrison, Sec.

POPLAR C.BS.

Annual show, Nov. 18, All Hallows Hall, Dunkfield Street. 140 birds were staged, and some very keen competition took place amongst both the champion and Novice Norwich, the exhibits in these classes being by far the best ever on view at Poplar. Yorkshires, though not so numerous, were of good type and quality, while British and Mules were well up to the mark. The President and Vice-President of the society paid a visit to the show, their presence being much appreciated by all present. Much praise is due to Poplar's hard-working secretary, who, with an enthusiastic committee, did everything possible to make the show a great success. A good list of specials (29 in number) was provided. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Champ. Nor. Yell. (5): 1, Leech; 2, Hunt Bros.; 3, spl, vhc, Perry; hc, Gedge. Buff (7): 1, two spls, best bird in show, Perry; 2, spl, 3, vhc, Gedge; hc, Hunt Bros.; c, Perry. Hens (9): 1, 3, Leech; 2, Hunt Bros.; vhc, hc, c, Gedge. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, 3, vhc, spl, hc, Leech; 2, Perry; c, Gedge Buff (6): 1, champion cup, 2, 3, Leech; c, Hunt Bros. Unflig. Hens (8): 1, 3, vhc, Leech; 2, Gedge; hc, Perry; c, Hunt Bros. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Leech Yorks Ck. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wyatt; vhc, Hunt Bros. Hens (3): 1, 3, Wyatt; 2, Hunt Bros. Unflig. Ck. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Wyatt. Hens: 1, Hunt Bros. Amat. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Mrs. Stopher. Unflig.: 1, cup, Mrs. Stopher. Nov. Nor. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, Rule; 2, Braithwaite; 3, Tipler; vhc, Lang. Buff (7): 1, Bloomfield; 2, Rule; 3, hc, Francis; vhc, Lang; c, Priseman. Hen (7): 1, Stagg; 2, Rule; 3, c, Tipler; vhc, Francis; hc, Braithwaite. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 3, Braithwaite; 2, Francis; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, Stagg. Buff (4): 1, 2, Bloomfield; 3, Tipler; vhc, Francis. Var. Ck. (4): 1, bowl, cup for best unflighted, two spls, Francis; 2, vhc, Rule; 3, spl, Tucker. Yell. Hen (5): 1, Braithwaite; 2, vhc, Francis; 3, Bloomfield; hc, Stagg. Buff (4): 1, Stagg; 2, 3, Bloomfield; vhc, Braithwaite. Nov. Yorks Hen (3): 1, 2, Lang; 3, Alexander. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Webb; 2, Alexander. Buff: 1, Webb; 2, Lang. Var.: 1, 2, Alexander. Hen: 1, 2, Webb. A.O.V.: 1, Turner. Mules (4): 1, Turner; 2, vhc, Peeling; 3, Pine. Unflig. (4): 1, cup, 2, Turner; 3, Pine; vhc, Joyce. Goldf. (6): 1, cup, Bloomfield; 2, Turner; 3, Pine; vhc, Joyce; hc, Lang; c, Alexander. Greenf. (2): 1, Rawlings; 2, Priseman. Linnet (5): 1, Alexander; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Rawlings; vhc, Turner; hc, Pine. Redpoll, etc. (3): 1, Priseman; 2, Joyce; 3, Rawlings.

BOSCOMBE F.A.

Fifth Annual Show, Curzon Hall, Bournemouth, Nov. 18, with a splendid entry of over 180, the number was a record, and quality was the best ever seen in Boscombe. Norwich were of the highest order, but Yorks. were somewhat disappointing. Britishers were very nice, and are coming on by degrees. Mules and Hybrids were good, Mr. R. W. G. Parsons' Goldie-Bullie being a picture. Messrs. E. E. Hutchins, H. Burgum, C. Marsh (Sergt.), A. E. East, W. R. Basten, P. Sullivan, R. W. G. Parsons, G. Hinves, A. Marsh, were an admirable working committee. The show management, under the direction of Mr. E. T. Hames, Sec., was all that could be desired. Mr. W. G. Fellows judged and gave satisfaction.

Nor. Yell., Ck. (8): 1, hc, Mrs. Downing Farrer; 2, 3, c, C. Marsh; vhc, Basten. Buff (11): 1, c, A. Marsh; 2, Sullivan; 3, Basten; vhc, Mrs. Downing Farrer; hc, East. Hen (11): 1, Basten; 2, hc, Mrs. Downing Farrer; 3, Hutchins; vhc, R. Parsons; c, C. Marsh. Unfl., Ck. (12): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Downing Farrer; 3, hc, c, Basten. Hen (7): 1, 2, Basten; 3, c, C. Marsh; vhc, hc, Mrs. Downing Farrer. Nov. (8): 1, hc, c, C. Marsh; 2, A. Marsh; 3, Sullivan; vhc, Mrs. Lydford. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Hutchins; 3, Mrs. Lydford. Nor. or Yorks., Non-Fed (9): 1, Basten; 2, 3, vhc, c, Mrs. Downing Farrer; hc, Thorne. Mules and Hyb., Light (6): 1, 3, Parsons; 2, vhc, Mrs. Best; hc, Basten; c, Hutchins. Dark (8): 1, Parsons; 2, c, Hames; 3, Mrs. Best; vhc, Hutchins; hc, Basten. Goldf., H.M. (4): 1, Burgum; 2, 3, Basten; vhc, G. Hinves. Bullf., H.M. (6): 1, H. Burgum; 2, P. Sullivan; 3, Hutchins; vhc, A. Marsh. Goldf., F.M. (10): 1, 3, vhc, c, Sullivan; 2, Hames; hc, A. Marsh. Bullf., F.M. (3): 1, Burgum; 2, A. Marsh. Linnet and Twite (4): 1, 2, Hutchins; 3, Basten; vhc, Sullivan. Redpoll and Siskin (4): 1, Sullivan; 2, Mrs. Best; 3, Hutchins; vhc, Hinves. Greenf., Etc. (10): 1, Mrs. Best, 2, A. Marsh; 3, Hutchins; vhc, c, Hames; hc, Hinves. A.O. Hardbill (2): 1, Hinves; 2, Hutchins. Softbill (4): 1, 2, Hutchins; 3, A. Marsh. Gift (9): 1, Hutchins; 2, Sullivan; 3, Mrs. Downing Farrer; vhc, Hinves; hc, Parsons; c, Basten; good sales were realised. Cottagers (residents, not members) (9): 1, Mrs. Dunford; 2, Mrs. Ritchson; 3, Woulds; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Mrs. Rawlinson. Champ. Cup: Mrs. Downing Farrer; Amat. and Nov. Cups: C. Marsh (Sergt.); Silver Medal, best Nor.: Mrs. Downing Farrer; Silver Medal, best Unflig. Nor.: Mrs. Downing Farrer; Silver Medal, best col.-Fed: Basten; Cup, best Brit.: Hurgum; British Points Cup: Hutchins. Entries for champion cup, 18; amateur, 9; novice 10—36.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS F.A.

Show, Nov. 29. Judge, Mr. F. G. Richards. Nor. Yell.: 1, Wraight. Buff: 1, 2, Wraight. Hen: 1, sp. 2nd best, Wraight; 2, Potter. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp. best in show; vhc, c, Walker; 2, 3, res, Wraight; hc, c, Turley. Buff: 1, sp. 3rd best, 3, hc, Turley; 2, res, vhc, Wraight; hc, Walker. Hens 1, Turley; 2, 3, res, Wraight; vhc, Walker. Goldf.: 2, Walker. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, res, 2,, Potter; 3, Turley.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 25, Judge, Mr. W. Richmond, held at Fountain Inn; 65 birds were staged. Champion Yorkshire Section.—Class 1: 1, 2 Sparks; 3, vhc, J. Wilcock; 4, Stebbings; hc, c, Dale. Class 2: 1, 2, J. Wilcock; 3, Sparks; 4, Stebbings; vhc, Pearson. Class 3: 1, Sparks; 2, Stebbings; 3, 4, J. Wilcock. Class 5: 1, 2, Stebbings; 3, 4, J. Wilcock; vhc, Dale; hc, Sparks. Class 5: 1, J. Wilcock; 2, 3, Sparks; 4, vhc, Stebbings; hc, Pearson; c, Dale. Novice Yorkshire Section.—Class 6: 1, 3, Boocock; 2, Bousfield; 4, Close. Class 7: 1, 3, Boocock; 2, 4, Bousfield. Class 9: 1, 2, Boocock; 3, Bousfield; 4, Close. Class 10: 1, 4, Boocock; 2, vhc, Bousfield; 3, Close. Norwich Section.—Class 11: 1, Pearson; 2, Markwell; 3, S. Wilcock. Class 12: 1, 4, Markwell; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, S. Wilcock. Class 13: 1, Markwell; 2, J. Wilcock. Class 14: 1, c, J. Wilcock; 2, vhc, Markwell; 3, hc, S. Wilcock; 4, Pearson.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

TARBRAX C.B.S.

Fifth annual show, Nov. 18, Institute Hall. Entries numbered 165, a record for this society. The birds were all in good condition. Most of the classes were well filled and competition was of the keenest. Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) acted as judge and gave satisfaction.

Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Gilmour; 2, Anderson; 3, Haddow. Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, Anderson; 3, Gilmour. Buff Ck.: 1, 3, McKinven; 2, Haddow. Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, McKinven; 3, Haddow. Var. Yell.: 1, Taylor; 2, Agnew; 3, Haddow. Buff: 1, 3, Anderson; 2, McKinven. Green or Cinn. Yell.: 1, 3, McKinven; 2, Gilmour. Buff: 1, Gilmour; 2, McKinven; 3, Haddow. Old Yell.: 1, 2, Haddow; 3, Anderson. Buff: 1, 3, Haddow; 2, McKinven. Sell. Ck.: 1, 2, Gilmour; 3, McKinven. Hen: 1, Gilmour; 2, Taylor; 3, McKinven. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Gilmour; 2, Haddow. Buff: 1, 3, Bird; 2, Gilmour. Non-Fed.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor. Unflig.: 1, Taylor; 2, Wm. Wallace; 3, Wright. A.O.V.: 1, McKinven; 2, Agnew. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Anderson; 2, Agnew; 3, Haddow. Greenf.: 1, Agnew; 2, Anderson. Linnet, etc.: 1, 3, Anderson; 2, Agnew. A.O. Brit: 1, Wright; 2, Gilfether; 3, Agnew. Singing Class: 1, Gilmour; 2, Wm. McBurnnie. Specials best bird, best 2nd prize, and best Nor., Gilmour. Best Bord., Haddow. Most points: 1, Haddow; 2, Gilmour; 3, McKinven.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Annual show Dec. 2, in the St. Phillip's Mission Room. All birds were 1916 bred, and were a really choice collection. Yorkshire as usual at this fixture were the feature, and gems were put down by Messrs. T. Ridal (chairman of the society), G. Drabble, and Pickering and Fretwell. Norwich we liked, although not over numerous. Outstanding were the mkd. yell. cock and var. yell. hen (G. H. Gill). Mr. H. C. Maynard also benched good ones. Amongst the novices Messrs. H. T. Williams, A. Goodison, and A. Bagshaw staged some beauties. Special best Yorks., special hottest fed, Ridal, a very fine cl. yell.; best Nor., Gill, a very choice, well fed, mkd. yell. cock; Mr. H. C. Maynard also won special with a nice buff Nor. hen. Cup winners, Yorks., T. Ridal; Nov. Yorks., H. T. Williams; Nov. Nor., G. H. Gill. Staging was neatly executed. Stewards, Messrs. Drabble and Gill, worked enthusiastically. Mr. E. Gisson acted as sec. (in the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. Tomlinson) in fine style. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged.

Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl., 3, Ridal; 2, 4, vhc, c, Pickering and Fretwell; hc, Drabble. Buff: 1, 4, Ridal; 2, 3, vhc, Drabble; hc, c, Pickering and Fretwell. Veil. Hen: 1, 2, Drabble; 3, hc, c, Ridal; 4, vhc, Pickering and Fretwell. Buff: 1, 2, 3, hc, Ridal; 4, Drabble; vhc, c, Pickering and Fretwell. Nov. Yorks., Yell.: 1, vhc, Williams; 2, Bagshaw; 3, 4, Hinchliffe; hc, Maynard; c, Goodison. Buff: 1, vhc, Hinchliffe; 2, 3, Williams; 4, Goodison; hc, c, Bagshaw. Yell. Hen: 1, Goodwin; 2, Williams; 3, hc, Maynard; 4, Bagshaw. Buff: 1, 2, Williams; 3, 4, vhc, Hinchliffe. Nov. Nor.: 1, spl., 3, vhc, hc, c, Gill; 2, hc Maynard; 4, Sisson. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Gill; 4, hc, c, Maynard; vhc, Sisson.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

Eighteenth annual show, Nov. 22, at 25, Wellington Square (by kind permission of the President, Mr. F. Slack); some 90 exhibits were staged. This is very satisfactory in view that more than half the breeders in this district have given up birds during the war. The show was opened by Miss Kirk Bullock, who has worked hard for the Society in past years, and placed it upon a sound foundation. Although compelled to give up the secretarial work, she has kindly retained the post of hon. treasurer. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Slack, who have given every assistance in providing accommodation for meetings and shows, thereby saving the Society much expense. The judges were Messrs. Ellis and Stevens, to whom the members are very grateful; it is fortunate that the Society has two such capable and experienced members to undertake this important task. Their awards were well received. Cups and trophy winners: Champ. Yorks. cup, Veness; Nor., Pennell's; Kirk Bullock trophy, Nov. Yorks. cup and Nov. Nor. cup, Mrs. Slack (a record); For. Bird cup, Mrs. Kirk Bullock; Hybrid cup and trophy, Howick, with his famous Canary-Bullie. Mr. Howick having won this cup and trophy three times in succession, it becomes his property. The Society will shortly have to draw from its funds to replace some cups, having lost four "pieces of silver" in two years.

Champ. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Veness; 3, Walker; vhc, hc, c, Wraight. Hens: 1, 2, Veness; 3, vhc, Wraight. Unflig. Yorks.: 1 hc, Walker; 2, vhc, Veness; 3, c, Wraight. Nor. Ck., Yell.: 1, Pennells; 2, Mrs. Croft; 3, Olle; vhc, Pennell. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Pennell; vhc, Wraight; hc, Olle; c, Mrs. Croft. Champ. Nor. Hens, Adult: 1, 2, Olle; 3, Mrs. Croft; vhc, Pennell. Unflig. Yell. Nor Ck.: 1, 3, Olle; 2, Pennell; vhc, hc, Mrs. Croft. Buff: 1, Olle; 2, Pennell; 3, Wraight. Hens: 1, 2, 3, Olle; vhc, hc, Pennell; hc, Mrs. Crofts. Nov. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Slack; hc, French. Hens: 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Slack; 2, 3, French. Nor. Ck.: 1, hc, Mrs. Bowden; 2, Mrs. Slack; 3, vhc, French. Hen: 1, 2, Mrs. Slack; 3, vhc, Mrs. Bowden. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Mrs. Slack; vhc, French. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Miss Hacker. Brit.: 1, Mrs. Bertram; 2, 3, vhc, Rolf; hc, c, Howick. Hyb.: 1, Howick (Canary-Bullf), 2, Howick (Goldf.-Greenf. and Greenf.-Can.). For.: 1, 3, Mrs. Kirk Bullock; 2, Mrs. Bertram. The F.F. Yorks. trophy was awarded at previous show to T. Veness, Norwich to E. Olle.—Ernest Olle, Hon. Sec. (pro tem).—(Please see notice above.—Ed.)

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Third Old Bird Show of the season, headquarters, Nov. 29. Mr. E. Clegg judged 104 birds and gave satisfaction. Champ. Cl., Tk. Yell. Yorks: 1, Walker; 2, 3, hc, Farrar; 4, Stables; vhc, Midgley. Buff: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Farrar; 4, vhc, Midgley. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Walker; 2, Stables; 3, Walker; 4, vhc, Midgley. Buff: 1, Stables; 2, vhc, Walker; 3, Midgley; 4, Farrar. Even, Etc.: 1, 3, 4, Taylor; 2, Walker; vhc, Farrar; hc, Walker. Cl., Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, 4, Stables; 2, Taylor; vhc, Midgley. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Stables; 4, Farrar; vhc, Walker; hc, Taylor; c, Midgley. Even, Etc., Buff Hen: 1, hc, 3, Midgley; 2, 4, Farrar; vhc, Stables; c, Taylor. Nov. cl. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Verity; 2, Naylor; 3, 4, Wilman; vhc, Spencer; hc, Hargreaves. Buff: 1, Naylor; 2, 4, Wilman; 3, Spender; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Anderson; c, Verity. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Wilman; 2, 3, Verity; 4, Denton; vhc, Hargreaves. Buff: 1, Naylor; 2, Verity; 3, 4, Anderson. Even, Etc.: 1, 4, Hargreaves; 2, hc, Denton; 3, Spencer; vhc, Verity; c, Wilman. Cl., Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, hc, c, Spencer; 2, vhc, Wilman; 3, Denton; 4, Anderson. Buff: 1, Naylor; 2, Denton; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Verity; vhc, hc, Wilman; c, Spencer. Even, Etc., Hen: 1, Denton; 2, Naylor; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Verity; vhc, c, Spencer; hc, Wilman.—J. Spencer, Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 25, Dun Cow Inn, Jordan Well. Entries just topped 100, and the show was well patronised. Mr. Fincher won points cup with 67 points for season, A. Wright being a good second with 66. Mr. Turrall, Coventry, judged, and gave satisfaction. He commented strongly on the all-round excellence for a members' show.

Nor. Yell.: 1, c, Fincher; 2, Wright; 3, Petch; vhc, Goyder; c, Roycroft. Buff: 1, Petch; 2, vhc, Wright; 3, Goyder; hc, c, Buckley. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Wright; 2, vhc, Roycroft. Buff: 1, Fincher; 2, Petch; 3, Wright; vhc, Shirley; hc, Buckley. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Wright; 2, c, Shirley; 3, vhc, Rycroft; hc, Petch. Buff: 1, 3, Goyder; 2, Fincher; vhc, Loxley, hc, Rycroft. Yell. Hen: 1, Wright; 2, 3, hc, Rycroft; vhc, c, Fincher. Buff: 1, Fincher; 2, hc, Rycroft; 3, Shirley; vhc, Buckley; c, Wright. Nor. Green: 1, Wright; 2, Bache; 3, Loxley. Cinn.: 1, Wright; 2, Goyder. Nat. Col. Ck.: 1 Shirley; 2, vhc, Buckley; 3, Radburn; hc, c, Adkins. Hen: 1, Shirley; 2, Fincher; 3, Radburn; vhc, Atkins; hc, Bache. Unflig.: 1, Fincher; 3, Radburn; vhc, Adkins; hc, Bache. Yorks: 1, Wright; 2, 1, 2, Adkins; 3, Radburn. Yorks: 1, Wright; 2, Adkins. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Adkins; 2, Radburn; 3, vhc, Goyder. Unflig.: 1, 2, Radburn; 3, Wright. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Buckley; 2, Loxley; 3, Goyder; vhc, Fincher. Linnet, Etc.: 1, Wright; 2, Buckley.—A. Wright, Hon. Sec.

TORQUAY.

Annual show of the St. Marychurch and Babbacombe F.S., Town Hall, Nov. 29. The birds were up to the average, both in quality and number. Special best bird fell to Mr. Lemon's unflighted buff Norwich, and sp. 2nd best Nor. to his 2nd prize unflighted yellow, in the same class. Special second best in show, Mr. Roper's buff unflighted hen Yorks. The birds were nicely staged and looked after by Messrs. Clay and Marles. Mr. Hamlyn, the genial chairman, was at the head of affairs, together with the Hon. Sec., Mr. Bearne. The latter is ably assisted by Mrs. Bearne. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged and gave satisfaction.

Yorks.: 1, 2, Roper, last year's winner of best in show, but tail not down, and thick flight, still a grand hen; 2nd, buff, not, col. Unflig.: 1, sp, sp, best in show, 2, 3, Roper, buff hen, perfect type, neatest of tails, feather like wax; a neck mkd. buff, good colour and feather, and a large buff; vhc, c, Marles. Nat. Col.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Clay, leader cl. yell., good length; 2nd, buff, shows frill: 3rd, variegd. Nor.: 1, 2, Lemon, varieg. buff, good size, lacks sheen; 2nd, unflig., good type; 3, vhc, Fox. Unflig.: 1, sp, sp, best in show, 2, sp, hc, Lemon, grizzle cap buff, faultless cond., grand qual. of feather, tight as a Java; 2nd, cl. yell., grand type, loses in size; 3, vhc, Fox, nat. col. cl. yell., cobby, good size. Crests and C.B.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Williams, leader hy. varieg. green, abundance of feather, leafy crest, good size, shows age; 2nd, close up, similar; 3rd, lightly varieg. yell., rich col., neat crest well shown. 1916: 1, 2, 3, Williams, hy. varieg., neat crest; 2nd, wing mkd. D.C.: 3rd, varieg. C.B. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Wills, neat Lizard. Goldf.: 1, Roper. Bullf.: 1, sp, Fox, good cap. col. and cond.; 2, Mrs. Wills. A.O. Small Brit.: 1, 2, sp, Fox, Chaffinch, grand cond. and col., well up, steady as a rock; 2nd, Greenf., neat, feather like silk; 3, vhc, Mrs. Wills. Varge: 1, 2, Mrs. Wills, Jay, splendid col.; 2nd, Thrush well spotted.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Annual show Nightingale Hotel, Wood Green, Nov. 23. Owing to so many members having joined up it was decided to make it an evening show, and a great success it proved. 117 entries responded to the secretary's call. Mr. Robson judged, and had his work cut out to get through the numerous classes. Mr. Stephens won the British cup for the third time, and it thus becomes his property. His team was faultlessly staged. Mr. Griffin won cup for best own bred Norwich with a typical yellow hen; Mr. Leach was runner-up and secured gold-centre medal. Mr Martin scored most points cup and special cup entries.

Champ., Nor. Yell.: 1, Leach; 2, Bailey. Buff: 1, Griffin; 2, Bailey; 3, Kerr. Variegd.: 1, 3, Tichner; 2, Bailey; vhc, Kerr. Unflig.: 1, c, Leach; 2, Tichner; 3, vhc, Kerr; hc, Griffin. Hen: 1, Griffin; 2, Leach; 3, Kerr; vhc, hc, Kerr; c, Tichner. Yorks. Champ.: 1, Jones. Crests: 1, 2, 3, Pettit. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Pettit. Amat. Nor. Yell.: 1, Dr. Huggins. Buff: 1, Dr. Huggins. Variegd.: 1, Huggins; 2, Bell. Buff: 1, Huggins; 2, 3, Bell. Unflig.: 1, Bell. Hen: 1, Bell. Yorks.: 1, Bell; 2, Dr. Huggins. Variegd.: 1, Bell. Unflig.: 1, Bell. Hen: 1, Bell. Amat. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Dr. Huggins; 2, Bell. Buff: 1, Huggins; 2, 3, Bell. Variegd.: 1, Dr. Huggins. Hen: 1, Huggins; 2, Bell. Amat. Crests: 1, Watts. C.B.: 1, 2, Watts. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Martin; 3, Furr. Buff: 1, Martin; 2, Smith; 3, Furr. Variegd.: 1, vhc, Bell. Unflig.: 1, 3, Martin; 2, hc, Baxter. Hen: 1 3, vhc, c, Martin; 2, Baxter; hc, Bell. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Billington. Buff: 1, Billington. Variegd.: 1, 2, Billington. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, Miss Smith. Hen: 1, Billington. Goldf.: 1, Stephens; 2, 3, Waldock; vhc Miss Smith. Greenf.: 1, Stephens; 2, Smith. Linnet: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Stephens; vhc, Jones. Chaffinch: 1, 2, Stephens. Bramble: 1, 2, Stephens. Bunting: 1, Stephens. Softbill: 1, 2, 3, Stephens. Redpoll: 1, Stephens. Light Mules: 1, 2, Waldock; 3, James; vhc, Smith. Dark: 1 Miss Smith. Hyb.: 1, Smith; 2, Stephens. Miss Smith secured spl. best bird shown by lady, also spl. best Hybrid; spl. best Crest, Watts; best col.-fed, Leach. Mr. Stephens and a friend kindly offered a guinea and a half towards a new British cup.—C. G. Martin, Assist.-Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Table show Nov. 27 headquarters; 67 birds were staged. Mr. A. Radley, Skelmanthorpe, judged. Yell. Yorks. Ck. (8): 1, A. Radley; 2, 3, Bray; vhc, M. Radley; hc, Wood; c, Holmes and Schofield. Buff (7): 1, A. Radley; 2, M. Radley; 3, Sykes; vhc, Smithies; hc, Elliott; c, Cox. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 3, A. Radley; 2, Gledhill; vhc, Buttle and Coupland. Buff (6): 1, 2, A. Radley; 3, Smithies; vhc, Bray; hc, M. Radley; c, Elliott. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (10): 1, Sykes; 2, Holmes and Schofield; 3, Smithies; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Elliott; c, Bray. Buff (8): 1, M. Radley; 2, Thorpe; 3, hc, Bray; vhc, Smithies; c, Buttle and Coupland. Unflig. Yell. Hen (8): 1, Holmes and Schofield; 2, vhc, A. Radley; 3, Sykes; hc, M. Radley; c, Buttle and Coupland. Buff (3): 1, M. Radley; 2, Smithies; 3, Sykes. Cinn. Mkd. Ck. (5): 1, Wood; 2, hc, Cox; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Bray. Hen (8): 1, Sykes; 2, Smithies; 3, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, Gledhill; hc, A. Radley; c, Wood.—A. Lawford, Sec.

GUERNSEY.

Show, Nov. 28 and 29, New Market Halls. The Fancy has not been supported as it should have been in the past, but lovers of cage birds are now rallying together, and there is every reason to believe that the time is not distant when the Fancy will be a strong section of the club. The birds were staged in a cosy corner of the hall. The Bailiff of the Island, Mr. E. E. Ozanne, presented the special prizes on the second evening of the show, and made a few congratulatory remarks to exhibitors. Messrs. Green and Varnham judged, and gave satisfaction.

Nor. (8): 1, Renouf, yell. ck., beautiful type, nice head, splendid feather and well cut away, grand col. and cond.; 2, Le Page, good yell. ck., good col., but bit narrow in head, and loses in type; 3, Beasley, buff hen, good Bullfinch type, nice head and col. Yorks Ck. (7): 1, 2, West; 1st, fine type and pos., well up on leg, nice shoulder, nicely braced wings, good tail, a smart one; 2nd, good one, nice head and shoulders, wings and tail, fails in pos. and style to winner; 3, Collenette, nice head and shoulders, well fixed back, good wings and tail. Any Variety Hen (7): 1, 2, 3, West, beautiful type, best of back, fine length and pos, well up on leg, nicely tapered and drawn, put down in fine style; 2nd, good head and shoulders, nice wings and tail; 3rd, nice type and pos., well up on leg, runs 2nd very close. Mules (3): 1, West, Goldf. Mule, good col., easy win; 2, 3, Renouf, Linnet Mule, nicely pencilled, and variegd. Goldf. Mule, might have been placed 2nd. Goldf. (6): 1, 2, West, big one, good skull, blaze, moons and buttons, under tanning could be better; 2nd, nice blaze, good moons and buttons, best of breast tanning; 3, Wright, nice head, moons and buttons, not so tight in feather. A.O.V. (10): 1, Le Goubey, fine Song Thrush, without a fault, well staged; 2, Le Feuvre, Parrakeet, in the pink, hard luck for 1st place; 3, Beasley, Bullfinch, splendid cond. and plumage, though hard to select from those other specimens in the class, bit lucky to get third.—F. W. Bichard.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Annual show club-room, Grapes Inn, Nov. 25. Entries came up poorly; a little more advertising would be cash well spent. The birds were all splendidly staged, and all could be seen at a glance, Messrs. W. Vardy, Reynolds, Hayter and Benn, Barker, etc., having splendid teams on view. The committee are a hard-working band. President, Mr. G. Reynolds; vice-president, Mr. R. Holmes; treas., Mr. J. Wood; committee, Messrs. W. Housley, Langham, J. Bowers, E. Fox, J. Beers, J. Goode, and T. Hayter. Mr. W. Harris judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 4, Vardy, lovely trio, leader grand shape and size, beautiful col. and cond., wins well; 2nd, grand shape and size, in rare order, capital wings and tail, nice head; 3, 5, Twine, capital pair for shape, size and qual., splendidly shown, close up; 6, Speechley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, 1st lovely shape and size, beautifully frosted, grand head and neck, in the pink; 2, similar shape, good size, capital head and neck, lovely bloom; 4, Baldwinson; 5, Speechley. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Vardy, grand pair, leader best shape and size, nice col. and qual., pink of cond.; 2, grand shape, nice broad head, good col. and qual., very fit; 3, Baldwinson; 4, Speechley. SELL.: 1, 3, Twine; 2, 4, Smith. YELL. CREST (2): 1, Reynolds, splendid crest, good centre, large body, plenty of feather, grand cond.; 2, White. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Reynolds, very large and massive build, grand shape, nice crest, good body, fit; 2, Bostock, nice crest and centre, good body and shape, rare feather and cond.; 3, White. HEN (5): 1, Barker, beautiful shape and size, very massive build, lovely feather, nice cond., wins easily; 2, Reynolds, capital size, nice type, rare col. and qual., grand feather, smaller; 3, 4, Bower, two grand hens, close up; 5, Holmes. C.B. LIGHT (3): 1, Bower, beautiful shape and feather, grand body, in fine form and bloom; 2, Reynolds; 3, Holmes. BUFF (5): 1, Barker, very large, good shape, capital col. and qual. of feather, good head, splendid cond.; 2, 4, Reynolds, grand shape and feather, nice head, good cond.; 3, White; 5, Bower. HEN (5): 1, Barker, lovely size, shape and feather, beautiful col. and cond., nice head, wins; 2, 3, Reynolds, lovely pair in rare cond., close up; 4, Holmes; 5, Bower. UNFLIG. CREST (5): 1, 2, Bower, rare feather and cond., grand shape, good size, A1 qual., plenty of feather, nice form; 2, Bostock, A1 shape, good size, nice head, rare body, lovely feather and qual., good bloom; 4, Reynolds; 5 Barker. C.B. (2) 1, Bowers, grand shape, size and qual., nice head and neck, very fit; 2, Bostock, very close up. SELL. CREST (7): 1, 2, Goode; 3, Hinges; 4, 6, Reynolds. C.B. (2): 1, Holmes; 2 Bostock. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Holmes nice shape, good qual., winner best size and cond. MULE (4): 1, 3 Hayter and Benn, two noted exhibits in lovely cond.; 2, Parlett, rare size and shape, good cond., very fit; 4, Denning. LINNET (7): 1, Holmes, very nicely pencilled, good shape and size, nice head, A1 feather and cond.; 2, Parlett, lovely feather and cond., grand body, nicely pencilled, in fine trim, close up; 3, 5, Merrin, grand shape and col, good size, nice body, A1 cond. and qual.; 4, Hayter and Bunn; 6, Wood. GOLDF., ETC. (4): 1, Parlett, splendid size good shape, rare col., feather and cond., wins; 2, Hayter and Bunn, capital shape, nice feather and col., first-rate cond.; 3, 4, Merrin. GREENF. (3): 1, Hayter and Bunn, grand shape, col., and size, nice feather, first-class cond.; 2, Parlett, rare shape and bloom, fine size and cond., A1 feather; 3, Merrin. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Hayter and Bunn, grand birds in lovely cond. and bloom. A.O.V. (1): 1, Goode, nice feather and shape. Specials most points: Crest, G. Reynolds; Nor., W. Vardy: Brit., Hayter and Bunn; best bird, E. Barker; best Nor., W. Vardy; most entries, G. Reynolds.

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Members' Shows.

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HAYLE.

The Hayle F.A. held its fifth annual exhibition in the Parochial Hall on Feast Monday, Nov. 27. The hall is a grand one, being well lighted and close to the station. The show proved a great success both in quality and numbers, and there was a good attendance. The unflighted Norwich class was very strong, and competition very keen, the winner being a buff of grand type and quality. In Yorks. some grand birds were staged, the winner in the unflighted class is a typical buff cock, standing like a guardsman. The British section was unusually strong, the birds being very forward and competition very keen, especially in the two Yellowhammer classes provided this year. The Yellowhammer is coming to the front in Cornwall as elsewhere, and societies will do well to cater for this popular species. The birds were splendidly staged, and could be well seen. Mr. Ware carried out the secretarial duties in his usual painstaking way, and he was well assisted by a good working committee of fanciers. Mr. W. G. Tickell (Bodmin) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Andrews, good col. and qual., nice cobby shape, well braced wings; 2, 3, Stephens, large birds, good heads and necks, nice col., little long; ex. 3, Moon, grand col. and qual., good head and neck, we liked; hc, Collins; c, Martin, Uren. BUFF (9): 1, Lawry, good head and neck, nice cobby shape, well braced wings and tail; 2, c, Vincent, good head, nice type but patchy in col.; 3, Howard, nice col., neat head, very shapely; 4, Andrew; vhc, Batten; hc, Moon. YELL. VAR. (4): 1, Rowe and Richards, grand subs., good head and neck, well braced wings, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Howard, splendid feather, good well-filled neck, nicely cut away; 3, Waters; vhc, Reynolds. BUFF (4): 1, Howard, good head and neck, nice chest, well braced wings and tail; 2, Andrew, good col. and qual., plenty of subs., nice feather; 3, Strout; vhc, Batten. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Collins, buff, fine size, lovely col. and qual., grand chest, good wings and tail, well cut behind; 2, Moon, buff, grand col. and qual., neat wings and tail, very chubby, well shown; 3, hc, Howard, buff, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, nice shape, col. and qual.; ex. 3, Lawry, yell., grand col. and qual., fine shape, nice head and neck; ex. 3, Batten, neat head, good chest, fine wings and col.; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Strout; c, Philpot. Grand class. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Moon, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail, good subs., col. and qual.; 2, Strout, capital shape, good head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 3, ex. 3, Howard, good heads and necks, plenty of subs., good qual. and col.; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Collins; c, Andrew. BUFF (15): 1, Andrew, fine size, neat head and neck, good type and qual., nice wings and tail; 2, Trevorrow, close up, neat head and neck, good chest, wings and tail; ex. 2, Howard, nice col. and qual., good head and neck, well braced wings; 3, Collins, lovely col., splendid type, good wings and tail, well mealed; ex. 3, Durant, good col. and qual., nice flights and tail; vhc, Philpot; hc, Strout; c, Moon. YORKS. YELL. CK. OR TKD. (8): 1, 4, vhc, Ellis, grand trio, splendid col. and qual., grand pos., fine wings and tail, nice leg; 2, Boundy, neat head, good shoulders, wings, back, and tail, nice col.; 3, Nicholls, very shapely, splendid back, well up on leg; hc, Peters; c, Harris. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Ellis, grand col. and qual., lovely length, pos., and leg, good head and shoulders; 2, Stephens, neat head, good shoulders, nice straight back, fine wings and tail; 3, hc, Peters, grand col., finely packed wings and tail, good type; vhc, Boundy; c, Craven. VARIEG. (9): 1, hc, Ellis, finely built, grand col. and qual., well packed flights, good pipe tail; 2, Clift, lovely col. and qual., nice head, neck and shoulders; 3, hc, Nichols, good one, nice head and shoulders, fine wings and tail; 4, Craven; vhc, Peters; c, Oatey. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Collins, buff, a gem, lovely qual., nice back, wings and tail, splendid pos. and style; 2, hc, Ellis, beautifully feathered, good shoulders, well packed flights and tail; 3, Clift, good col. and qual., nice head and shoulders, good length; 4, Boundy; vhc, Stephens; c, Nicholls. Grand class. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, c, Peters, cl., good head, neck and shoulders, very typical, well up on leg; 2, vhc, hc, Ellis, gems, splendid wings and tails, well up on leg, nice pos.; 3, Nicholls, good straight back and tail, correct wings, nice type and pos.; 4, Harris. BUFF (9): 1, Boundy, grand feather, good head and shoulders, well packed flights and tail; 2, 3, Collins, non-flight leading, grand feather and col., stands erect, very typical, lovely style, length and pos.; 4, vhc, hc, Ellis; vhc, Craven; c, Clift. A.O.V. (2): 1, Collins, buff cinn., nice col., beautifully laced, good wings and tail, very shapely; vhc, Craven. PAIRS (5): 1, Lowry; 2, Andrews; 3, Philpot; vhc, Trevorrow; hc, Coombe. MULES, LIGHT (3): 1, 2, 3, Collins, 4-point buff, beautifully balanced wings and eye markings; 2, almost clear Linnet, in lovely bloom; 3, Goldf.-Greenf., grand wing, bars and blaze. DARK (6): 1, 3, hc, Rowe and Richards, Linnet leading, good col. and size, well laced; 3, Goldf., good blaze, nice cond.; 2, vhc, Collins, Yell. Greenf., lovely col. and bloom, well shown; 4, Trevorrow. GOLDF. (9). 1, 4, Polkinghorne, well-known winner, not quite up, good tannings and buttons; 2, hc, Farrell, grand blaze, bars and buttons, good chest, close run; 3, ex. 3, hc, Coombe, grand trio, nicely cut blaze of good col., splendid tannings, in good bloom; vhc, Rule; c, Evans. BULLF. (4): 1, 2, vh, Rowe and Richards, grand breast, good caps and bibs, in good order; 3, Dale, good col., neat cap and shape. GREENF. (6): 1, Collins, fine bird, yellow, good col. and cond.; 2, 4, Rowe and Richards, good birds, very smart cond.; 3, hc, Farrell, good in all points; vhc, Coombe. YELLOW BUNTING CK. (9): 1, 4, vhc, c, Farrell, grand team, well up in col. and markings, well shown; 2, hc, c, Collins, another good team, some thought 2nd might have won, grand head, col. and size; 3, hc, Rowe and Richards, lovely head points, good size and col., lovely cond. HEN (6): 1, Farrell, very rich col., grand markings; 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, good col. and markings; 3, 4, hc, Collins, nice team, large buff leading, good markings and steady. A.O. HARDBILL, SMALL (7): 1, 2, Collins, Bramble leading, fine bird, grandly mkd., good col.; 2, Lesser Redpoll, nicely mkd., good Scarlet Poll, nice bib; 3, Farrell, Bramble, good col. and markings, shade smaller; 4, vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Evans; c, Peters. HEN HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, hc, Collins, lovely team, Hawfinch, Bullf., and Bramble, in good form; 3, vhc, c, Rowe and Richards, Reed Bunting, nicely mkd., good col., very steady; 4, Farrell; hc, Coombe. A.O. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Rowe and Richards, Blackbird, grand size and col., lovely beak and eye markings, fine exhibit; 2, 4, Collins, Wagtail and Hawfinch, well-known winners. SELL., 15s.: 1, Collins; 2, Andrew; 3, Nicholls. 10s.: 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Oatey; 3, 4, Watters. LOCAL—NOR.: 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Coombe; 3, Honeychurch. BRIT. OR MULE: 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Coombe; 3, S. J. Coombe.

IDLE C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 18. Judge J. Bailey, who gave every satisfaction. Yell. Ck.: 1, Lloyd; 2, 4, Sparks; 3, Renton. Buff: 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Sparks. Yell. Hens: 1, Lloyd; 2, Renton; 3, Wood; 4, Chippindale. Buff: 1, 2, Chippindale; 3, Sparks; 4, Lloyd. Points to date: Champ., Chippindale 61, W. Sparks 47, Wood 35, Pearson 21, T. Elsegood 13, Thomas 12; Nov., Lloyd 33, C. Renton 23, B. Baxter 23, E. Wright 8.—J. Chippendale.

DONCASTER AND HEMSWORTH.

Inter-club show, Oct. 28, at Hemsworth; Mr. C. A. House judged a very good entry. 192 birds being staged, the Yorkshire classes especially filling well, Doncaster 110 points, Hemsworth 100 points; most points for cup and medal, A. Smith 55, W. Blanchon 46. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (12): 1, Brown; 2, Jordan; 3, Hall. Buff (12): 1, Blanchon; 2, Govier; 3, Taylor. Yell. Hen (10): 1, Govier; 2, Kelsey; 3, Hall. Buff (9): 1, Whittington; 2, Smith; 3, Parkes. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (12): 1, Cummings; 2, Lumby; 3, Truman. Buff (17): 1, Hall; 2, Wade; 3, Blanchon, Hen (13): 1, Frost; 2, Blanchon; 3, Govier. Nor. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, Parkes; 2, Evans; 3, Truman. Buff (8): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Evans. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Clark. Buff (8): 1, 2, Cummings; 3, Parkes. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: (5): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Haines. Buff (9): 1, Smith; 2, Vaux; 3, Clark. Unflig. Hen (9): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Leam. Goldf. (6): 1, Blanchon; 2, Cowling; 3, Pogmore. Bullf (5): 1, Lumby; 2, 3, Evans. Greenf. (5): 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Holderoft. Linnet (8): 1, Hartshorn; 2, Vaux; 3, Cummings. Siskin, Etc. (8): 1, Blanchon; 2, Evans; 3, Pogmore. Hardbill (10): 1, Truman; 2, Cummings; 3, Cowling. Brit. F.M. (4): 1, Evans; 2, Wade; 3, Truman. Mule or Hyb. (6): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Twine. For. (6): 1, 2, Hartshorn; 3, Cowling. —H. Lumby, Sec.

Please see notice above.—Editor.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

22nd Annual Show, Newbold Friendly Society's Chambers, Milnrow Road, Nov. 4th. Although many members of the Society are serving the colours, there was a record entry, over 200 birds being staged. Mr. C. A. House judged. Lancs. Coppy Yell.: 1, 3, Collinge; 2, Blincoe. Buff: 1, 3, Newill; 2, Fincoe; 4, Collinge. Plainhead: 1, 2, Newill; 3, 4, Collinge. Coppy Hen: 1, Newill; 2, Blincoe; 3, Collinge. Pl. Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, Collinge. 1916 Bred: 1, 2, Newill; 3, Blincoe; 4, Collinge. Chest or C.B.: 1, 4, Collinge; 2, Mingham; 3, Jackson. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Howarth; 2, Howarth; 3, Edwards; 4, Collins. Buff: 1, Howarth; 2, Tonks; 3, Lees; 4, Collins. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Tonks; 2, 4, Butterworth; 3, Jackson. Buff: 1, Mingham; 2, 3, Butterworth; 4, Ratcliffe. Hen: 1, Edwards; 2, Howarth; 3, Jackson; 4, Collins. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Francis; 2, 4, Butterworth; 3, Edwards. Buff: 1, 3, Francis; 2, Hopwood. Unflig. Hen: 1, 2, Lees; 3, 4, Francis. Nor. C. Yell.: 1, Lees; 2, Howarth. Buff: 1, Francis; 2, Blincoe; 3, Leach. Hen: 1, Blincoe; 2, 3, Leach; 4, Howarth. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Leach; 2, Lees; 3, Blincoe. Buff: 1, 2, Lees; 3, Blincoe, 4, Francis. Unflig. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Lees; 3, Blincoe. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Bamford; 4, Tonks. Pairs: 1, Blincoe; 2, Leach. Brit. Hard: 1, Francis; 2, 4, Bamford; 3, Tonks. Sell.: 1, Mingham; 2, Blincoe; 3, Newill; 4, Leach. Trophy, most points with three birds, J. Francis; runners-up, Rees and Newill. Special best bird, Collinge.—J. W. Jackson, Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND C.B.A.

The above Society held its annual show Nov. 25, in the National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, where many a stiff battle has taken place in bygone days. This Association is in a very healthy condition, and is conducted by many of the leading fanciers in the West. Hon. Pres., Ex-Provost Paton; Vices, Messrs. W. Gunion and G. Smart; Hon. Sec., the well known and much respected W. Hutchison, who also carries out the duties of the District Open Show with considerable success. The judges were Messrs. J. Young, P. Houston, D. Hamilton, and H. Jamieson. Quality was here as well as numbers, and the Society has not had a more successful turn out for a long time. Some "red hot 'uns" must have given the judges trouble to decide on. Still the work was carried out in good time, and very satisfactorily, as little adverse comment was heard. Not long after the gates were opened visitors began to gather, and towards evening the hall was crowded to such an extent that it was difficult to get near the favourites at all. Special winners: Crest Cup, Tweedie; Plainhead Cup, Hutchison, won three times, now his own property; Border Cup, B.F.C.C. medal, best young bird, A. Craig; Yorks, best young bird, J. F. Park; best Amat., H. Jordan; Mule Cup and Norwich Green Trophy, J. Renwick; British Cup, Crawford.

YOUNG BIRD CLASSES.—Crest Hen (4): 1, Boyd; 2, 4, Smart; 3, Tweedie. C.B. Hen (3): 1, 2, Tweedie; 3, Barron. Ck. (3): 1, 2, Tweedie; 3, Barron. Nor. Plainhead Yell. Ck. (8): 1, Hutchison; 2, 3, Kerr; 4, 6, Jardine; 5, Barron; 7, Boyd. Buff (10): 1, 4, Black; 2, 3, Baron; 5, Jardine; 6, Kerr; 7, Park. Var. Yell. Ck. (9): 1, Barron; 2, Hutchison; 3, Black; 4, Kerr; 5, Wood; 6, Fulton; 7, Boyd. Buff (5): 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Wood; 4, Gunion; 5, Begg. Cl. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Barron; 4, 5, Fulton. Buff (13): 1, Fulton; 2, 4, Barron; 3, Black; 5, Kerr; 6, Park; 7, Hutchison. Var. Yell. (9): 1, Black; 2, Hutchison; 3, Hunter; 4, Barron; 5, Fulton; 6, Jardine; 7,8 Wood. Buff (10): 1, 3, Barron; 2, 5, Hutchison; 4, Davidson; 6, Wood; 7, Fulton. Non Fcd Green (3): 1, Smart; 2, Eaglesham; 3, Renwick. Hen (1): 1, Renwick. Amat. Nor. (5): 1, 4, Jardine; 2, 5, Gunion; 3, Begg. Light Mule (2): 1, 2, Renwick. Dark (7): 1, 2, Crawford; 3, 5, Renwick; 4, 6, Haddow; 7, Martin. Bord. Cl. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Craig; 2, Briggs; 3, Laurie; 4, Fraser; 5, Kerr. Buff (8): 1, Craig; 2, Fraser; 3, Kerr; 4, Laurie; 5, Dickson; 6, Briggs; 7, Cook. Var. Yell. (4): 1, Briggs; 2, Fraser; 3, Craig; 4, Kerr. Buff (3): 1, Craig; 2, Fraser; 3, Briggs. Cl. Yell. Hen (6): 1, Briggs; 2, Craig; 3, 5, Laurie; 4, Kerr; 6, Fraser. Buff (8): 1, Craig; 2, Briggs; 3, 4 Kerr; 5, Laurie; 6, Fraser; 7, Dickson. Var. Hen (1): 1, Kerr. Green or Cinn. (8): 1, 2, Whitelaw; 3, 4 Pearce; 5, Smart; 6, Fraser; 7, Kerr. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (3): 1, 3, Heggie; 2, Martin. Buff (4): 1, 3, Heggie; 2, Martin; 4, Park. Yell. Hen (3): 1, cup, Park; 2, 3, Heggie. Buff (5): 1, Park; 2, 3, Heggie; 4, 5, Martin. Var. Yell. (3): 1, Park; 2, 3, Heggie. Buff (3): 1, Park; 2, 3, Heggie.

OLD BIRD SECTION. Crest Ck. (2): 1, Smart; 2, Boyd. Hen (1): 1, Boyd. C.B. Ck. (2): 1, Tweedie; 2, Smart. Yellow Nor. Ck. or Hen (5): 1, Black; 2, Park; 3, Begg; 4, 5, Fulton. Buff (6): 1, 3, Kerr; 2, Begg, 4, Park; 5, Eaglesham; 6, Boyd. Yell. Var. (5): 1, Hunter; 2, Boyd; 3, Kerr; 4, Fulton; 5, Begg. Buff (4): 1, Kerr; 2, Davidson; 3, Begg; 4, Fulton. Non Fcd (11): 1, Black; 2, 3, Kerr; 4, Eaglesham; 5, Pearce; 6, Wood; 7, Park. Border (6): 1, 2, 4, 5, Pearce; 3, Smart; 6, Laurie. Yorks Ck., A.V. (7): 1, 4, Beggie; 2, Park; 3, 5, 6, 7, Coates. Hen, A.V. (3): 1, 3, Beggie; 2, Park. Light Mule or Hybrid (2): 1, 2, Beggie. Dark (3): 1, 2, Beggie; 3, Martin. Linnet (10): 1, Crawford; 2, Beggie, 3, 7, Eaglesham; 4, Pearce; 5, Laurie; 6, Pollock. Siskin, Redpoll, Etc. (7): 1, 4, Graham; 2, Crawford; 3, Coates; 5, 7, Pollock; 6, Boyd. Goldf. (9): 1, Heggie; 2, 3, Crawford; 4, Watson; 5, Haddow; 6, Pearce; 7, Graham. Bullf. Hen (7): 1, Davidson; 2, Crawford; 3, Pearce; 4, Graham; 5, 6, Pollock; 7, Watson. Greenf. (6): 1, Crawford; 2, 6, Graham; 3, Davidson; 4, 5, Pollock. Chaffinch or Bramble (4): 1, 2, Coates; 3, 4, Pollock. Small Brit. (6): 1, Pearce; 2, 6, Watson; 3, Graham; 4, Pollock; 5, Crawford. Large (3): 1, 3, Graham; 2, Pollock. Small For. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Park.

RUNCORN.

Annual Members' Show, Nov. 18, Primitive School, Greenway Road, with a fine entry of nearly 140. This in war time must be counted as splendid for a society with depleted ranks, through members having to join up. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Faulkner is quite new to the job, but he carried out all the arrangements with a master hand. Mr. Luxton gave valuable assistance. A very good list of special prizes was secured, and there was keen competition for them. Yorks. were especially good, and very high-class birds did the winning. Nor. were of very good merit, and made a fine display. Crests and Crested birds were of high merit, and a lovely dark crest of immense size won special for best bird in the show. Mr. C. Houlton judged.

Yorks., Yell., Ck. (8): 1, hc, Farrall, tick cheek stylish, A1 order; 2, 4, Helsby, nice pair, grand pos.; 3, Bradbury, smaller, fine shape; vhc, Luxton; c, Spruce. Buff (7): 1, 3, Luxton, beauties for type, qual., and pos.; 2, vhc, Bradbury, lovely type, qual., carr., and cond.; 4, hc, Helsby; c, Spruce. Yell. Hen (5): 1, Farrall, slim and stylish; 2, 3, Luxton, good pos. and carr.; 4, Helsby; vhc, Spruce. Buff (2): 1, sp, Luxton, a gem right through; 2, 3, hc, Farrall, nice trio; 3, Bradbury; vhc, c, White. Unflig. Yell. (9): 1, hc, White, nice slim type, clean through; 2, 4, Luxton, well on leg, nice pos.; 3, Bradbury, prim style; vhc, W. Helsby; c, T. Helsby. Buff (8): 1, hc, White, very fine, neat carr.; 2, Luxton, tkd. check, grand bird; 3, 4, Bradbury, neat and typical; vhc, T. T. Helsby; c, W. Helsby. Nor., Yell., Ck. (5): 1, 3, Walker, fine robust pair, grand shape; 2, 4, Guy, bonny, cobby type, good col. and feather; vhc, Hayes. Buff (5): 1, vhc, Walker, very fine type, qual., and bloom; 2, 3, 4, Guy, good trio. Yell. Hen (6): 1, vhc, Guy, a right good, big 'un; 2, 4, Walker; 3, hc, Faulkner. Buff (6): 1, Hayes, very cobby type; 2, 3, White, both good; 4, hc, Guy; vhc, Walker. Unflig., Yell.: 1, vhc, Faulkner, leader a fine young bird; 2, 3, Walker, good shape and qual.; 4, hc, c, Guy. Buff (6): 1, 4, vhc, Guy, all nice type and qual.; 2, 3, Hayes, smart pair; hc, Walker. Nor. Green, Ck.: 1, 2, Faulkner, fine pair, rare col. and type; 3, Hayes, yell., foul throat, good col. and type; 4, Walker. Buff: 1, Guy, fine big bird, good type, col., and bloom; 2, Walker, good col. and type; 3, vhc, Faulkner, nice level col.; 4, White; hc, Hayes. Crest, A.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Guy, 1st takes sp. best bird in show, all good qual., crests, a very strong team; vhc, Faulkner. C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Guy, a team of the first qual., in fine order; hc, Faulkner. Brit.: 1, 2, 4, Walker; 3, Spruce. Nov., York., Yell., Ck.: 1, Saunders. Hen: 1, 2, Woolley; 3, Saunders. Buff hen: 1, Saunders; 2, T. T. Helsby. Unflig. Yell.: 1, T. T. Helsby; 2, 3, Woolley; 4, vhc, Saunders. Buff: 1, T. T. Helsby; 2, vhc, Woolley; 3, 4, Saunders.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair. Club sing, Dec. 2. 20 birds entered: 1, 2, 3, Jones. Open sing, Dec. 3. 31 birds entered: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Plows.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, Nov. 26; 21 birds entered. 1, Williams; 2, Nelson; 3, Worrall. Dec. 3: 1, Williams; 2, 3, Nelson.—W. Nelson, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road; 17 birds entered for 4 prizes. A novice won with very good time: 1, France, 9min. 16sec.; 2, Jennings, 3-14; 3, 4, Norman and Hardman tied, 2-47 each. France wins the pool.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Dec. 3. 17 birds sang. Spectators from Garforth, Kippax, and Castleford were delighted with the quality of the birds: 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, shared Wigfield and Summers. Judges, A. Binns and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Dec. 2. 10 birds sang. 1, 3, Sissons; 2, Thompson. Judge, Parker and Naylor. Linnet contest, Dec. 3, 20 birds sang: 1, Jim Chippindale; 2, 4, Sellers; 3, T. Ward; 5, Hayes. Judges: Grant, Ineson, Hardcastle. Roller contest, Dec. 3, 8 birds sang: 1, Stead; 2, Condliffe; 3, Sissons. Judges: Grant, Naylor, Hardcastle.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Club singing contest, Viaduct Inn. 1, McNichol. Judge, G. Bacholer. Canary contest at night, Prince of Wales. 1, Sisson; 2, Newell; 3, Kippling; 4, Bacholer. Judges, Moss, Sellers.

Dec. 10, Canary contest, Prince of Wales, Wadsworth Street, Kirkstall Road.—T. Cawood, Sec. (Advt.) (706)

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A SEASON'S FAILURE.

Troubled.—I am not quite clear whether you mean that the two birds you mated were brother and sister. If this is so, they were not at all suitable mates, although this in itself would not account for the clear eggs in all the nests. This might have been caused by a great variety of causes—the weather, the condition of one or both birds, the manner of matings, etc. It would certainly be worth while trying both birds again next year, but I would strongly advise you to get a strong lusty, 1916-bred cock, in good song, to mate with the hen, and a vigorous young hen, 1916-bred, for preference, as a mate for the cock. The fresh birds may come from the same strain, but should not be very closely related. Aim at getting the birds in a healthy, vigorous condition, and do not mate up before the end of March at earliest, or the beginning of April if the weather is unfavourable at the earlier date, and I see no reason why they should not breed successfully. They might even do so if mated to each other the same as before, though the change of mates as suggested would increase the chances, and if the birds are really brother and sister they certainly should not be mated together again.

FOOT TROUBLE.

A. L. C.—Treat as follows, which is the best you can do in the circumstances. Catch the bird and wash the foot quite clean in lukewarm water to remove all dirt and any pus that may be about the sore. Dry carefully, and then hold the foot in a little peroxide of hydrogen, which you will have ready in a saucer, until the liquid ceases foaming. Then wipe dry again, and paint the foot with a mixture of equal parts collodion and salicylic acid using a small camel-hair brush to paint with. Hold the bird a few moments whilst it dries and then paint over a second time. At the end of a week wash the foot with a solution of common soda to remove the paint, and if the foot seems fairly well anoint it once daily for a few days with boracic ointment to complete the cure. But if it still seems to be suppurating repeat the same treatment as before and continue to do so once a week as long as necessary.

"SOME" QUERY.

Puzzled.—I am afraid your query is quite too broad and general for full justice to be done to it. (1) Personally, I opine that if one takes up Canary breeding with the special object of crushing Germany's trade in Canaries, the best breed to start with for that particular object would be the breed which the Germans themselves specialised in—that is, the trained Roller for singing purposes. Of course, I am well aware that others are more in favour of breeding fancy breeds, and in particular the Norwich and Yorkshire. But whatever breed is taken up it goes without saying that the more home trade that is supplied by home produce, and the more export trade that is captured, the less there will be for the Germans to fall back upon in times of peace, whatever breeds may be supplied to fill the present need. But one may take it for granted that there will always be a good demand for songsters pure and simple, and if this is not supplied by one country it will be supplied by another. In this, as any other business matter, a constant demand must, and will, create a supply. The best breed is so much a matter of personal taste that each one is wisest to choose on these lines. (2) It is impossible to select any one breed and say that it pays the best to breed it. Different specimens in the same breed vary enormously in profitcacy, and a vast amount also depends upon the breeder himself. Every breed we have could certainly show either extremely profitable returns or a balance sheet with the figures all on the wrong side, according to birds and owner. As a songster the pure Roller is, judging by its great increase in popularity, certainly in as much demand as any, but it is difficult to say which breed is really in greatest demand. Of fancy breeds Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy, in the order named, I should say are in greatest demand. (3) Here again the influence of the breeder, personally, prevents me saying what price should be given for stock birds to enable the young from them to be sold wholesale at a certain price. But you should be

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Ronse's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

able to realise your price with stock judiciously bought at about 30/- to 40/- each for cocks, and about 5/- each for hens in the case of Rollers, and something like 30/- to 40/- per pair for fancy breeds. This is allowing you some margin for lack of skill in mating and training. (4) Rollers are not colour-fed, and in breeding little attention, as a rule, is given to colour or markings. But one should as far as possible adhere to the fundamental principle of mating yellow to buff, even if no other attention is paid to colour or markings.

MATING CINNAMONS.

W. Everett.—(1) Yes, in breeding Cinnamons you should have both sexes of a cinnamon colour, and bred from cinnamon colour, but it is not absolutely essential that both birds should always be self-coloured so long as what colour they have is cinnamon and the birds are bred from Cinnamons. It is, for instance, quite possible to utilise with advantage in the breeding of pure Cinnamons what are termed "broken or foul Cinnamons," which are specimens in which the cinnamon colour is broken up more or less by light colour, either yellow or buff, and they are often used to correct or tone down some fault or secure some special object. All these technical points and objects of special matings you would find fully explained in the part XI. of "Our Canaries," which deals with the Cinnamon. I would not, however, advise you to begin dabbling in these bye-ways, so to speak of Cinnamon breeding until you have had some experience in breeding them in the orthodox way—self to self, and yellow to buff. (2) The progeny you would get from a yellow self Cinnamon cock and a buff self green hen would depend entirely upon whether there was any Cinnamon blood in the green hen. If there was not then you would get self and variegated Cinnamons and green and green marked, and all the birds showing cinnamon colour would be hens.

SIT PUFFED OUT.

Falkirk.—You ought to have said how the birds are fed, as possibly, being in a cold room, the diet may need varying to suit these conditions. First of all see that the room is free from direct draughts, damp and sudden changes of temperature. Give a staple diet of three parts, by measure, of canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give about half a teaspoonful of egg food, or any substitute you may use, twice a week, and on two other days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats, and on each of the remaining days give a morsel of banana, boiled or raw carrot, or sweet apple, giving preference to them in the order named. As regards the treatment of the two birds, see they are kept in a cosy part of the room, as they may, perhaps, be susceptible to cold. Every second day give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. Continue this for a fortnight if necessary.

AN IDIOSYNCRASY.

W. T. H., Dowlais.—As you say the bird has quite recovered from the chill you say it had, and is now in such good song, I do not think there can be much more the matter. (1) Sitting flat on its stomach may be symptomatic of nothing worse than a desire to take life easily. See that the perches are of a proper size and shape—just such thickness that the bird cannot quite encircle them with its claws when it grips them, and a round perch with the top surface trimmed off to an oval shape, and also see that they fit securely and do not wobble about when the bird stands on them. You might also see if the claws are overgrown so as to make it uncomfortable for the bird to stand or hop about the perches. Having seen to these points, give in the water for three consecutive days ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. (2) Sleeping against the front of the cage next the wires is probably nothing more than an idiosyncrasy, or possibly from the position of its cage it feels the heat rays from a fire or gas jet in that position, or has some such inducement to roost in that position. There is no harm in it doing so, but if you wish to prevent it throw a light cover over the cage for a few hours after roost time.

THE PINK EYE.

A. Scott.—(1) The appearance of two pink-eyed young in each brood of young from both your hens is very strong circumstantial evidence that the clear buff cock you purchased had cinnamon blood in his veins even if he did not show it in his plumage. If you had looked at his eyes carefully with the light reflected at a certain angle, you would doubtless find that he too was pink-eyed, which would be conclusive evidence of the cinnamon blood, and if your own birds are quite free from this blood the pink-eyed young will be hens. (2) Cinnamon blood is now so widely dispersed in the Yorkshires that pink-eyed birds among them cannot be described as of more value than the dark-eyed, except in so far as they may show better type and quality generally. (3) Yes, decidedly; if you are aiming at breeding light or variegated Mules, these birds would be better for the purpose than the dark-eyed specimens.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

E. J. P.—Certainly, I do not think it is in the least degree possible for anyone, by simply examining the dead body of a bird externally and scalping it, to know whether septic fever was the cause of death, and should be inclined to give the post-mortem report far greater weight. It would be quite possible for a perfectly healthy bird that was susceptible to this disease to become infected and die in the space of a week, so that if the birds were exposed to infection after purchase, such as being put into a cage in which any other bird had been kept whilst suffering from the disease, even though some time had elapsed, there would be quite sufficient time for it to become infected and die in turn from the disease. The fact that none of your stock have shown any signs of illness leaves no doubt in my mind that you have no cause to worry on their behalf. It would take up too much space to go into any useful details about the disease in this column; therefore I would advise you to get the brochure on "Septic Fever," by Dr. R. H. Clarke, which our manager would send you for 7d., post free.

YORKSHIRE NOT SINGING.

W. B. B.—I take it you are satisfied that the bird is a cock, though you say nothing about that point. The apparent good health and condition, coupled with the silence, might be rather ominous unless you were quite sure to the contrary. If it is a cock the following treatment should help to bring it out. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape only. In addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternating days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and next a morsel of either banana, boiled or raw carrot, or sweet apple. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. The Budgerigar is a very unsuitable companion for it to have in the same cage. It may succeed for a time, but even if they agree and do not fight you may one day find the Canary with a broken leg, or something of that kind, due to a little joke of the Budgerigar.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FRESHLY CAUGHT BULLFINCHES.

Novice A. B.—As a rule, freshly caught Bullfinches are not difficult to get on to seed, and the fact of your being able to keep two of yours proves that you are able to do it. In your next venture follow the same method, giving both seed and water inside the cage, which keep in a nice quiet corner of the birdroom, where there is sufficient light for them to see to feed, and put in with them one of your steady birds that is already on seed. Some Finches when first caught are extremely nervous and refuse to feed, but will generally do so if they see a companion feeding. Any that show signs of not doing well after being caged a reasonable time should be given their liberty before they become too weak. When they once make a start, give soaked rape and teazle daily for a time, or the sudden change to hard, dry seed may prove too much for their digestive organs. An occasional aperient is useful after they have been caged a week or two, as they are inclined to eat rather more than is good for them of the good things provided.

FINCHES TOO STRONG.

Reader.—I am under the impression that your treatment is at fault. In the first place a warm kitchen is not the best place to keep birds in, they would do better in an outside building if free from damp and draughts, but I do not think a shelter by day and a warm kitchen at night would be any improvement. If you must keep them in the kitchen, hang the cages as low as possible, especially at night, when the gas is alight. I also fear your feeding is not quite correct. Goldfinches and Linnets require different treatment. Your best plan would be to send to this office for the two Nutshell booklets on these birds, No. 1 and No. 2, post free 2½d. each; you will then see how each bird should be fed and managed.

TRYING FOR GOLDFINCH-BULLFINCH HYBRIDS.

E. Townsend.—If I were in your place I should give up the flight to the most likely pair, taking particular notice of the health and behaviour of the hen Bullie. The exercise that a pair would take in the flight would help considerably to keep them fit, and unless they are so, it is almost useless to expect success. Possibly your Finches are kept a shade too warm and fed a little too well. Reduce the supply of hemp, give more sunflower and teazle, and be liberal with greenfood or fruit. As a rule it is better to keep the birds apart during the winter, excepting for an occasional fly together to get properly introduced. Some Hybrid breeders use two compartment cages during the winter, having a wire partition, so that each bird can see its intended partner, and still be fed as it should be. When they are put together in the spring, the better feeding does not as a rule have any injurious effect, as breeding requires good living.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Care Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

WHEN NOT IN SONG.

Rippman Winkle.—The Song Thrush ceases to sing when he goes into moult, which is generally in August, and he is heard again as soon as he recovers, about the end of October. One can only give this as a general rule, for individuals differ, some sing very little while breeding, the cares of the family taking up most of their time. You have omitted to send us your name and address, which according to our rules should have been enclosed with your query. Perhaps you will forward these on a postcard.

A BALD BLACKBIRD.

T. Forshaw.—As your bird has been bald so long I wonder you have not written before. The earlier these matters are attended to the easier they are to cure. The fact of one of your birds doing well on the same food shows that he is the more robust of the two. The treatment I would advise for this particular bird is to first give him an aperient of Glauber Salts, as much as will cover a shilling, dissolved in three tablespoonsful of water, to which add six drops of Syrup of Rhubarb. Let him have this to drink for one day only, and repeat three days later, giving half the quantity of salts. Add an extra quantity of carrot to his food, and give a good slice of apple daily; squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon juice in his drinking water. If you can handle the bird gently rub the bare place with a mixture of paraffin and vaseline, only just smear—and do it about three times a week.

SAMPLES OF SEED.

Annan.—I have carefully examined the two samples of seed sent. The teazle is fine, bold seed, and to all appearance good, but when examined through a powerful lens it shows here and there traces of having been attacked by insects; these seeds would of course be useless. Those not attacked are full and plump, and there is no reason against your using it. This is a very difficult seed to get absolutely without blemish on account of the difficulty in harvesting it. The sample of rape is a good one, bold and sweet. I notice it has a few grains of inga in with it, which I presume were there by mistake.

CHAFFINCH OFF SONG, ETC.

E. B. B.—I must congratulate you upon keeping your bird to such a good age as 14 years; it is considerably beyond the average. I am sorry you did not give me your mode of feeding, it would have helped us in advising you, and of course it would be especially interesting to know considering that the bird has lived so long on it. Not having this, all I can suggest is a little soaked seeds, soft food and insects, mealworms you could possibly obtain, if no others. Give him two or three daily, not more. Of course it is rather soon after the moult yet to expect much song. (2) The treatment of Gnat Tits was answered quite recently, and was the subject of a short article. They should have a fairly large cage, as they are active birds, and a good brand of insectile mixture as staple food. They will also eat sunflower, hemp, poppy or maw seed. Nuts of all kinds, a little fruit, and occasionally hang on the bars of the cage a piece of suet or other hard fat. (3) Keep the freshly-caught Robin quiet, and give best quality insectile mixture and a liberal supply of mealworms or other insects; put these on the soft food, so that, in getting them he will possibly partake of the mixture. You must watch him closely and if he does not feed, continue the supply of mealworms or give him his liberty. (4) Young cock Chaffinches show the ruddy breast colour at the first moult; this increases in brilliancy, and is at its best in the spring and early summer.

FEEDING A GREENFINCH.

Greenfinch.—You should get our Nutshell Booklet on the Greenfinch, post free 2½d. While waiting for it feed as follows: Stock mixture, canary two parts, rape and teazle, 1 part of each, a little hemp and linseed occasionally, and half a dozen sunflower seeds daily. Greenfood free from frost should be offered whenever procurable. Do not put it with the Canaries until it has settled down

BREEDING SOFTBILL HYBRIDS.

R. Ramsey.—You are proposing, I fear, a very difficult task. It would no doubt be very interesting to get these crosses, but it could only be managed by one who could give every attention to the birds and supply them with unlimited natural food, and in addition to this one would require to have their share of good luck. In the first place Softbills are kept in confinement under conditions that are rather more unnatural than the seed-eating Finches, consequently they seldom get so "rank," and therefore not so keen to pair, even with their own species. Then if you manage to get them to nest and lay, they would have to incubate and rear their own young, for which they would require unlimited supplies of live food, of which live ants' eggs would be the major portion, especially in the early stages. If you could supply all these, and have a good-sized aviary to spare, with the necessary seclusion, there is no harm in trying, and your experiences would certainly be interesting. (2) Hen Robins have been known to hatch and rear young Nightingales in the open. (3) As regards your cross with the larger birds, you would possibly have a greater chance of success under suitable conditions, as these would probably use a certain amount of the ordinary soft food in rearing the young.

LINNET REFUSING SEED.

E. L. S.—You appear to be treating your bird all right, and no doubt if you persevere you will in time get him on to seed. I would suggest sprinkling a little dry seed on the top of the soaked, and also giving a little crushed hemp and gradually increase the dry seeds as you see he takes them. I have no doubt he is a young bird that has been used to the sprouting seeds of the fields. Give six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water, let him have two or three good drinks, and then remove it and repeat two days later.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

ABOUT MELBA FINCHES.

Melba.—(1) The hen bird has very little red on the face, and her under parts are only tinged with the bright colours of the male. (2) I consider the best course is to bring the Melba Finch indoors from Nov. 1 to April 30; a roomy cage will suffice for them, and any ordinary sitting room amply warm enough. They have been wintered out of doors, but it is rather taking a risk, the danger arising from wet, sunless periods rather than from clear frosty weather. If the aviary has a good, dry, light shelter, and your locality is not a northern one, then there should be a good prospect of them safely passing the winter therein. There have been attempts on the part of many pairs of Melbas to rear young in this country, mostly falling just short of complete success. I only know of one brood being fully reared in this country. (3) Mealworms are not really necessary when not breeding, as in a garden aviary they ought to catch many odd flies, etc., for themselves, but, failing this, an occasional mealworm or spider, etc., will be beneficial to them. Millet, canary seed, and spray millet should suffice for them, but I always keep a small tin of wild seeds in my aviary, or include some in the mixture for such as care to to help themselves at will. (4) I have found them inoffensive, but I know of one pair, at any rate, which would not allow a pair of Parrot Finches any peace, and they had to be removed from the aviary.

NOT INCREASING ITS VOCABULARY.

H. McKnight.—As it has made a start and speaks two words, there is every probability that it will increase. There is great variability in individual birds; some, like humans, are never loquacious, and others just the reverse. It has been my experience that the best talkers mostly pick up their own words, phrases, and calls from what they hear around them, therefore one of the best places to keep them in is the general living room. However, especially with a backward bird, it is well to use all methods, and the constant repetition one should not be neglected, and this is best put into operation when the bird is in quiet and restful mood. It is also good practice to talk quietly to it while you are attending to it, both when cleaning and feeding. Even if your bird does not develop into a great talker, it should pick up many additional words, etc., to what it utters now; there is no royal road, the main factors to success are kindness, patience, and perseverance. Wherever the bird is kept it must get light and air without draught.

WHAT SPECIES?

H. W. B.—I have looked through the B.M. catalogue, as well as comparing your additional information, and have reached the conclusion that you must have two cock Guiana Lovebirds ("Psittacula guianensis"). I have no doubt your birds are of that species; if not I cannot at present place them. Guiana Lorebirds are seedeaters, and the diet you are supplying will suffice for their simple needs. They should, however, get continuous supplies of cuttlebone, grit and water. They will appreciate seeding and flowering grass when in season, and doubtless would take a little sweet apple at the present time, and the latter would be a good substitute for greenfood.

INDIAN PARROTS AS TALKERS.

Jaxon.—(1, 2). Yes, both the Rock and Ringneck Parrakeets talk; all have the gift, but some do not use it, however. With either species, if you get hold of young birds, keep them in some light and airy, but not draughty, position in the general living room, where there will be plenty for them to see and hear. In time they should talk, at any rate to some extent. In their quiet, restful moments you could also teach them by the constant repetition method. (3) They need a seed mixture, ripe fruit, with continuous supplies of grit, cuttlebone, and water. A chunk of wood should be continuously in the cage for them to exercise their mandibles upon. They can have such extras as dry ernats, biscuit, nuts in variety, shelled and unshelled, and a little plain cake. A good seed mixture may be made up as follows: Two parts each (by measure) oats, canary and white millet seeds, one part each hemp, sunflower, safflower and paddy rice; well mix, store in some dust-tight receptacle, and keep in a dry place. They are both hardy species when they have once got over the effects of importation, but they must not be subjected to draught.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SHOWING BUDGERIGARS.

Esperance.—I am pleased to hear of your success in your first attempt at exhibiting your birds, and hope your success will continue. In most old birds the feet are covered with projecting horny scales and the backs are also mostly rough and coarse. A good Green Budgerigar should be of good size, fine, tight, silky plumage, clean markings, and carry itself well, also be slender and shapely. A bird that is "past its primo" is usually lacking in some of these conditions. I am inclined to advise you to begin next season with only one pair in the aviary, as there is so much combativeness among your birds. Retain the pair that have been most attentive to the husks, then, after they have started nesting and have their first brood out of the nest, introduce another pair if you are so inclined. You could have a pair of good ones ready caged for the purpose, acquiring them in the spring as opportunity affords. If you put a reasonable price on either your Yellows or Greens, having them marked up tame in show catalogue, they would probably sell for 30s. to 50s. in the show, especially if they carry off the honours. A really good winning pair of Greens have sold again and again at shows in fairly recent times for 30s. to 40s. or more, but such prices are not always obtainable, apart from shows. Though many will pay good prices for finger-tame birds. Yes, I should sell the Green hen as soon as she is fit enough.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. The Post Office regulation is that bodies of birds must be sent at the letter rate of postage, and must be packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. If this regulation be infringed the packets may be destroyed by the authorities. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

THRUSH-BLACKBIRD HYBRIDS.

T. H., and others.—We have finished with the argument, and, while thanking you for your appreciative letters, we think that no good purpose will be served by continuing the discussion. The judge you mention was quite within his rights in judging the bird of 1915 as it appeared before him, and if he could not see any trace of the Blackbird cross he was fully justified in "passing" the exhibit. On the other hand, those judges who accepted the bird as being a hybrid were equally justified in their decision. Our own experts, who had the bird under close observation during two days, agreed that the Blackbird parentage was apparent, but this again was only a matter of opinion, and can only be taken for what it is worth. It is not by any means the first case of a difference of opinion between judges, and we expect it will not be the last. One side is wrong, of course, for both cannot be right.

NAMES OF FOREIGN BIRDS.

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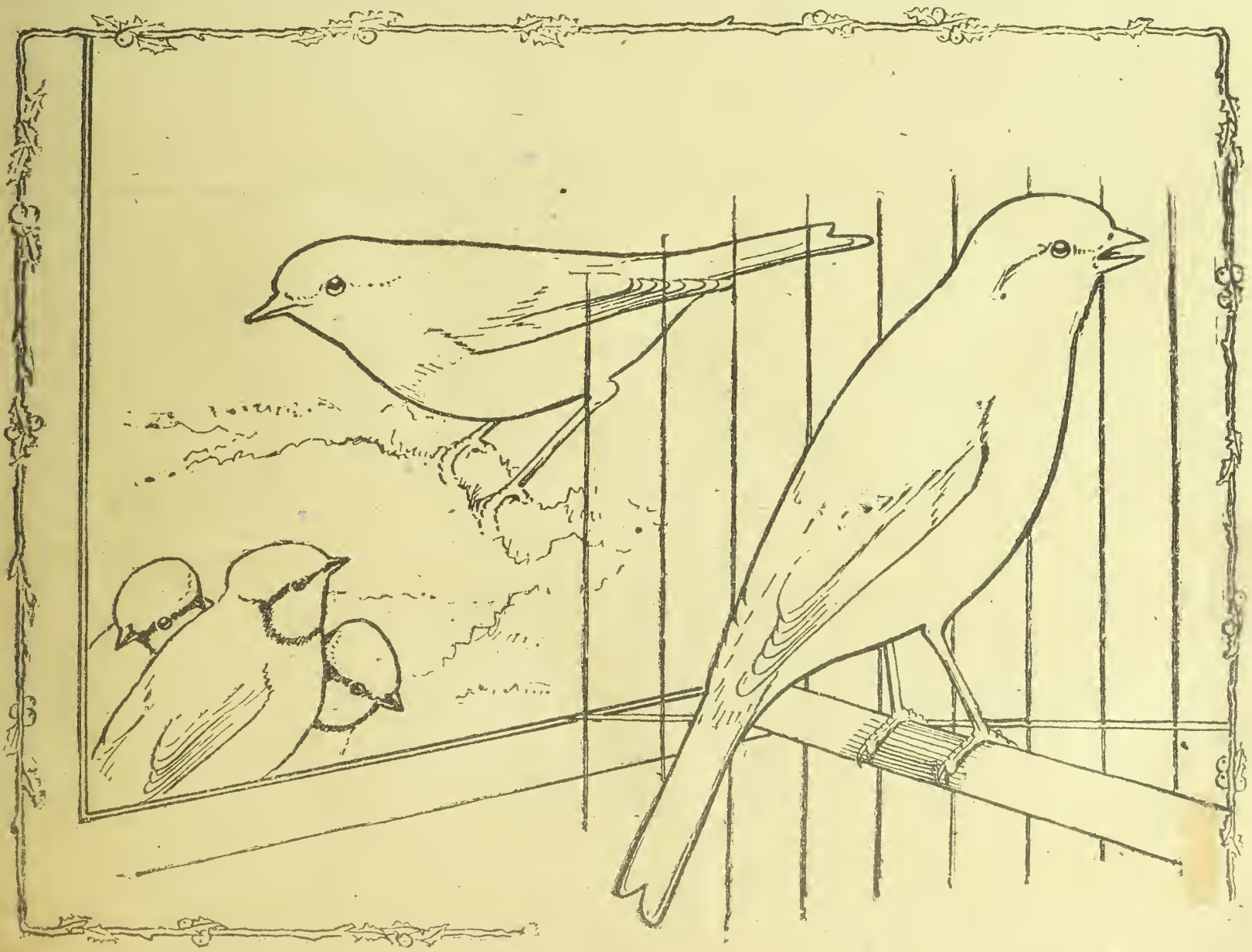
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LADY offers two beautiful singing cock Skylarks, like Thrushes; one on full song, 2/6; the other just commenced singing, 2/-, or 3/6 the two; approval willingly: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeney Cottage, Dunstable. (—)

DE VON AND CO., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London, singing cock Blackbird, 2/-, others 1/6; Thrush, 2/6; cock Larks, 1/6; Puppit, 1/6; Redwing, 3/-; De Von and Co., 'Phone 5489 Wall; Telegraphic address, Oiseaux, London; price lists. (718)

SOFTBILLS for exhibition and aviary, Golden Wrens, Tree-creepers, etc., also Longtailed Tits, true pairs for aviary, 7/6 per pair; perfect condition; insectivorous food, "Life," 2/- per lb., post free: P. F. M. Galloway, Durban, Caversham, Reading.

ON receipt of 1s. 6d. will send securely packed the loudest singing cock Skylark ever heard, measuring 14ins. from tip to tip; also my method of feeding, which keeps them in full song nine months out of twelve; free: Gale, 118, West-st., Dunstable. (678)

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I HAVE several tame Starlings, show specimens, that I have kept with my African grey Parrot, which is without doubt one of the best talkers and mimics in England; these Starlings have commenced chattering, and are really more amusing than a Parrot; prices, 2/6, 5/- and 7/6 each; approval willingly: Proprietress, Lamb Hotel, Dunstable. (711)

"SOFTBILL keepers, take expert advice before proceeding to buy and keep the larger species of insectivorous birds. You will then have no trouble in keeping your pets in the best of health. This advice is offered in "Nutshell No. 26," by H. J. Fulljames. It is a wonderful little work, dealing with most varieties in a highly interesting and instructive manner. Foods and their preparation, and the various styles of cages also receive full attention. Can you breed Mealworms? This booklet tells you how. Post free, 2½d. from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. Look at our list of agents; call on the nearest and get it for 2d.

Miscellaneous.

COCK Linnets 1/3, two 2/-; Greenies 9d. pair; cock Starling, 1/6; cock Chaffinch, 1/-: Alex. Barr, Armstarling, Ltd., Newmains, Sc. largshire. (717)

I have a wonderful collection of beautiful singing cock Linnets, also Skylarks, at 2/- each; approval, anywhere: Cartwright, 58, Church-st., Dunstable, Beds. (712)

EXHIBITION Goldfinches: Special winner, 3d.-; another gem, 30/-; guaranteed breeder, 12/6; wanted, first-class bred Yellowhammer: Hains, Kingsley Cottage, Barnstaple. (712)

MISS KING, 63, Kingsbury Terrace, Dunstable, would like to send on approval two beautiful singing cock Linnets; also Skylark, at 1/6 each; would suit bird dealer, for shop front attraction, or bird catcher for call birds. (712)

WANTED, cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each, hens 1/6; cock Linnet Mules, 6/- each, hens 1/-; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, 2/6 pair; Norwich, Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; common hens 2/-; cash on receipt, or deposit: C. Hobbs, 141, King-rd., Camden Town, London. (715)

WARRANTED cock Goldfinches, 3/6, 4/6; hens, 1/3 each; cock Bullfinches, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6: hens, 1/6 each; cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/6; cock Larks, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6 each; wanted, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Linnets for cash: W. Smith, 39, Tib-st., Manchester. Travelling cages 6d., returnable. (711)

BLACKBIRDS, Songthrushes, Misselthrushes, Redwings, Fieldfares, selected for show or songsters, 1/6 each; Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Skylarks, 1/- pair; Bluetits, Oxeyetits, Robins, 1/6 pair; 12 mixed aviary seed birds 1/6: Fenn and Son, Bowers-lane, Isleham, Cambs.

GRAND cock Bullies 2/6, hens 1/6; Greenfinches 6d.; pair Chaffinches 1/-; Yellowbuntings 1/6, 2/- pair; Redpolls 1/- pair, cock Blue Tit 1/-, Meadow Pipit 1/6; grand pair Great Tits 2/-; hand-reared Jay, beauty, 7/6; all approval; deposit: A. J. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (714)

WESTMORLAND cock Bullfinches, can win, 6/-, extra special bird, winner, 20/-; monster hen Bullfinches, 4/6; winning cock Goldfinches, 8/6 and 10/6; giant cock Linnets, win anywhere, 5/6; extra good coloured cock Yellowhammer and Greenfinch, 6/6 each: Robinson, bird specialist, Windermere. (714)

LARKS, Larks, Linnets, Linnets. I have supplied Larks in past seasons which have been on the show bench and changed hands at 2 gns. each; the old firm, not to be beaten: cocks, only, six for 3/- or 5/- doz.; cock Linnets 7/-; hen do. 1/6; cock Greenfinches 2/6 dozen: H. Dawson, West-st., Chatteris.

IMMEDIATE clearance of exhibition British, all winners, none reserved: Waxwing, winner of 29 firsts, £4, best living; Goldfinch, Hawfinch, £1 each; Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer, 15/- each; Siskin, hen, Brambilfinch, F.M. Goldfinch, 10/- each; Nightingale, 15/-; show cages included: Goldie and Bullie, bred hybrids, 15/-; Grey Wagtail, 5/-; four buff Sib. hens, 6/- each; winner of two silver cups and two diplomas 1916; breeding and show cages, and all other utensils for sale: S. Richards, 16, Waldeck-rd., Dartford. (718)

NORTH Country Linnets, selected cocks only sent, send 1/6 to the Editor of "Cage Birds" and have one on 14 days' trial; that beats all silly talk; cock Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Greenfinches; only the best, kept; all others go to dealers, 1/- each; trap cages, all wire and punch bar tops, single 1/-, double 2/-, treble 2/6; self-acting spring net traps, nothing to beat them, 2/- each; clap nets, 9 x 3, single 2/6, double 4/-; 12 x 4, single 3/6, double 6/-, all complete; esparto grass lime twigs, lined with real birdlime; ready to set, 1/- 16d; send penny stamp for price list of every trap net and snares knowu to the catching world: G. Ashton, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (717)

SELECTED BRITISH BIRDS

Giant cock brown Linnets, for show; contest, or muling, 1/6 each; three 4/-; ditto cock Goldfinches 5/- and 6/- each; Bullfinches 4/6 and 5/6 pair; Greenfinches, 1/6 pair; cock Skylarks, full song, very steady, 2/6 each; muling hen Canaries, 4/6 each; all safely packed, sent any distance: Cooper, Naturalist, 163, Princess-st., Manchester.

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

BIG value in choicest Borders; list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

TYPICAL Borders, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/- pair: Dunlop, Schoolhouse, Dornock, Annan. (717)

WANTED, a real good buff Green, or buff Cinnamon hen: Neimes, 85, High-st., Blaenavon, Mon.

ONE ticked yellow cock, one ticked buff cock, 1916 bred, 10/-; cash: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (715)

EVEN mark Yellow cock, clear yellow hen, buff variegated hen, all 1916, 9/6 to clear: R. Malcolm, 2, India Buildings, Dundee. (705)

NOTICE, grand lot Border, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (686)

WINNING strain, see reports, Clapham, Barrow, Reading, Gateshead, few for sale from 7/6; stamp: George Bennet, Beaumont Villa, Kelso. (717)

WANTED, Border Fancy Canaries, also Yorkshire and Norwich, must be healthy; good prices given for good birds: Gracie, bird dealer, Wishaw, Scotland.

BORDERS, clear yellow and buff cocks, ditto hens, also self cinnamon cocks and hens, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval: Lyall, Society Buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (679)

CHOICE Borders, clear and ticked yellow and buff cocks and hens from last year's winners: all bred from marks; cocks from 10/-; hens from 6/-: David Hughes, 34, London-st. (716)

GRAND yellow green Border hen, 1st Swansea, 15/-; grand pair Cinnamons, winners, 25/-; yellow and buff Cinnamon from 10/-: approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater. (712)

FORTY high-class Borders and Norwich Plainheads, singles or pairs; prices very moderate, to effect speedy clearance; approval to known fanciers: Sheorer, View Mount, Thurso, N.B. (7 8)

"To tell the Truth, you are, comparatively speaking, giving them away."

That is the expressed view of one of last week's customers. Here are his own words:—"Mansfield, Notts, December 9th, 1916.—I got the birds safely; I am pleased with them. I am now wondering how you can sell such good stuff for the money. To tell the truth, you are, comparatively speaking, giving them away."—E. A. Joyce to W. Rudd.

Exhibition Norwich and Yorkshires

No such value obtainable elsewhere, to say nothing of the marvellous collection to select from. The following are but a few prices: Cocks, 19/-, 26/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-.

Others, really good, containing many of the best strains in Great Britain. **Cocks, 10/6, 12/6; Hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6. Pairs, 15/6; 21/-** upwards. Cages, 4d. and 6d. All on approval with pleasure. **For other prices, and other varieties, see my detailed Free Price List.**

W. RUDD, Specialist, Norwich.

BEING much overstocked, must part with any of my Borders, Glasgow Club's Show winners; prices low, quality sure to please; Stamp reply: R. H., Livingstone, 240, Main-st., Rutherglen.

TYPICAL Borders, see wins Barrow and Manchester; can spare a few good birds, cocks, from 7/6; hens from 4/-; Cinnamons, Marks, or Clears: Warburton, 73, Ellesmere-rd., Lower Walton, Warrington. (711)

CHAMPION Borders; a few fit to win in clears, marks, greens, and cinnamons, also choice selected pairs to produce winners, from my well-known strain: approval: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire. (704)

BORDERS: A few clear and buff hens, also few pairs for disposal, prices reasonable; see results Clapham, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Aberdare; inspection invited; stamp reply: F. Hutchinson, 5a, Bank Buildings, Chrisp-st., Poplar, E. (713)

BORDERS; wanted any quantity of Border Canaries; will give from 5/- to 7/6 each for cocks: 7/6 to 10/6 pairs; highest prices for good bred birds; send your offers along immediately, we are prepared to pay the highest prices: G. B. Chapman, 25 and 26, High-st., Birmingham. 'Phone, "Central 689"; telegrams, "Parrakeet."

Belgians.

THIRTY grand Belgians for sale, 1916 birds, strain Open Derby and Edinburgh winners, 19/6; approval: F. Baker, Brookfields, Totnes. (689)

BELGIANS, 2 buff hens, 1 Yellow, 1 buff cock, 1915, 2 yellows, 1 buff cock, 1916, good birds, reasonable: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (712)

Cinnamons.

F. DERRY has a few pairs of Cinnamons to part with from 15/- a pair: 319, Dawlish-rd., Bournbrook, Birmingham. (713)

1916 Yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock, 10/-; Yellow Cinnamon hen 6/6; bargains: Carter, saddler, Uttoxeter, Staffs. (711)

E. GODLEY has few choice Norwich, single or pairs; also few Cinnamons; approval, stamp reply: 29, Knowles-st., Rishton, nr. Blackburn (667)

NORWICH Cinnamons 25/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; cage 6d.; sound in colour and free from foul feathers; odd cocks or hens from 15/-: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

Crests and Crestbreds.

FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale cheap: J. Gillespie, 19, Allergate, Durham (696)

GRAND lot Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/- to £10; write for particulars: Linder, Oulton Broad.

SMART, "Ivybank," Carmyle, Glasgow, grand stock Crests and Crestbreds, cheap to clear. (715)

GREEN C.B. cock, 1916; exchange large sized 1916 Green C.B. hen; yours first: Millard, Harcourt-st., Kirkby, Notts. (717)

COCKS, C.B. and Crested, from 10/- each, up to £5; exchange anything useful: McCulloch, 20, Irish-st., Dumfries. (719)

FOR sale, 1916 bred Yellow Green Crestbred cock, 30/-; approval: George Dobson, 103, James-st., Blaydon-on-Tyne. (713)

OWING to the war I have decided to sell all my select stock of Crests and Crestbreds; approval: Clyne, Moray-st., Wick. (711)

G. WILLIAMS, 59a, Lower Union-st., Torquay, one of the oldest breeders of Crests, has a few good birds for sale, price from 5/- to £10, on approval

CORRECTLY matched Crests or Crestbreds, from 21/- per pair, cage 6d.; odd cocks or hens; state requirements, or list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds; best blood; can now spare a few pairs and single cocks, from £3 per pair; state price; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (658)

HIGH CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, 35 years breeder of the best; many winners sold; grand birds for sale, reasonable, approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-road, Nottingham. (688)

ONE clear Crested hen, 20/-; one clear Crestbred hen, 20/-; both unflighted; one 1914 marked Crestbred cock, 15/6; approval; cash or deposit: W. Cleaver, Blankney Hall, Lincoln. (707)

VARIEGATED Crests and Crestbreds; cocks; having no hens for them will sell cheap; also a few pairs Crest and Yorkshire from 20/-: Telin, 124, Chestnut-av., Forest Gate, Essex. (703)

THREE grizzle crested cocks, 1 dark crested, £1 each; 2 Crestbreds, 25/- and 15/-; breeding, flight and show cages, etc., cheap to clear; approval: J. Irving, Cecil-avenue, Enfield, Middlesex. (711)

Greens

NORWICH Greens, Yellows, and Buffs, from 10/- each; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS

F. J. LACCOHEE, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich; reliable birds from 10/6; approval: 92, St. George's-st., Norwich. (593)

J. C BARNES, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Norwich, well-known strain, winner of numerous challenge cups, trophies, etc., including Sheffield Challenge Cup outright: 113, Northfield-rd, Walkley, Sheffield.

EDWARD FOX, Breeder and Exhibitor high-class Norwich, winner Crystal Palace and all leading shows; good birds for sale from 10/-, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (671)

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; few nice pairs, reasonable; approval; stamp. Seen by appointment on Saturday afternoons: 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, London.

NORWICH cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

PAIR Norwich Canaries, good large birds, approval, 10/6: Fosbury, Winslade, Basingstoke. (712)

ONE 1915 buff cock, one 1916 buff cock, 10/- each: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (716)

GOOD clear yellow cock, 1916, lovely songster, good strain, 10/6: Roberts, 16, Medlar-st., Camberwell.

NUMBER unflighted colour-fed, high-class Norwich: Mason, 207, St. Andrews-rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow.

FEW good Norwich pairs, 15/-, 17/-; hens, yellow and buff, 7/- each: Fyfe 109, Craighall-rd., Glasgow, N. (712)

EXHIBITION Norwich yellow cocks, 15/-; hens, 7/6: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Dartmouth Park, London. (717)

LARGE prize bred Clear and var. Buff cocks, clear yellow and var. hens; approval: Elrick, 58, School-st., Fraserburgh. (711)

GIVING up, stock must be cleared, winners and stock birds, cheap, also cages: Strachan, Draper, Woodside, Aberdeen. (718)

PAIR Norwich Canaries, yellow green cock, buff hen, 15/- per pair: James Tewniou, Ebrieside, Auchnagatt, Aberdeenshire. (717)

EXHIBITION colour-fed cocks, from 20/-; hens from 10/-; unflighted, on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (715)

TWENTY Norwich flight cages, complete with seed hoppers, drinkers, nest pans: Skinner, 12, Monktonhall Farm, Musselburgh. (715)

FEW exceptionally good birds to dispose of; come and inspect them; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (682)

BREEDER'S surplus stock wanted, £2 a dozen offered for Norwich hens: Walker, 251, Bilsland Drive, Marghill, Glasgow. (719)

UNFLIGHTED yellow hen, 10/-; unflighted buff hen, 10/6; exhibition buff cock, 45/-; buff cocks, 30/-, 10/-; Withers, 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing. (711)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged, approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (686)

ONLY two left to dispose of, unflighted buff and variegated, and clear buff cocks, 5/6 each; approval: Dounan, 37, Industry-st., Kirkintilloch. (717)

TWO fine massive-headed Norwich cocks, yellow marked and buff marked, 1916 birds, 15/- each; approval: Richard Hunter 98, Derby-st., Ormskirk.

FEW good Norwich cocks, also cock Goldfinch mules; splendid songsters, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each: stamp reply: Birks, 35, Glenbank-place, Belfast.

GRAND buff cock, good yellow hen, 50/-; unflighted buff hen, 5rd Stoke, 20/-; and several others: Roberts 41, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

1916 YELLOW var. cock, buff hen, 20/-; two yellow hens, 10/- each, two 5/- each, 1914 yellow cock, 12/6; approval: Davidson, Ardvale, Helensburgh.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, breeder 35 years, best blood; approval: T. Billington, 30, Union-rd., Nottingham.

WILLIAM PHIPPS has a few good prize-bred Norwich for sale; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; approval; inspection, stamp: 16, Millplatt-avenue, Isleworth. (701)

GENUINE Norwich, well-known breeders' strain, yellows and buffs; call week nights after six, or any time Sunday: Begg, 34, McLellan-st., Plantation, Glasgow. (713)

BARGAINS to clear: few good pairs, Norwich and Yorkshires, from 12/6 to 20/- pair; good birds, bred from winners; approval, deposit: Maisey, Aldermaston, Berks. (715)

SEVERAL unflighted and flighted Norwich for sale, winners and bred from winners, all colours; approval, deposit; stamp reply: Andrew Crawford, 14, Wiltondrive, Glasgow. (713)

VERY large clear yellow hen, unflighted, £5; good stock variegated buff hen, unflighted, £2, clear yellow hen, 1915, 5/-: R. Malcolm, 2, India Buildings, Dundee. (709)

BRAYBROOK noted strain; few good yellow and buff cocks, unflighted and year olds, 15/- to 30/- each: approval, inspection invited: 9, Stanley-st., Brierfield, near Burnley. (700)

LARGE headed Yellow and Buff cocks, 12/6 to 21/-; hens 10/6 and 12/6; holder of Ramsgate, Margate and Deal Cups; approval: Burgess, 24 York-st., Ramsgate. (710)

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare a few really good single birds and pairs from his renowned strain at prices to suit the short purse: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (708)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, offers unflighted and year-old birds of rare type and quality, all are large and healthy; cocks from 15/-, hens from 7/6; inspection invited. (658)

NORWICH hens, variegated; wanted one yellow, three buffs, unflighted, large heads, deep fronts, short flights and tails; approval: Ireland, West End Chambers, West-st., Morecambe. (712)

TYPICAL, well-bred Norwich unflighted yellow and buff cocks and hens, also non-fed buff cock, year bred; seen on Saturday or Sunday: William Wood, 21, Franklin-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (716)

R. HANFORD, 263, Osmaston-rd., Derby, offers lovely Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, hens, or correctly matched breeding pairs; all prices; state requirements before deciding to purchase elsewhere.

ON active service, T. Gears, winner of two challenge cups, 1915, has still a few Norwich, large buff hen, 25/-, another typical buff hen £1; cocks and hens, 7/6 to 25/-; approval, deposit, stamp: 269, Sandyvale-rd., Sheffield. (713)

EXHIBITION strain; unflighted wing-marked yellow cock, ticked buff cock, brothers to Edmonton winner, 25/- each; several others, 15/- and 20/-; a few typical hens, 15/- each; approval, deposit: H. Thurley, 153, Northumberland-park, Tottenham. (711)

COMPULSORY sale: two buff hens, 25/- each; three buff, one yellow, cocks, 21/- each; buff hen, 12/6; two buff, one yellow, cocks, 10/- each; two yellow hens, 10/- each; variegated buff cock, 7/6; and two hens, 6/- and 5/-; half price, 4s lot: Andrew, Aviaries, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (715)

HIGH-CLASS prize-bred Norwich, two monster clear buff cocks, 15/- each; one monster exhibition clear yellow cock, 20/-; two grand yellow cocks, 10/6 each; one splendid buff cock, 10/-; hens correctly mated if required, 5/- to 7/6 each; all very healthy: J. Percival, 53, Abingdon-avenue, Northampton. (711)

TWEEDALE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, has a few good Norwich for sale, approval, stamp reply. (705)

CHAMPION Norwich, with large heads, same strain as winners at all leading shows; yellow cocks and buff hens and buff cocks and yellow hens, prices 20/-, 25/-, 30/- a pair; prices much below value; have them on approval and be convinced: cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

CHAMPION Norwich; three buff cocks of the first order, 35/- each, one do., 12/6; grand ticked yellow cock, 20/-; also some good unflighted; all own breeding, from pedigree stock; full particulars sent; approval willingly: Apply, Thorpe, 28, Park-grove, Levenshulme. (716)

WINNER, clear yellow Norwich cock, 1915 bred, 2nd prize Margate last Wednesday, only time shown, class of eight non-feds, open to all England, beaten only by Pilcher's champion, grand bird for stock; sent on approval, deposit this paper; card sent; only 45/-: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate. (718)

SPECIAL, special, unflighted; clear yellow cock, 2nd Norwich Amateurs, Nov. 18, still improving, 40/-; 1915 buff hen, very cobby, 21/-; monster clear yellow stock cock, 30/-; unflighted buff hen, 15/-; grand unflighted buff cock, very promising, 30/-; unflighted yellow hen, gem, 21/-; related to my winners; approval, deposit: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HAVE you read pros. and cons.? Two champion studs infused; please see Eastleigh, Cardiff, and Bristol for results; note company; over year and unflighted birds for sale; character here; also variegated yellow Mule, out six times this season, 4th lowest win; not so nicely marked as old champion: J. Locke (15 years' exhibitor), 41, Sandown-rd., Brislington, Bristol. (714)

SENSATIONAL bargains in champion cup bred Norwich Plainheads; can spare two monster clear, two marked yellow hens, two clear and three marked buff hens, two clear yellow cocks, three clear buff cocks, three marked buff cocks, all one quality, one price, 17/6 each, worth three times this amount; all above are 1916 bred, cold-room, colour-fed, they have grand heads, necks, substance, and large typical birds; never has such quality been offered before at so low a price; secure these at once before all are sold: George Cubley, Claxtons-grove, Long Sutton, Lincs. (716)

ALEX. BO RIE

Joiner, High-st., Perth, has a few good Norwich for sale, 1915-16, buffs and yellows, cocks and hens, from 15/- up; see Perth Show, October. (715)

WANTED, NORWICH & CAGES

Exchange prize-winning Black and Blue Dutch rabbits, also self smooth cavies, together with hutches, utensils, etc. The stock is first-class, and there are several winners in open competition. If birds are right type, would give a little cash in: 95, Lausanne-rd., Peckham, London. (714)

WI NER

This season at Sheffield, Ardwick, Alfreton, Ilkeston, Eastwood, and Birmingham (2nd most points Ardwick, and bird claimed at Sheffield); clear unflighted buff cock, 15/-; ticked ditto, 12/6; buff green ditto, 15/-; unflighted buff hens from 7/6 upwards; inquiries solicited: Dean, Holmewood, Matlock.

J. C. BARN S

Well known strain; 25 years' study. One of the finest private collections of Norwich in England; type, quality, colour, and substance combined; to those who can visit me do so and see for yourself: 200 birds to select from, all judiciously bred; grand pairs, 30/- up; odd cocks, 20/- upwards; special pairs, £3 to £5; guaranteed correctly matched and robust; state requirements, stamp; approval; satisfaction ensured; all fanciers welcome and cordially invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

Champion Matched Pair Norwich

Large-headed, stout 1916 bred clear buff cock, with large stout yellow hen, 1916 bred, good head, topping pair, price £2 2s.; can breed winners: George Cubley, Claxton-grove, Long Sutton, Lincs. (716)

WANTED high-class Norwich Plainheads, quality not quantity desired, in exchange for 3¼-plate Ensign reflex camera, Seiss Tritor lens, 14.5, speeds 1/15th to 1/1000th of a second, all up-to-date movements, leather case, bought off makers last February, cost £12 10s.; enlarging lantern, mahogany, a first-class instrument, without objective, £6; background telescopic tripod, 18/6; approval for specification: Apply, Glover, 10, Brook-st., Stoke-on-Trent.

BUFF cock, 1914, good head, size and quality, £1; yellow cock, buff cock, lightly marked, yellow hen, all non-fed, close rung, 1915; untried, the property of a widow, 15/- each; medium size yellow hen, dam of Newcastle winner, 25/-; clear and marked buff and yellow cocks from 15/- each, unflighted, also other stock; no offers entertained, but enquiries solicited; cash or deposit:

GORDON STEWART, IPSWICH

12/- Per Pair 12/-

Will give 12 - per pair for good surplus stocks of YORKSHIRES, NORWICH or ROLLERS.

12/6 to 15/- per pair for CRESTS, and will deposit cash with Editor.

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I also require BORDERS, MULES, etc. Will pay top prices and deposit cash.

H. GLEDHILL,

Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARDS.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated. Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars on application: Heathfield, Sussex.

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park-rd., Bournemouth; B.R.C.C.; successful breeder of high class Rollers, Water Gluck, Deep Bass; stamp.

FRANK CULSHAW, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull, breeder and trainer, British Rollers (Randall's); member Hull R.C.C.; state wants, full particulars, stamp; approval. (711)

SIX 1916 Roller hens, 3/- each: Russell, 27, Garden Suburb, Dursley, Glos. (607)

ROLLER cocks, warranted, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each: Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (688)

1916 ROLLERS, Randall's; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval: Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts. (702)

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Cock Grenadier Weaver, 12/6; cock Grey Java, tight as wax, 10/6; cock Redbilled Weaver, full colour, 8/6; lot, carriage paid, 30/-: Harry Kay, Whitegate Aviaries, 21, Portland-rd., Blackpool. (714)

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Finest selected Green Budgerigars, gold medal strain, in show plumage, living outdoors, 7/6 pair, hens 3/9; Yellows, 10/- pair, hens 5/-: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham.

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Beautiful selected Zebras, 12/6 pair; hens, 6/6; Cherry Finches, 18/6 pair; Blue-winged Lovebirds, 10/- each; Golden-breasted Conures, 12/6 each; Golden-fronted, 15/- each; Avadavats, 10/6 pair, etc., etc.: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham.

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TWO variegated light Goldfinch mules, 1916, cocks, 15/- each; also few high-class Yorkshires, pairs or singles: Davis, 4, Church-rd., Bedminster, Bristol.

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Fould's and Randall's champion strains, in full rolling song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each. Hens to match, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, and 7/6 each. Roller box cages, 3/- each; Roller shutter cages, 4/6 each.

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WANTED exhibition Goldfinch, exchange thistle, hardhead seeds: Cowan, 25, Nos, Stockst., Paisley.

WANTED, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, from catcher, to supply weekly: Johnson, 55, George-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE Scotch Ayrshire blankets for Canaries, value 25/-: Andrew Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow.

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WANTED, big, healthy, typical Norwich; I give from 10/- to 20/- pair for good birds: Scott, 110, Roebank-st., Glasgow. (717)

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WANTED all kinds of Canaries, Mules, British, any quantity; best price paid: E. Cheshire, 34 Crawford-st., Bradford. (657)

WANTED for export, all classes of Canaries and Mules; best price paid: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Mill-rd., Dewsbury.

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WANTED, 100 Canaries, all varieties, reasonable prices, no risk, I send cash first, large or small lots taken: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (686)

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WANTED, outdoor aviary, good condition, lowest price and particulars; furnished or unfurnished, with cages, no birds: Hughes, 233, Stockport-rd., Longsight, Manchester. (715)

WANTED, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Magpies, Jays, Hawfinches, Mules, Canaries, cocks and hens: J. Flower, 76, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green-rd., London. (713)

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Young or old Norwich or Yorkshire hens, 30/- doz.; hen Goldfinches, Mules, 15/- dozen; hen Goldfinches, 6/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 18/- dozen; cash or deposit with Editor: W. Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytonstone, London, E. (575)

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Good large colour-fed and non-fed young and old Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries or Canaries of every class; odd hen Canaries or hen Goldfinch Mules; will give 10/6 to 15/- pair for good birds; 5/6 to 7/6 for cock Goldfinches and Linnet Mules; hens 1/6 each; cash on receipt of birds, or deposit with "Cage Birds." Estab. a century: Power and Russell, 77, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green, London, E. (655)

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Goldfinches, 2/6 pair; Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; Siskins, 3/- pair; cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen; hens, 3/- dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/6 dozen; hens, 1/- dozen; Redpolls, 3/- dozen; cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; hens, 1/6 each; cock Linnet Mules, 5/6 each; hens, 1/- each; large or small quantities for prompt cash. Best buyers in the country; we have had over 20 catchers supply us with the whole of their catchings for this last 12 years; this alone is a surety that we treat them well.

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SHOWS.
ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshires, British and Foreign Birds. Four money prizes every class. Specialist judges. Schedules from—James Laidler, Seedsman, Paisley. (705)

FELINFOEL

DEC. 16. Entries very short; compelled to extend till Dec. 12. Classes: 3 Yorks, 2 Nor., 2 Borders, 6 British. Thomas J. Davies, Hon. Sec., Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm. (705)

(Show advts. continued from previous page.)

WISHAW

RED CROSS OPEN SHOW

On Saturday, 30th December,

Masonic Hall. Under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.C.C.C. Entries close Wed., Dec. 27. 50 classes. Schedules from—**Jas. Watson, 16, Young Street, Wishaw.**

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Welsh Cage Bird Club Patronage, St. James' Hall,

JANUARY 4.

Good classification. Plenty of open specials. J. R. Houghton, judge. Schedules ready from—**W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan.**

HALIFAX

C.B.S.

3rd OPEN SHOW, SAT., DEC. 23, 1916., In King Cross Liberal Club, Halifax.

41 Classes; good classification. Judge, A. Radley, Skelmanthorpe. Schedules ready.—**A. Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond Street, Halifax.** (712)

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB

2nd Open Show on **Saturday, Dec. 30th, and Monday, Jan. 1st, 1917.** 22 Open and 2 Novice Classes. Over 100 Specials, Champion, and 3 Club Medals. Judges, Messrs. McCredie, Duncan, and Forrest. Schedules from—**W. B. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead, Midlothian.** (710)

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT PERMANENT O.S. Will hold their annual Boxing Day Show, **Dec, 26, 1916,** at Grape Inn, Platt, for members, and open classes for non-members. Hoping fanciers will give us good support.—**J. Bunn, Secretary, 81, Ena Avenue, Sneinton Dale, Nottingham.**

City of Glasgow

61st OPEN SHOW

On 3rd and 4th January, 1917,

(in aid of our Limbless Sailors and Soldiers), of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorks., and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds. Over 100 classes. Specialist judges in each section. Cups, medals, and cash specials galore. **Entries close 23rd December, 1916.** Schedules ready. **Secretaries:** Scotch Fancy and Belgian, **John Young, 76, Burn Road, Ruthergien;** Norwich, etc., **Robert Heggie, Stepps, near Glasgow.**

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Members' show, Nov. 25. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged

Champ. Yorks. Yell. (3): 1, Bolton and Lunn; 2, Ormanroyd; 3, Helliwell. Buff (5): 1, 2, Bolton and Lunn; 3, 4, Horsfield; vhc, Ormanroyd. Buff Hen (5): 1, vhc, Bolton and Lunn; 2, 4, Ormanroyd; 3, Helliwell. A.O.V. Hen (4): 1, 3, Horsfield; 2, Bolton and Lunn; 4, Helliwell. Nov. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, McEwen; 2, Sykes; 3, Wood; 4, vhc, Copland. Buff (3): 1, 2, Woad; 3, Copland. A.O.V. Ck. (4): 1, Sykes; 2, 4, McEwen; 3, Woad. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 3, Woad; 2, McEwen; 4, hc, Sykes; vhc, Copland. Buff (7): 1, vhc, Woad; 2, Sykes; 3, 4, Copland; hc, Morrell; c, McEwen. A.O.V. Hen (4): 1, Sykes; 2, 3, McEwen; 4, Morrell.—W. Helliwell, sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, Nov. 21, Mr. E. H. Hulse presiding, and a good number present, it being the first night show after all England show, also the presentation of cups and specials won during the year, which makes a very enjoyable meeting. The winners of the much coveted trophies were: Silver Challenge Cup, Pearson; Young Bird Cup, Gilbert; British Cup, Deakin. Numerous other prizes were handed to the winners, who suitably replied. Nov. 3 and 5 fixed for All England Show next year. Table show right to the front, as usual, over 50 birds being staged. Mr. Gibbons judged the open section and Mr. Frecstone the Novice.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell Hen: 1, vhc, Gilbert; 2, Jolley, 3, hc, Laundon and Start; c, Hulse. Buff: 1, Day and Sturgess; 2, 3, vhc, Gilbert; hc, c, Pearson. Nov. Yell.: 1, 2, Hughes; 3, hc, Layton; vhc, Goreham; c, West. Buff: 1, Preston; 2, Goreham; 3, J. Bent. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Wholton, Goldf.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Bent. A vote of thanks to the judges closed the meeting.—Day and Roberts, joint secs.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand).

Table show and meeting, White Swan, Market Place, Leicester, Mr. Gibbins presiding, and a good attendance. Judges were appointed for next All-England Show. Several new members were elected. Awards of table show:—Mkd. or Var. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, vhc, Day and Sturgess; 2, Roberts; hc, c, Gilbert. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Day and Sturgess; 3, Gilbert; c, Roberts. Green Hen: 1, Cayless; 2, Lawndon and Start. Nov.: 1, 3, Layton; 2, West; vhc, Goreham; hc, Cufflin. Class 5: 1, Layton. Green Hen, Nov.: 1, West; 2, Goreham; 3, Layton; vhc, Whightman. Bullf.: 1, J. Bent; 2, Brooks. Messrs. Allen, Herbert, and Deakin judged, and a voto of thanks to them closed the meeting.—Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

BURNBURN.

Annual Show of the Crow Trees C.B.A., Nov. 4, Club Hall, Bowburn; judge, Mr. Holden, Gateshead. Can. or Mule: 1, Ranshaw; 2, Lister; 3, Miller; 4, Roddom; 5, Longstaff; 6, Wilkinson; 7, Halliday; 8, Freeman; 9, Routledge. Yell. Ck., Tkd. or Var., 1916: 1, Lister; 2, Roddom; 3, Longstaff. Hen: 1, Roddom; 2, Lister; 3, Halliday. Buff, 1916, Ck.: 1, 3, Longstaff; 2, Freeman. Hen: 1, Longstaff; 2, Freeman; 3, Miller. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Halliday. Old Ck., Nor., Tkd. or Var.: 1, Lister; 2, Roddom; 3, Routledge. Cl., Tkd. or Var.: 1, Roddom; 2, Halliday; 3, Lister. Buff, Cl., Tkd., or Variog., Ck.: 1, Roddom; 2, Miller; 3, Longstaff. Hen: 1, Miller; 2, Roddom; 3, Lister. A.O.V.: 1, Routledge. Sell: 1, Miller; 2, Lister; 3, Halliday. Mule: 1, Lister; 2, Miller; 3, Routledge. Linct: 1, Haliday; 2, Lister; 3, Routledge. Hardbill: 1, Haliday; 2, Lister; 3, Miller. T. Roddom won sp. best yell. Nor. 1916; Lister best buff; Miller best in show.—J. Miller, Sec.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Seventh annual members' show, Friendly Society Hall, Nov. 25. Entries not quite so numerous as previous years, owing to several members being with the Colours, but quality of exhibits excellent, many of which could easily hold their own in open competition; silver cup, best young bird, Staniland; runner-up, Lidgett. Special, best Nor., Lidgett. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards were well received.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, sp, cup, Staniland; 2, Lidgett; 3, Ashton. Buff: 1, 2 sps, 3, c, Lidgett; 2, Staniland; vhc, c, Ashton. Hen, any Col.: 1, sp, 2, c, Lidgett; 3, hc, Ashton; vhc, Staniland. Non-Fed: 1, sp, Hopkinson; 2, sp, vhc, hc, Lidgett; 3, Staniland; c, Ashton. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Staniland. Buff: 1, sp, 2, Staniland; 3, vhc, Dobson. 1916 bred: 1, sp, Ashton; 2, 2 sps, vhc, c, Lidgett; 3, Staniland; c, Parker. BRIT.: 1, sp, Lidgett; 2, vhc, Pratt; 3, Parker; hc, Spray. Mule or Hyb.: 1, sp, Parker; 2, 3, Spray. For.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Lidgett.—W. Lidgett, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE C.B.S.

Thirteenth annual show, Nov. 25. Mr. W. E. Blaydon judged and gave satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 2, Foxall; 3, Marsaand; 4, Whitehead; vhc, Phillips. Buff (4): 1, Marsland; 2, Philips; 3, 4, Foxall. Yell. Hen (3): 1, 2, Marsland; 3, Foxall. Buff A.V. (6): 1, 3, R. Baron; 2, F. Haslam; 4, vhc, Marsland. Unflig. Yell. Ck (3): 1, Foxal; 2, Baron; 3, Haslam. Buff (5): 1, Marsland; 2, Foxall; 3, 4, Baron; vhc, Whitehead. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Foxall; 2, Haslam; 3, Baron. Buff (5): 1, vhc, Phillips; 2, Foxall; 3, Haslam; 4, Whitehead. Non Fed (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Whitehead. Yorks Buff Ck. (3): 1, Green; 2, Harley; 3. Hardman. Yell. (1): 1. Hardman. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Pye; 2, Green; 3, 4, Hardman. Buff Hen (5): 1, Pye; 2, Greeu; 3, vhc, Hardman; 4, Harley. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 2, Pye; 3, Harley; 4, vhc, Green. Buff (4): 1, 2, Green; 3, Harley; 4, Hardman. Unflig. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Green; 2, Pye; 3, Harley. Buff (3): 1, Harley; 2, Green; 3, Pye. Non Fed: 1, Hardman; 2, Pye. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Whitehead. Bramble, Etc. (4): 1, Haslam; 2, 4, Baron; 3, Whitehead.— J. Whitehead, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE.

Eleventh annual show, Nov. 18, Bodmin Street Schoolroom. The entry was a record, upwards of 200 birds being staged. This is very gratifying, as many of the members are called up, and those who are left are working all hours on munitions, and have very little spare time to devote to the hobby. The Norwich cup was won by Mr. Hartley, British cup, Havenhand; Nov. Nor., Asden; Nov. Yorks., Hutchby. I am pleased to say that Mr. Hutchby has just been awarded the Military medal. During his absence at the front his father is keeping the Flag flying for him at home, by keeping and showing his birds. Quality all round was very fine indeed, and the judges had their work cut out in making the awards. Mr. G. Browning, Rotherham, judged Canaries; Mr. P. Walsh, Sheffield, British; their awards meeting with satisfaction.

Champ., bred 1916: Yks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Exton. Var.: 1, 2, 3, Exton. Old Cock: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Exton. Old Hen: 1, 4, vhc, hc, York; 2, Hammond; 3, Coldwell. Nor., Young, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, 4, L. Havenhand; vhc, Grainger; hc, Gifford; c, Hollinsworth. Buff: 1, Hartley; 2, Grainger; 3, 4, L. Havenhand. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Gifford; 2, Grainger; 3, Hartley; 4, Havenhand. Buff: 1, Hartley; 2, 3, Hollinsworth. Hen: Yell.: 1, Hartley; 2, Gifford; 3, Grainger. Buff: 1, 2, L. Havenhand; 3, 4, Grainger; vhc, Hartley. Old Birds, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 3, L. Havenhand; 2, Wasden; 4, Kay; vhc, Gifford; hc, Brady and Stokes; c, Hollinsworth. Buff: 1, L. Havenhand; 2, Wasden; 3, Hartley; 4, hc, Brady and Stokes; vhc, Gifford. Mkd.: 1, Gifford; 2, Brady and Stokes; 3, Grainger; 4, vhc, Hollinsworth. Hen, Yell.: 1, 4, hc, Hartley; 2, Gillott; 3, Havenhand; vhc, c, Brady and Stokes. Buff: 1, Wasden; 2, 3, Havenhand; 4, Hartley; vhc, Kay; hc, c, Brady and Stokes. Sell., 10/-: 1, Exton; 2, 3, 4, vhc, York. £1: 1, 2, 3, 4, Havenhand. Goldf.: 1, 2, 3, D. Havenhand. Greenf.: 1, Wilks; 2, Hailstone; 3, Clough; 4, Brady; vhc, Gillott; hc, D. Havenhand; c, Hammond. Linnet: 1, Bearder; 2, Clough; 3, vhc, hc, D. Havenhand; 4, Hailstone; c, Wilks. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Havenhaud; 2, hc, Brady; 3, Hammond; 4, Hailstone; vhc, Darlow; c, Wilks. Mealy Redpoll, Siskin, Twite: 1, 2, Hammond; 3, Hailstone. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, 2, Havenhand. Chaffle Bramble; 3, Coldwell; 4, Bearder; vhc, Hammond; hc, Wilks. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, Bearder; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hammond; 4, Hailstone. Softbill, Large: 1, Hailstone; 2, Bcarder; 3, Darlow. Small: 1, 2, 3, 4, Darlow. Any Var. Hen: 1, 2, Havenhand. Nov., Unflig. only, Yks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Hutchby; vhc, York. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 3 Hutchby; 2, 4, York. Buff: 1, Hutchby; 2, 3, 4, York. Green: 1, 2, York. Hen, Yell.: 1, 3, 4, hc, Hutchby; 2, vhc, York. Buff: 1, 3, 4, York; 2, Hutchby. Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1 2, 3, 4, Wasden; vhc, Brady; vhc, Gillott. Mkd.: 1, 4, vhc, Brady and Stokes; 2, Kay; 3, hc, Wasden. Hen, Yell.: 1, 2, Wasden; 3, 4, Brady. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Brady; 3, Wasden.—D. Havenhand, sec.

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FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Members' annual show, Dec. 2, Church House. Judge, Mr. Gostling (Bolton). Yorks. Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, Spiby; 2, Ashworth. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, 2 spls, Spiby. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Spiby; 3, Ashworth. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Spiby; vhc, Taylor. Nor. Yell.: 1, spl, Mitchell; 2, vhc, spl, Lawton; 3, Marginson. Buff: 1, Marginson; 2, Dawson; 3, Mitchell. Yell. Hen: 1, Mitchell. Buff: 1, Dawson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Marginson; vhc, Lawton. Unflig.: 1, Dawson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Marginson. Rollers, Cl.: 1, 3, spl, Green; 2, vhc, Chappell; hc, Ashworth. Tkd. or Var.: 1, Green; 2, 3, hc, c, Chappell; vhc, spl, Ashworth. Goldf.: 1, 3, spl, Mullineux; 2, Ashworth; vhc, Hulme. Linnet: 1, 3, spl, Pennington; 2, vhc, Hulme; hc, Holt. A.O.Hardbill (13): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Lawton; vhc, spl, Spiby; hc, c, Holt. Mule: 1, spl, Pinington; 2, Ashworth.—W. Dawson, Sec.

DONCASTER AND HEMSWORTH.

Second inter-club show, held at Doncaster, Nov. 25, Mr. H. Battye judge, with a record entry, 214 birds being staged. British classes were exceedingly good. Doncaster 116 points, Hemsworth 100; Doncaster winning the cup outright with 26 points to the good. A. Smith won medal with 134 points for both shows, Blanchon runner-up, 89. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (9): 1, Govier; 2, Brooks; 3, Whittington. Buff (12): 1, Govier; 2, Truman; 3, Hall. Yell. Hen (10): 1, Hall; 2, Govier; 3, Kelsey. Buff Hen (8): 1, Hunt; 2, Whittington; 3, Smith. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, Sunderland; 2, Kelsey; 3, Lumby. Buff (12): 1, Hall; 2, Blanchon; 3, Smith. Hen (14): 1, Cummings; 2, Truman; 3, Blanchon. Nor. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, Evans; 2, Cummings; 3, Smith. Buff Ck. (8): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Evans. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Clark. Buff (7): 1, Vaux; 2, Alf. Smith; 3, Albert Smith. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, 2, Alf. Smith; 3, Cummings. Buff (7): 1, 3, Alf. Smith; 2, Cummings. Hen (8): 1, 2, 3, Alf. Smith. Goldf. (11): 1, Lumby; 2, Blanchon; 3, Cummings. Bullf. (6): 1, 3, Evans; 2, Lumby. Greenfinch (9): 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Cowling. Linnet (16): 1, Hartshorn; 2, Cummings; 3, Truman Siskin, Etc. (9): 1, Wade; 2, Cowling; 3, Evans. A.O. Hardbill (10): 1, Cummings; 2, Cowling; 3, Truman. F.M. Brit. (15): 1, Lumby; 2, Fielding; 3, Blanchon. Mule or Hyb. (7): 1, 2, Alf. Smith; 3, Brown. For. (6): 1, 2, Hartshorn; 3, Truman.—H. Lumby, Sec.

Please see notice above.—Editor.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE.

Annual show, Nov. 18, Trinity House, Stockport. The members have to thank the committee of the Institute for placing the large billiard room at their disposal, the room being lofty, well lighted, and free from draughts; 74 birds faced the judge, many of which had done well at open shows, Norwich were strongest, as usual in this district, though Yorkshires, Borders, and Greens were good. Mr. W. E. Sykes won top special for the season with 56 points, Mr. J. H. Garbutt ran close with 51 points, and takes 2nd special in Champion section. Mr. J. Wright won Novice special with 33 points. Mr. J. Green, Manchester, judged.

Champ., Yell. Yorks.: 1, Potts. Buff: 1, Potts. Unflig.: 1, Potts; 2, 4, vhc, Taylor; 3, Garbutt. Hen: 1, Potts; 2, Taylor. Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Stafford; 3, Bennett; 4, H. Sykes. Buff: 1, Stafford; 2, Garbutt; 3, Beswick; 4, H. Sykes; vhc, Bennett. Yell. Nor. Hen: 1, Stafford; 2, Garbutt; 3, W. Sykes; 4, Beswick. Buff: 1, 2, W. Sykes; 3, Garbutt; 4, Beswick; vhc, H. Sykes. Unflig. Nor. Ck.: 1, W. Sykes; 2, Garbutt; 3, vhc, Stafford; 4, Bennett. Hen: 1, 3, W. Sykes; 2, Garbutt; 4, H. Sykes; vhc, Beswick; hc, Bennett; c, Stafford. Yell. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Garbutt; 4, Marsland. Buff: 1, Garbutt; 2, Marsland. Greens, etc.: 1, 2, W. Sykes; 3, 4, H. Sykes. Nov. Yorks. Ck., Hen, Unflig. Ck., Hen, all Wright. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Phythian; 3, Collinson. Hen: 1, Phythian; 2, 3, Vaux. Unflig. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Vaux; 4, Collinson. Hen: 1, Vaux.—W. Stafford, sec. (Please see notice above.—Ed.)

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Annual show, Nov. 25, Queen's Head Inn, and there was a grand display. The sec., R. H. Dixon (a capable man for the job), had everything in apple pie order, and assisted by hard working stewards, had cards up quickly, and the show open to public by 1 o'clock. Mr. R. Lawson again won the silver cup for the best young bird bred by member, with a nice buff tkd., a real beauty. Mr. A. J. Notley, Hetton-le-Hole, judged.

1916 Nor. Yell. Cock (4): 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Robinson; vhc, Fenton. Buff (4): 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Fenton; vhc, Robinson. Hen (4): 1, 3, cup, Lawson; 2, vhc, Foster. Green or Nearly (4): 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Foster; vhc, Robinson. A.O.V. (5): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, 3, hc, Fenton. Old Birds.—Nor. Yell. Cock (5): 1, Lawson; 2, Fenton; 3, Wilson; vhc, hc, Dixon. Buff (6): 1, Lawson; 2, Foster; 3, hc, Wilson; vhc, c, Dixon. Hen (6): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, c, Dixon; vhc, Lawson; hc, Fenton. Nor. Green or Nearly (6): 1, Lawson; 2, Foster; 3, vhc, Robinson; hc, Fenton; c, Lynn. Nat. Col. (3): 1, 2, 3, Robinson. Cinn. (6): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, hc, Lynn; vhc, c, Foster. Yorks. Ck. (3): 1, 2, Fenton; 3, Lynn. Bord. (4): 1, 3, Fenton; 2, vhc, Wilson. Nor. Pairs (4): 1, Lawson; 2, Fenton; 3, vhc, Foster. Mule or Hyb. (5): 1, 3, Foster; 2, Robinson; all Brown Linnet Mules. Bullf. or Goldf. (5): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Foster; vhc, hc, Robinson. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Lawson; 2, Wilson. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Wilson.—A. J. Notley.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

Members' show, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, Nov. 25. A good entry turned up. The challenge cup winner was Mr. J. G. Allen, after a hard struggle. Nov. Nor. medal, Woods. Mr. Colley makes a good sec., and does his work well. Various classes were amalgamated, which made competition better. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged. Yorks. Cl. Ck.: 1, Clarke, grand buff, fine style; 2, 3, 4, Edwards. Tkd.: 1, Allen, tick head, a fine bird; 2, Dunn, very smart buff; 3, Clarke. Hens: 1, Allen, grand buff; 2, Clarke, also a nice buff; 3, Edwards; 4, Woods. Unflig. Ck.: 1, 2, Dunn, both good; 3, Clarke; Hens: 1, hc, Allen, grand yellow, 2, 4, c, Dunn, A1 buff leading; 3, vhc, Clarke, good varieg. yell. Non Fed Hens: 1, 2, Firth. Nov. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Slater, a very good quartet; vhc, hc, c, Woods. Hen: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Woods, leader good typical bird, fine bloom; 3, 4, c, Slater. 1916: 1, Woods, A1 clear; 2, 3, 4, Slater. Hens, Etc.: 1, 4, Woods; 2, 3, vhc, Slater. Bord. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Colley. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Colley, all to himself. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Baker; 2, Corless. 1916: 1, Baker; 2, Corless. Nor. Ck. 1, Baker; 2, 3, 4, Robinson. Hen: 1, 2, Colley; 3, Robinson. Unflig. Yell.: 1, 3, Robinson; 2, 4, vhc, Colley. Green, Etc.: 1, Baker; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Corless. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, J. Robinson; 2, Firth. Linnet or Greenf.: 1, Dunn, Linnet; 2, J. Robinson; 3, Firth. Siskin or Chaffinch: 1, J. Robinson, nice Siskin; 2, Firth, Chaffinch. Mule: 1, Baker, buff Goldie-Can; 2, Firth, buff Greenf. Can.; 3, 4, Clarke. Selling, 10s.: 1, 2, 3, Hartley.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

Show, Yeadon Town Hall, Nov. 25; 112 birds staged. Mr. Mundell judged, and gave satisfaction.

Class 1.: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, Hardaker; hc, Dibb; c, Long and Fawcett. Class 2: 1, Wheatley and Son; 2, Dibb; 3, hc, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Scott; c, Brown. Class 3: 1, Myers and Thornton; 2, c, Webster; 3, Brown; vhc, Scott; hc, Long and Fawcett. Class 4: 1, 2, Myers and Thorntou; 3, Dibb; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Long and Fawcett. Class 5: 1, 3, Brown; 2, vhc, Myers and Thornton; hc, c, Long and Fawcett. Class 6: 1, vhc, Dibb; 2, 3, Myers and Thornton; hc, Long and Fawcett; c, Hardaker. Class 7: 1, Brown; 2, Long and Fawcett; 3, Scott; vhc, c, Dibb; hc, Myers and Thornton. Class 8: 1, 2, c, Myers and Thornton; 3, Brown; vhc, Dibb; hc, Long and Fawcett. Class 10: 1, 2, hc, c, Long and Fawcett; 3, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Hardaker. Class 11: 1, 2, Myers and Thornton; 3, hc, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Brown; c, Bunting and Son. Class 12: 1, Wheatley and Son; 2, 3, Long and Fawcett; vhc, Scott; hc, Bunting and Son; c, Myers and Thornton.

Points to count for Belgium Cup: Myers and Thornton 71, Long and Fawcett 50, Brown 49, Dibb 45, Andrews 19, Hardaker 15; Novices: Scott 34, Wheatley and Son 33, Webster 16, Fenwick 10, Bateson 6, Bunting and Son 4, Cawood 2.—M. Scott, sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Twelfth annual show, Nov. 25 and 26, with an entry of 161, and quality of the best. Mr. Ordish won special best bird; best vhc, Collier; Cup, Walkden; runner-up, Spiby, 44 points each. Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, judged, and his awards were well received.

Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Walkden; 2, Marginson; 3, Dawson; vhc, Lomas; hc, Ordish; c, Collier. Buff: 1, 2, Marginson; 3, c, Collier; vhc, Walkden; hc, Dawson. Yell. Hen: 1, Ordish; 2, Walkden; 3, Collier; vhc, Dawson; hc, c, Margiuson. Buff: 1, 2, hc, Collier; 3, Dawson; vhc, Marginson; c, Lomas. Unflig. Ck.: 1, 3, Ordish; 2, hc, Dawson; vhc, c, Collier. Hen: 1, Marginson; 2, Collier; 3, vhc, Dawson; hc, Ordish; c, Wilkinson. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Charnock; 2, 3, Walkden; vhc, Spiby; hc, c, Olive. Buff: 1, Charnock; 2, 3, vhc, Spiby; hc, Taylor; c, Olive. Yell. Hen: 1, Walkden; 2, Taylor; 3, vhc, Spiby; hc, Collier; c, Charnock. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Spiby; 2, Walkden; c, Charnock. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Taylor; 2, Charnock; 3, vhc, Spiby; hc, c, Walkden. Hen: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Spiby; 2, Taylor; c, Charnock. Crest: 1, 3, vhc, Green and Son; 2, Walkden; hc, c, Lomas. C.B.: 1, 3, vhc, Green and Son; 2, Walkden; hc, Lomas. A.O.V.: 1, Green and Son; 2, Walkden; 3, H. Taylor. Mule: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Lomas; vhc, hc, c, Harris. Brit.: 1, Collier; 2, Green and Son; 3, vhc, hc, Walkden; c, Pugh. For.: 1, Charlcson; 2, 3, Pugh; vhc, Collier. Sell. (30/-): 1, Walkden; 2, Spiby; (20/-): 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Walkden; 3, Spiby. (10/-): 1, Wilkinson; 2, vhc, hc, Spiby; 3, Walkden. Gift: 1, Walkden. Open Linnet: 1, Roughley; 2, 3, Banks; vhc, Brooks; hc, Harris; c, Collier.—R. Charlcson, sec.

CLYDEBANK.

Clydebank C.B.C. held its sixth annual show in the Lesser Town Hall, Nov. 25. President McGown is still at the head of affairs, and as popular as ever with the members. Vice Morton and Sheridan, along with Treasurer Chalmers, are all men worthy of the positions they hold. Mr. W. Kane, the able sec., is never in a flurry, and has the happy knack of disposing of each task as it presents itself. The Committee are all keen and anxious to see their show coming out on the right of the dyke, and spare neither time nor effort to attain that end; Messrs. McLean, Mallon, Laing, Tawse, McCardle, Robb and Cunnie. Entries came up well, the quanty of the exhibits was hot and level, and the gate excellent, so a successful show resulted. Two of the cups were won by Alexandria fanciers, so that local fanciers will have to look to their laurels in order to keep these trophies in the district. Mr. A. H. McLean won the old bird cup with his buff Norwich hen; Mr. W. B. Gillies, young bird cup, with his Border Fancy, and cup for British, Mules and Hybrids was won by Mr. J. Morton. The judges were Messrs. R. H. Livingstone, Rutherglen, Nor., Yorks and A.O.V.; and P. Gentleman, Avonbridge, the remainder. Work was got through in good time, and their awards met with general approval.

YOUNG BIRDS, Crests: 1, Ritchie; 2, 3, Roberts. C.B.: 1, 3, Blyth; 2, Ritchie. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, Tawse; 2, Mason; 3, Robertson; 4, French; 5, Cameron; 6, Beattie. Buff (11): 1, Mason; 2, French; 3, Cameron; 4, Hutchison; 5, Cummings; 6, Docherty; 7, Chalmers. Yell. Var. (8): 1, Tawse; 2, Cameron; 3, French. Buff (7): 1, Cameron; 2, McLean; 3, Cummings; 4, Simpson; 5, Tawse; 6, Beattie; 7, Docherty. Yell. or Var. Hen (6): 1, 2, Davidson; 3, French; 4, 6, Beattie; 5, Docherty. Buff (10): 1, Smyth; 2, Mason; 3, French; 4, Kane; 5, Simpson; 6, Hutchison; 7, McLean. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (6): 1, 4, Cameron; 3, 6, Gillies; 2, 5, McCardle. Buff (15): 1, 5, Gillies; 2, 4, McCardle; 3, 6, Dow; 7, Cameron. Yell. Var. (3): 1, 2, Gillies; 3, McCardle. Buff (4): 1, 3, Gillies; 2, McCardle; 4, Hutchison. Green or Cinn. (5): 1, 2, 3, Gillies; 4, McCarlie; 5, Paton. Yorks Ck. (2): 1, 2, Kane. Hen (2): 1, 2, Kane. Dark Mule: 1, Hutchison; 2, Beattie. Hyb. (1): 1, McCardle.

OLD BIRDS, Crests (6): 1, 2, Blyth; 3, McLean; 4, 6, Ritchie; 5, Roberts. C.B. (4): 1, Blyth; 2, Ritchie; 3, 4, Roberts. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (11): 1, McLean; 2, French; 3, Chalmers; 4, Robertson; 5, Davidson; 6, Beattie; 7, Smith. Buff (8): 1, Tawse; 2, Cameron; 3, Simpson; 4, McLean; 5, Smyth; 6, French; 7, Mason. Yell. Var. Ck. (6): 1, McLean; 2, Cummings; 3, Tawse; 4, Smyth; 5, Docherty; 6, Wright. Buff (4): 1, McLean; 2, Cummings; 3, Simpson; 4, Wright. Yell. or Var. Hen (8): 1, 3, Mason; 2, Docherty; 4, French; 5, McLean; 6, Smyth; 7, French. Buff (13): 1, McLean; 2, 3, 4, Cameron; 5, French; 6, Docherty; 7, Wright. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (7): 1, 2, Gillies; 3, Blyth; 4, Cameron; 5, McCarlie; 6, Roberts; 7, Paton. Buff (10): 1, Gillies; 2, Dow; 3, 7, Blyth; 4, 5, Cameron; 6, McCardle. Yell. Var. (2): 1, Mason; 2, Roberts. Buff (1): 1, Gillies. Green or Cinn. (4): 1, 2, 4, Gillies; 3, McCarlie. Yorks Cock (3): 1, Dow; 2, 3, Kane. Hen (3): 1, Dow; 2, 3, Kane. Light Mule (5): 1, Morton; 2, Hutchison; 3, McKirdy; 4, French; 5, Trotter. Dark Mule (3): 1, French; 2, Trotter; 3, Laing. Hyb. (2): 1, McCardle; 2, Trotter. Goldf. (6): 1, 2, Trotter; 3, French; 4, McKirdy; 5, McCardle; 6, Laing. Bullf. (2): 1, Trotter; 2, McKirdy. Linnet (4): 1, Laing; 2, 3, Trotter; 4, Moore. Siskin, Etc. (6): 1, 2, 3, Trotter; 4, Hutchison; 5, McKirdy; 6, Laing. Greenf. (3): 1, McCardle; 2, French; 3, Trotter. Bramble or Chaffinch (3): 1, 2, Trotter; 3, McKirdy. Lark or Larger (1): 1, Trotter. Bullf. Hen (4): 1, Trotter; 2, French; 3, McKirdy; 4, Hutchison. A.O.V. Hen (2): 1, Trotter; 2, Dow. Foreign, A.V. (2): 1, 2, McKirdy. Gift (12): 1, Kane; 2, Morton; 3, Gillies; 4, French; 5, Simpson; 6, McLean; 7, Beattie.

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Dec. 25-26.—**Larkhall C.B.A.**—(T. McGregor, 48, Sarahville Crescent.)
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)
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Jan. 3-4.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

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Jan. 9.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

The article in last week's issue entitled "Breeding and Rearing Hybrids" was by Mr. F. Groom, Hemel Hempstead, not F. Green as stated.

Mr. J. Paterson, sec. Irvine C.B.S., writes that at the show to be held Dec. 16 2s. 6d. special will be given for most points in the Yorks. section.

Owing to Mr. F. Coulson's illness, writes Mr. J. McLaughlin, he is unable to judge the Whitehaven Yorkshire Fanciers' Show, so we have appointed Mr. Harriman, Penrith, to judge.

Mr. W. J. Dean, Matlock, writes that he has sold his unflighted yellow Norwich cock which won first at Ardwick (amateur) in a class of 28, and hopes that his new owner will be successful.

We are sorry to hear that our friend Mr. J. Bastock has been confined to his house for 16 days, and that in consequence he was unable to send his birds to Birmingham or to fulfil his duties as show sec.

We have received from Mr. Enoch Tams, Church Street, Longton, his new price list. The list seems to comprise everything that could possibly be wanted in the bird room—seeds, medicines, cages, cage fronts, egg drawers, drinkers, seed-hoppers, and all kinds of appliances, and the prices are very reasonable. Mr. Tams will be pleased to send a copy of the list post free on application.

"British Birds" for December, Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, 1s. monthly, contains some very interesting statistics showing the results of the British Bird's Marking Scheme, giving the number of birds rung during eight years and particulars of recovery. The article is "Notes on the Breeding Habits of Temminck's Stint," by Miss Maud D. Haviland, and there are the usual interesting "Notes" and Reviews.

"Bird Notes" for December, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an article by Mr. W. Shore Bailey on the nesting of the Black-tailed Hawfinch and the Red-collared Whydah, illustrated by beautiful photographs of the nests and eggs. It is a pity that success in rearing was not to be recorded in either case. Other articles are "Stray Notes," by Lieut. B. Hamilton Scott, "A Unique Hybrid," the production of a Parson Finch—Long-tailed Grassfinch Hybrid and a Ruficauda Finch, by Flight Lieut. De Quincey, "Bakloh Aviary Notes," by Mrs. Perrean and Major Perrean, and "My Aviary and Birds" by C. F. Crow.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Halifax C.B.S., Liberal Club, Haugh Shaw Road, King Cross, Halifax, Dec. 23; 41 cl.: Yorks., 33 (17 open, 13 Union Nov., 4 Open Nov.); Nor., 4 Union Nov., Brit. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., if 15 entries; sliding scale if less. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 19 post mark, to A. Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond St., Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

To All Readers of "Cage Birds,"

And a Safe and Speedy Return to "Blighty" for those in the Trenches.

From the Proprietor, the Editor, and the Staff of "Cage Birds."

154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Thank you very much for illustrating my Buff Yorkshire on the front of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. E. Powell. It is due to the splendid information contained in it from week to week that I have been able to breed the bird, and I hope CAGE BIRDS will continue to prosper and be the help to others it has been to me.

We have this week to call attention to an advertisement. Under the heading "Wanted," Mr. Rudd, of Norwich, is asking for any number of *cheap* Canaries. There are special circumstances underlying the advt., and these circumstances, in our opinion, justify us in departing on this occasion from our custom of not referring to an individual advertisement. We hope that readers who have Canaries which come under the description given in the advt. will help Mr. Rudd in his patriotic endeavour.

Entries for Halifax.

Mr. A. Sutcliffe, sec. Halifax C.B.S. (see show advertisement and review of schedule), writes that he will classify any entries sent on for the show of Dec. 23.

A Greenfinch Does the "Hat Trick."

Mr. S. Slocombe, Swansea, writes that the Greenfinch which won 1st for Mr. T. Holborrow at Cardiff show has now won 1st at the same show for three years in succession.

Show Dates for 1917.

The date of the 1917 show of the Manchester and N. Counties O.S. has been fixed for Oct. 28, 29, and the 4th annual open show of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. has been fixed for Nov. 9th and 10th, 1917, writes Mr. A. E. Thorpe, hon. sec. Mr. J. Robson, London, has been appointed one of the judges, and the other judges will be appointed forthwith. The officers and members would like to tender best thanks to all exhibitors of the show of Nov. 11th, and are glad to report a nice sum to hand over to the Blinded Soldiers' Fund.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. F. SMITH, SCARBOROUGH.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. D. Hunter, of the death of the late J. F. Smith, chemist, Scarborough, who passed away on Nov. 29th, aged 68 years. Mr. Smith had been a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead for 35 years, and had been a very keen fancier and judge and reporter of many shows. He leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn his loss.

Returning Birds from Birmingham.

Having nearly 200 packages to get off, writes Mr. J. Bastock, our men worked like niggers, and got all but 15 packages into the hands of the railway company before nine o'clock. The last 15 the officials refused to take, as it was a few minutes past nine, and the birds had to be taken back and kept until Friday morning. This caused a lot of trouble and worry to the owners of the birds, but I am sure they will sympathise with us in our misfortune.

Catching Birds on Sunday.

Two charges were made on Oct. 3 at Greenock Sheriff Court against lads for contravening the Wild Birds Protection Act, when Neil Campbell Montgomery, house painter, and Robert Osborne, labourer, pleaded guilty of snaring wild birds on Sunday, 10th September, near Auchneagh Farm.

The Fiscal said that a constable noticed the lads near the farm at 1.20 p.m. On going up, he found that along the hedge they had placed twelve yards of twine, which was covered with birdlime, while cages were standing near to receive the birds. Sheriff Welsh imposed a fine of £1 on each accused, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment. James M'Eleny John Milloy and William Canney pleaded guilty of a similar offence, and were each fined a like amount.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Lce.-Corpl. L. L. Huggins.

We are sorry to have to announce that Mr. H. L. Huggins, the hon. sec. of the London and Provincial O.S., has received the sad news of the death in action of his brother, Lance-Corporal Leslie Lovering Huggins, of the 1st Battalion Honourable Artillery Company. Lance-Corporal Huggins was educated at Owen's School, Islington, and in civilian employment was in the Accounts Department of the Port of London Authority. He enlisted in Nov., 1914, and went to France on July 1, 1915. A comrade has written to his parents stating that he fell on Nov. 13, and was laid to rest on the 17th. Lance-Corporal Huggins was only 20 years of age. He was a loving son and brother, and we are sure that our readers will join with us in our sympathy with his bereaved relatives.

Our Painting Competition.

A Prize for Artistic Bird-Keepers.

(See frontispiece this week.)

Following our usual custom at Christmastide, our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of one guinea for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Friday, January 5th.

The medium to be employed (oil, water-colour, or crayon) is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt may be mounted or unmounted. If unmounted, it should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, not folded, and must have the sender's name and address written on the back.

The whole of the front page, heading and all, must be coloured, not merely the outline picture of birds, etc., alone. Unless this condition is complied with, that is, unless the whole page is dealt with, the effort will have no chance of winning the prize.

In this competition entries are received only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as final.

An Omission.

We very greatly regret that through an error on the part of our printers the "Canaries Wanted" advertisement of Messrs. J. Howard and Son, Norwich and London, was omitted last week. It will be found this week in the usual column.

Correction in Show Reports.

At Cardiff Show, in unflighted buff cocks, 2nd no name should read 2nd Greenslade, and No. 17, 3 in unflighted yellow hens should read 3rd Greenslade. At Bristol show, in Norwich buff hens, 1 no name should read 1 Tristem, and the awards 1, 4, and he in the A.O.V. class were won by T. R. Ind. At Cardiff, Mr. R. D. Parlett won 1st in the Goldfinch-Canary Mule class, and special for best Goldfinch-Canary Mule.

Musical Evening for Ardwick Fanciers.

A smoking concert in connection with the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. will be held at St. Thomas's School, Ardwick, on Dec. 19th, at 8 p.m., when our President, the Rev. C. E. Gaul, will be glad to welcome all fanciers, writes Mr. A. E. Thorpe, hon. sec. A cordial invitation is extended not only to members, but friends. A good programme will be provided by Mr. S. T. Oldham, who will have the assistance of an old friend, Mr. J. R. Schofield, who has rendered us such valuable services and help to make our annual social a great success.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair Club, Saturday, Dec. 9; 17 birds entered for three prizes: 1, T. Jones; 2, 3, Williams. Open sing, Dec. 10; 26 birds entered: 1, J. Beard; 2, S. Pugh; 3, Foster.—S. Pugh, sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Dec. 10; 16 birds, open sing. Some good singing was heard for the time of the year. 1, Parkett; 2, Jackson; 3, Woodhouse. Parkett and Wainwright sang a match after contest, Parkett winning easily with same bird.—E. Phillipson, sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Dec. 9; 19 birds sang. 1, 2, Binns; 3, Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Dec. 3. Twenty birds sang for four prizes: 1, Marshall; 2, Butler; 3, Watson; 4, O'Brien. Judges, W. Lang, C. Biss.

Roller Canary contest, Dec. 3; 19 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Thompson; 2, O'Brien; 3, Butler. Judges, T. Summers, C. Biss.—W. Lang, Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Dec. 10. 23 birds sang for four prizes: 1, Johnson; 2, O'Brien; 3, 4, Marshall. Judges: R. Dearlove, W. Shaw, and W. Lacy. Roller Canary contest, Dec. 10. 12 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Lackwood; dead heat 2, Shaw and Thompson; dead heat 3, Playford and Thompson. Judges: T. Howarth, T. Heat, and F. Marshall. Open Canary contest, Dec. 17.—W. Lacy, Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Club Linnet contest Dec. 10, Prince of Wales Hotel; 16 birds sang. Judge, Moss; timekeeper, Goodvill. 1, Goodwill; 2, Dobson; 3, Batcholer. Canary contest, Viaduct Hotel; 10 birds sang. 1, 2, Youhill; 3, Wood; 4, Kippling. Judge, Towes; timekeeper, Moss.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Open Canary Contest, Prince of Wales, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. All welcome.—T. Cawood, Sec. (Advt.)

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Dec. 9; 12 birds sang: 1, Stead; 2, Thompson; 3, Condliffe. Judges, Parker and Naylor.

Linnet contest, Dec. 10; 19 birds sang. 1, Sellers; 2, Hollingworth; 3, Jim Chippindale; 4, T. Ward. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant, Ineson.

Roller contest, Dec. 10; 9 birds sang. 1, Condliffe; 2, Stead; 3, Sissons. Judges, Grant and Naylor.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

Charity Show at Glasgow

The show of the City of Glasgow O.A. on Jan. 3-4, which will be the 61st open show of the society, will be held in aid of limbless sailors and soldiers.

A Fancier Honoured.

Mr. J. W. Hutchby, a member of the Attercliffe C.B.S., has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery. During his absence at the front Mr. Hutchby, sen., is looking after his birds, and had the pleasure of winning the Novice Yorkshire Cup at the recent show of the Attercliffe C.B.S.

Success Under Difficulties.

The clashing with Cardiff, and the most unfortunate blunder of stating that the entry was 2s. 6d., had no doubt a bad effect on the entry, writes Mr. J. A. Greenslade, Bristol F.A., but in spite of all our show was, I am pleased to say, a financial success, and will result in a handsome cheque to the Harrison Fund. I must congratulate you and your staff on such a good and very early report, for which we express our best thanks.

TITS AND COCOA NUTS.

We have hung up the first cocoanut on the pergola ropes, writes "H.M.S." in the "Manchester Guardian," and the greedy little Tits could scarcely wait for the steps to be removed before they came to sample the food, although there is abundance of other to be had in all the gardens round. They are a spoilt race hereabouts, and know the look of a cocoanut very well, and evidently prefer it to most things. The Great Tits are in very handsome plumage, the black on the head and breast being very glossy and the yellow sides almost as bright as a Canary. The Blue Tits are not yet so bright as they will be, the blue and the yellow merging into something almost approaching green. But their manners are delightful, and their huge enjoyment is comic. They seem invariably to yield their place on the approach of a Great Tit, but they don't go far, flittering about in their uncertain flight and incessantly perching near, to be ready the minute the bigger bird goes.

The Great Tits peck away with great force and ardour, throwing bits of nut right and left, and making a litter on the path below, crumbs for the less acrobatic Robin and Sparrow. Sometimes five or six birds hover about, and it seems to be an accepted game that as soon as a second alights on the nut the first goes. Sometimes two or three alight in such rapid succession that no one gets a bite. Sometimes a patient friend sits on the rope and watches the other gorging, while he encourages him with his cheerful "Tee-pink!" We have purposely hung the nut so that it swings a good deal and gives the little beggars plenty of opportunity of showing what they can do in the way of hanging on by their eyelids. A Tit seems to find it easier to eat standing on his head than any other way.

THE OLD AND THE NEW BELL GLUCKE.

By J. TOMLINSON (Newcastle, Staffs).

With Some Remarks Upon the Federation of Roller Canary Clubs.

I HAVE been asked to write a few notes on this tour, as it may help to dispel some doubts regarding its future, and it would display a poor spirit on my part were I to refuse and reply, "Why should I, after the repeated warnings I have given verbally, in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, and also in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL?" It is true that one has to take into consideration that the fancy may grow a little jaded of reading continually the thoughts of one mind, relieved only by an occasionally fresh word. The student desires nothing better than to read the workings of the minds of others, and it is a poor mind that fails to learn, or at least be interested in the writings of others on a subject that is so very interesting to one's self. Roller fanciers, let us have more of your experiences.

Roller fanciers know that the old type of Bell Glucke was never a favourite of mine, neither did it find a place in my home, yet they also know that I was quite unbiased on the subject, and when I met a good rendering on the judging table I valued it to its full credit. It is no use crying over spilt milk, yet after the repeated warnings of the danger of this tour, because it was so liable to go faulty on some of its deliveries, it is very regrettable to find that it is circulated the country over, to cause more heart burning and mistrust than anything I remember since Roller clubs were inaugurated.

North and South Divided.

The matter at present is a wee bit serious, as we are on the verge of a threatened split between the Northern and the Southern sections of the Roller fancy. Situated as I am, so to speak, between these two sections, many of the little differences between them pass round me. So I appeal to all, let us not forget that it is human to err, for none of us are infallible, and in the great crisis through which we are all passing, and which is laying its hand very heavily upon each of us, the differences in our hobby really sink into insignificance.

The Bell Glucke was, so to speak, the last straw that broke the camel's back. I appealed to Manchester, in the view of the good rendering of the tour, to find it a place on the judging sheet. My appeal did not find favour; they thought otherwise, and eventually they brought into use a rule that was standing in their rule book, issued a ring of their own, and judged by their own standard.

Events have proved that since the new way of singing the B.G. [illegible] tour cannot be ignored. Yet who could foresee that quite a new way of singing B.G. would arise? Let me say this to the Northern men, there are more of you that have the new B.G. than you are aware of, but more on this anon.

An Unfortunate Misunderstanding.

Now let us view the facts as we find them at present. The fancy was circularised to "affiliate"; this intimation was too vague for the many, as it left something unexplained, something to be desired; the ultimate object was so shrouded in doubt that even in my own mind some misgivings arose. Letters on the subject in these columns had rather the reverse instead of a reconciling effect. We offended our fancier friends without the slightest intention of wishing to do so, and I desire to take this opportunity of expressing regret.

So the misunderstanding went on, until the fancy was again circularised with the ultimate object defined, a Federation of Roller Societies. Why did the fates debar this being launched at the outset? How oft before a misunderstanding has set ill-words and doubts aganging.

This circular, amongst other proposed rules, contained one to the following effect: "That each club, whether large or small, should have equal voting powers." Should it not appeal to every interested person that these Northern men were anxious for the right thing, and a proper understanding in the fancy, whereby every member of a Federated Club would discuss the merits or otherwise of anything connected with his hobby, in his own club room? His desires will then go forward through the delegates of his own society to the annual meetings, where they would again be discussed before the representatives of the entire fanciers of the Federation, and voted on.

There is nothing that stands out so prominently in my own mind regarding the justice of the Northerners as that they are willing to place themselves upon the same equality as even the smallest club which happens to be federated. They sacrifice their numbers, which in Lancashire alone double those of any other county.

Further, a meeting was held, the Federation became an accomplished fact, in which every club north of here is associated, so far as I know at the moment, except Bacup. Their secretary and representative were both debarred from attending the meeting, one being ill in bed, and the other had received a short notice call-up from the Army.

I would like to refer to one rule passed at that meeting, which seems to have preceded the Secretary's report, for it was quoted to me at Wolverhampton. I, and two other delegates, voted against that rule. Personally, I am in favour of such at some future time, but not at present, it is in my opinion too drastic.

I entreat of you, Northern men, as one who has only the best interests of the fancy at heart, to let that rule lie in abeyance for awhile. You have shown that you can be generous, and make sacrifices, let your generosity and lenity go further. Put the house in order, in good working order, stretching out the hand of friendship meanwhile. You already hold the majority of clubs in the federation, and can afford to wait a reasonable length of time for others to join up. So far as I can see at the moment, it is the Southerns who will be at a disadvantage if they ultimately refuse the outstretched hand.

What the rule is I cannot in the view of propriety quote at present, and I would not have referred to it had it not already been circulated. I am casting no reflection upon the responsible person, that is his business.

A Peace Proposal.

Now a word to the British Roller Club members in general. I also am a member of that club. We fostered all the other clubs as they came into existence, until they have grown to be larger than the parent. It reminds me of our own daughters, we shelter them until they draw near the age of maturity, when we find they want a voice in the management of our household. Is there any loss of dignity on our part in allowing such a thing? I think not, and my thoughts are the same with the parent coming forward and joining the Federation, and allowing the other clubs a voice in the management of the affairs of the fancy household. We have nothing to lose, everything to gain. I know that some of you and the members who have not already joined are waiting to see what the Federation is going to do with the Bell Glucke, and I can appreciate your uneasiness on the matter, because I have reason to know, when I judged at the last Wolverhampton show, that in the champion old bird class representing the Midlands, North and South also, I found B.G. singers there that were a credit to their owners. In fact, of the 140 birds I judged at this fixture the ones to be penalised for the faulty tour could be counted on one hand.

I said before that the Northern men are more deeply involved than some are aware of, and for that reason I predict the Bell Glucke will stand. Just a word to the clubs in general, something will have to be done with regard to the dividing of the large numbers of entries occurring in one class; it is not sufficient that you give extra prize money, fanciers are waking up to the fact, the dominant fact, and are asking how the judge can give justice to such a large number of birds. I repeat in the majority of cases he cannot give all the time his own conscience tells him is necessary.

(To be continued.)

Breeding British Finches in Cage and Aviary.

By FINCH FANCIER.

A Scottish bird fancier intends to enter the "Fresh Field for Fanciers" which has been recently indicated in our columns.

THE domestication of many of the beautiful varieties of British Finches had always appealed to me, as I think that great pleasure, not to mention profit, could be derived from such experiments, but breeders should not let the desire for profit become their sole aim, or half the interest in bird-keeping is lost.

This year I have obtained pairs of Goldfinches, Greenfinches, and Siskins, the last species are very difficult to obtain, but in Scotland, here one can easily catch one's own. With these birds I intend to try my luck, and I think I shall be successful, as the birds are in good health and condition.

For the benefit of those who desire to do likewise, I will endeavour to give the methods I shall adopt. It is an open question whether Finches will breed better in a large cage or an aviary, but I shall not go into that subject, as I intend to give each a trial, and find out for myself which is the best.

One has only to glance at the advertisement pages of CAGE BIRDS to realise the price a good Finch will make, and it is with some hope of profit that this branch of our hobby can be taken up.

Size, the lack of which is often noticed in exhibition Finches, could be improved by the introduction of Siberian blood into the strain, and I would advise one to have the cock bird the foreigner; apart from the reason that few hens are imported, he will give the size to the young.

Begin with the Best.

It is absolutely useless to obtain poor birds to breed with, as they cost as much to keep, and require as much attention as good stock. The selection of Finches for breeding should receive great care, and it is best to select personally from a catcher, although I have received many a good bird from dealers advertising in CAGE BIRDS, but care should be taken to explain for what purpose one requires the birds, and a dealer with a reputation should be chosen.

By judicious pairing, an all round improvement should be noticed in the young birds, of course, a good number of wasters would crop up, until the strain could be established, no matter how careful one was in selecting the parents. In the case of the Siskin, some difficulty would be experienced, as individual birds vary so much in colour and markings, and it would be a case of "wait and see" whether the young would be any use for exhibition, but with the other species no difficulty should be found.

Goldfinches, I am sure are the greatest favourites, and well they merit this favour, as there are few more charming birds, and it is a pity they are not better distributed throughout these islands. They should breed freely in either cage or aviary, as the hen sits well, and the old birds are very attentive to their young, but in a cage the cock wants watching.

To get any Finch into condition one requires to give them plenty of dandelion and other wild seed, also a little live food, such as ants' eggs, which can easily be obtained in the spring, or, if one lives in town, meal-worms cut in two can be used.

It is often difficult to obtain nests suitable from the hen's point of view, but in an aviary in which bushes and ivy are growing, they will construct their own, if suitable material is supplied them, and what could be more interesting to a bird lover than to watch the construction of the nest.

In an outdoor aviary ten feet by four feet by seven feet, I am going to turn in the following birds:—Cock Goldfinch, cage moulted, and very tame, strong, and healthy, with only one fault, i.e., a very thin black cap, with him I shall put two hens excelling in that respect, also a pair of Greenfinches. I shall also try a pair of Scotch Siskins in a large cage or pen, similar to the one described in the excellent "Nutshell" on the Bullfinch.

I believe in no hard and fast rule on feeding British Finches, but I follow more or less closely, the menus given in the "Nutshells," which I have found very good.

With regard to the breeding of Linnets for song, I should find it hard to keep them from hearing the song of wild Linnets, which frequent the garden attracted by their less fortunate (?) relatives in the aviary.

I do not think it would be wise to attempt to change the type or marking of our Finches, as Nature, to my mind, cannot be improved on. Quite a good idea would be to pair the cock Finches with hen Canaries, as British hens are late in coming into condition, and the young mules would help to pay the seed bill, as they are always in demand.

In conclusion, if better specimens of British Finches could be bred in captivity, birds that showed a decided superiority over their wild brethren, it would show those who are down on the keeping of wild birds that the fancy is not so black as some would like to paint it, and that every keeper of Britishers is not necessarily a low and degraded ruffian.

CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Continued from page 721.)

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

LET it be ever borne in mind that the egg-food cannot be too fresh, and as warm weather comes on it must be made twice or three times in the twenty-four hours.

The scalded seed, to which we have previously referred, is sometimes incorporated with the soft-food by various fanciers, but we do not advise it, preferring to have it served up in separate dishes. It can then be noted which dish is most enjoyed by the parent bird, in fact, we consider it at all times much the better way for the different kinds of seeds to be given in separate vessels and not mixed together.

We know that some breeders boil their seeds, but we much prefer merely scalding with boiling water, as by this latter mode the kernels of the seed are expanded and softened, and in some cases the germinating point is livened up, whereas if boiling has taken place, the vitality of the entire seed has been destroyed. The live and softened seed contains digestive and assimilative properties that the boiled and dead seed does not.

Still, those who keep only a few birds will continue to find their requirements well supplied by the packets of seed that are to be found in the shops, and which are put up by respectable firms and composed of good seed, well cleaned.

In addition to all this kitchen-work, there are the wild seeds and salads to be found, gathered, or stored. Few there be, among the great number of Canary breeders, we hope, who are so penned up by bricks and mortar, or whose limitations are such that they cannot get out into the country for a few hours or for a whole day now and again. The means of suburban locomotion are now so ample, and the tariffs so moderate, that one may get carried many miles away from the smoke for a few pence.

The growing watercress may easily be found by those who seek it, the groundsel is close at hand, and the chickweed is waiting to be plucked. "Shepherd's purse," well filled with seedy pockets, can be got throughout the summer, but we have never found Canaries care for it nearly as much as Finches; Linnets, and Mules. In the months of May and June the long-stemmed plantain may be gathered with plump and nodding heads crammed with fleshy seeds nearly an inch deep, and later on, the rats-tail plantain may be garnered, and that which is not given fresh can be stored in a paper bag for future use.

The fresh seed pods of charlock, or wild mustard, are much relished both by old birds and those young ones that are in the flight cage, but of them more anon. Last, but not least, comes the old fashioned, thoroughly English plant, the dandelion. Never mind its botanical name, nor the front or back names of the other salads we have spoken about.

The object of language is to convey to others the impressions of one's mind, and we all know what we are talking about when we speak of the dandelion. We have no brief to urge its claim as a delightful perfume, nor to uphold or refute its real or imaginary medicinal properties, all we contend for is that its great popularity is to a great extent the result of its known usefulness. It resembles in a sense, the humble pig—again we are not extolling anything as a choice perfume—because there is not a single portion of it that is not usable.

Early in the year, as soon as there is an appreciable warmth from the sun, the young leaves push up from the succulent root, and form the first available green-meat for the pairing birds and throughout most of the year are eagerly consumed by all the occupants of the bird-room.

The flowering heads, as soon as they have bloomed and closed, may be gathered, and will, if laid in a cardboard box in a cool and damp place, develop to each ripening seed one of those wonderfully fragile umbrella-like growths which botanists call "pappus," and by which the little children tell the time of day, they not being precise to a few hours.

Even when the sunshiny days are all past, and the leaves are all gone, the roots may be dug up and placed in a large flower pot or saucer. If these are lightly covered with sandy loam and kept moist, a supply of crisp young leaves may be obtained during November and December, when it is difficult to find them elsewhere. This young growth is much relished by birds coming home to cool off, after having some high old times at the shows.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A Veteran Goldfinch.

Nineteen Years on Hemp Seed.

SIR,—A Goldfinch now nineteen years old lives on nothing but hemp seed; he will not touch any other seed. This year he has moulted out a greyish colour. I should like to know if this is a record.

S. SLOCOMBE.

The Disqualified Hawfinch at Bristol.

A Disclaimer from the Owner.

SIR,—I am sorry to see that Mr. House left out my Hawfinch at Bristol show on the ground that it had had its bib trimmed. I can assure Mr. House that my bird has not been tampered with in any way. I have had the bird eight months, and it is the same bird that Mr. House placed first at Northampton a few weeks ago.

Olney. H. ANDREWS.

A Border Canary's 51st Win.

How Was it Done?

SIR,—I read with much interest in this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS of a Border Fancy winning its 51st success at Cardiff Show. If the owner of the bird felt disposed he could afford much interest to admirers of the "wee gems" by publishing a short note of its career. Personally I would much appreciate the following points:—

Its age and parentage; the distant shows to which it has been sent, also if the bird has been hand washed, and how often each season. There is a good deal of debate as to the value of hand washing a Border Fancy and its effects on the feather and colour of the bird in this part of Scotland. Thanking you in anticipation.

Edinburgh. JAMES HAY.

The Training of Roller Canaries.

To Regulate the Light.

SIR,—It is to be hoped that, with your kind permission, this subject will be further contributed to by members of the Roller Fancy. The darkening down question is, as Mr. Neve rightly intimates, a stumbling block to many; are there any first prize winners who do not practise it, or only to a slight extent? I believe so; let us have their views and experience.

Mr. Neve asks how I deal with the individual bird, seeing that he is racked in a community. The rack having a darker end, being in a corner, and two curtains in front, and there being venetian blinds to the room, I am able fairly well to regulate the light. Also the lower shelves are made rather darker, having brown paper overlapping somewhat. In the first few weeks a lot of shifting and sorting goes on, this requiring a good deal of time and patience, and the real offenders come away altogether out of the room; sometimes they improve and are reinstated. I read of a great first-class breeder having three different racks in three separate rooms; the first was in a sanctum which no one outside the household was permitted to enter; the birds in this room were his reserve Schoolmasters, the second and third were what we should call first and second. He bred a large number, and did nothing else; his life was entirely devoted to it, and he made a great name.

HY. W. GUTIERREZ.

Is Darkness Really Necessary?

SIR,—I was very pleased to read Mr. Neve's letter in your excellent paper re the training and darkening process which is very much in evidence with some Roller fanciers. My acquaintance with this, the most beautiful of all song birds, i.e., the Roller, dates back fully thirty years, and I have bred and trained many excellent birds during that period, but I have felt sorry many times when I have seen fanciers actually putting their birds into complete darkness. To my mind it is most cruel and unnecessary. I know that some will say that the birds are brought to the darkness gradually, but suppose someone tried to subject any fancier to this kind of treatment, even if it were done gradually. How would they like it?

I know full well that some method of darkening is necessary, but I think that all lovers of nature should try to adopt that system which will give the birds a chance to live their little lives under reasonable conditions. I like the curtain system of darkening, not that heavy material that darkens too much; cotton material is the best, something that gives a blue or green shade to the birds. A friend of mine who visited the rooms of the late Herr Trute, the famous Hartz breeder, told me that Trute was very careful in darkening his birds; when the birds were old enough to place in their small cages they were shaded off very gently with coloured glass, blue, green, orange or scarlet, and he so arranged the glass that the birds had a variety of shaded light. This was put in front of the birds; the top part of the cage was quite open to the light. After passing through this process they were placed in song boxes with arched tops, and with a curtain to shade the light. Trute preferred curtains because the birds got more air. It is a good plan to place those birds that sing too loud in the darker parts of the room.

It would be a great help, Mr. Editor, if Mr. Lester, of London, would kindly give his experience in training Rollers in open cages and full light. Some breeders keep their birds in open cages with wire fronts, and regulate the light in the room by a suitable blind. I trust that others, with the kind permission of the Editor, will try to help bring about a system of darkening our beautiful Rollers with the least punishment possible.

W. A. NEWSOME.

Hybrid "Wrong Classed" at Clapham Show.

Corroboration of Its Parentage.

SIR,—I was pleased to read in the current issue of CAGE BIRDS a letter from Mr. Claude St. John urging the necessity for plain English in schedule classification, more particularly as I am interested in the Alario-Greenfinch Hybrid referred to.

I am an intimate friend of Mr. Reynolds, the owner of this bird, and previous to joining the Forces lived only about 40 yards away from him, so that I had ample opportunities of watching the birds, and I might say I rarely missed a day all through the breeding season.

Mr. Robson was quite justified in wrong classing the bird, as he had made up his mind it was nothing else but a Greenfinch Mule (which it certainly resembles), but in doing so has cast a certain stigma on the exhibitor, which I know he feels very much, and Mr. Reynolds is a man whose integrity and honesty is beyond question.

I watched the progress of this pair of birds through two breeding seasons, and can say with absolute certainty that from the time that they commenced building until after the hatching of the Hybrid no cock Canary had been in the aviary, and as the hen Greenfinch laid and hatched the egg it is obvious that the cross cannot be Canary-Greenfinch. I am satisfied that the bird is a genuine Alario-Greenfinch, and only wish for Mr. Reynolds' sake that it could be established by appeal to a committee of experts, such as Mr. T. W. Wren suggests in his letter re his own Hybrid. I remember the bird being entered—in fact, I believe I filled the form up—and it was correctly done, as, if I remember rightly, the wording of the classification was "Any other variety Hybrid."

There are not many Hybrids on the bench between a foreign specimen and a British, so that the implication which you refer to is easy, but, assuming that the parentage of the bird was written on the entry tab on the cage wires, and the judge was satisfied that the description was correct, I submit that in spite of the implication the bird could not be marked "W.C." Let us have more detail and, as you say, plainer English in schedules, and there will be fewer mistakes and consequent disappointment to exhibitors.

Pte. W. GIBBON.

[The heading in the Clapham catalogue reads "All Bullfinch Hybrids, and Greenfinch and Chaffinch Hybrids." It would seem to have been the intention of the compilers of the schedule that only birds bred between a Greenfinch and a Chaffinch or those with a Bullfinch as one parent were to compete in this class, and if this were so then the second "and" should have been replaced by a hyphen, which would have made the meaning perfectly clear. The heading as it stood might, however, easily be understood to cover Bullfinch Hybrids, Greenfinch Hybrids, and Chaffinch Hybrids, and it would seem to have been bad luck for the owner of the bird not to have been given the benefit of the doubt. Such disputes might easily be avoided by a little more care in wording the class headings.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

A Stricken Roller Canary Fancier.

An Appeal for a Most Deserving Case.

SIR,—I beg that you will allow me heartily to appeal to Roller Fanciers generally for a most deserving object. No doubt followers of Roller shows will well remember Mr. T. Simpson, 39, Johnston Street, Wakefield, as a very enthusiastic member of the Wakefield Club. He is stricken down by spinal disease, and we see a splendid chance to purchase a self-propelling car at half its cost price, which was £23 5s. In making this appeal to Roller fanciers and friends I feel sure they will be willing to support such a worthy case. Thanking all in anticipation.

H. ROEBUCK.

72, New Brunswick Street,
Thornes Lane, Wakefield.

[We shall be pleased to receive and acknowledge through our columns any moneys sent in aid of this worthy object.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Canaries and War Bread.

Will it Harm Young Birds?

SIR,—I count myself honoured that no less a contributor than Mr. Claude St. John should deem my humble letter worthy of reply. What I owe to him in rearing young is incalculable, and I still sit at his feet a learner in the endless pleasure of Canary breeding.

If, as he suggests, all is well in giving wholemeal food to young Canaries none will be more thankful than myself. However, let us be quite clear as to the difference between feeding old birds, wild birds (and to answer the letter of your courteous correspondent R. P. Bixter), and poultry, and the feeding of young Canaries just hatched. If there is nothing in my theory that bran is an irritant in the process of digestion, will either Mr. Claude St. John or Mr. Bixter kindly tell me why two sorts of biscuits, white and wholemeal, are issued to the troops on active service? From conversation with the medical faculty I understand that, altogether apart from the food value of the biscuits, the wholemeal biscuits are given to our troops in the fighting line in order to create activity of the bowels when vegetables and other such active agents are impossible of access. I have the two forms of granulated biscuit, and from personal experience I know the theory a fact. What is most efficacious and desirable in the case of human beings and non-seed shelling birds such as poultry may prove, on the other hand, most disastrous to so tiny a creature as a Canary reared under domestic conditions. One has observed that during the first two days of the little birdies' lives little or no seed is used by the hen in feeding her young. After this period the egg food, whilst not actually decreasing in quantity, because the birds are growing larger, is practically at a standstill, and canary, rape, and especially hemp are consumed in goodly quantities. My fear is that during the first ten days, i.e., until the young can evacuate over the nest, bowel trouble will most likely appear, and such things as sweating, etc., will be very prevalent.

I always feel that comparisons with wild birds, not in captivity, are not quite as helpful as one would like, because of the infinite variety of foods, and the wonderful instinct of nature in selecting counteractives, which are ever at their command, all of which are denied the caged bird.

I would like to thank both your correspondents for their kind replies, and when the 1917 breeding season is over I shall esteem it of great value if they will kindly let us know their experience with war bread.

(Rev.) C. B. JOLLIFFE.

The Difference Between "National" and "Whole-meal."

SIR,—I have read with interest the articles by Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, Claude St. John, and R. P. Bixter, re "The Fancy and War Bread" in the past two issues of CAGE BIRDS, and should like to point out a few facts: 1. The new bread to be made from the Government regulation flour is termed by the trade "National." It is dissimilar to the "Standard" in evidence a few years ago in that the "National" will not contain any offal. 2. "Wholemeal" bread will still continue to be made as formerly, and differs from "National" in the fact that in the milling of the new flour neither germ nor bran is included, which constitute the "offal." 3. A greater percentage of flour will be obtained from the wheat to make this new flour than in making the ordinary white. May I not conclude, therefore, that the new bread, "National," will be neither less detrimental nor more beneficial to the health of young birds than the present white bread?

S. SMITH.

What is a Ticked Bird?

The Exhibitors Reply to the Judge.

SIR,—Kindly allow us to reply to Mr. House's answer to our letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, and with this letter the incident, as far as we are concerned, is finished. Mr. House says he cannot admit that all who saw the bird at Port Talbot agreed that it was a marked bird. He is right. We should have said all with the exception of himself. The bird in question has since been shown in the marked class at Birmingham, and stood 1st, and there was not one of all the fanciers that saw it there who did not agree that it is a marked bird. According to Mr. House, a bird that is lightly grizzled all over and the markings do not extend into the shafts is a ticked bird. So much for 40 years' experience.

Coming to our challenge, Mr. House says he cannot accept it on the ground that to do so would be to acknowledge that he may have been wrong. Well, to refuse it is to acknowledge that he *is* wrong. Mr. House says it would be undignified on his part to consent to his judgment being submitted to the decision of some other judge with less experience than himself. Mr. House must have a very high opinion of himself. Let us say that many of our judges of to-day have as much experience as himself and are quite as capable of judging a class of birds.

We have no doubt that Mr. House honestly thought he was doing the right thing in "wrong classing" the bird, and there is also no doubt that he made a mistake. Our advice is, don't throw a bird out unless you are quite certain you are doing the proper thing; otherwise give the bird the benefit of the doubt.

In conclusion, let us say that it gives us no pleasure whatever to have to write in a complaining way to our only fancy paper, and we hope we shall not be called upon to do so again.

Cheltenham. STUBBS BROS.

More Trouble About Hybrids.

The Wager that Was Not Laid.

SIR,—I was at Clapham Show, and as I had read of this bird having been bred, I thought it might be there, so I looked for it, and found it cardless, not wrong classed. I did not speak to anyone until I took it to the light and examined it, when I was quite convinced that, although a poor specimen, it was from the cross claimed. Some time after, while in company with some very well-known Mule and British experts, I said there was a rare Hybrid, a Goldfinch-Chaffinch, in the show. Two of these gentlemen took it to the light, and expressed their opinion that I was right. Of course after this the bird was an attraction, and later on one of those gentlemen with whom I had been talking came to me and said there was a gentleman willing to make a wager of five pounds to one that it was not of the cross I had named. I knew no more about the bird than they did, but was willing to back my opinion by posting cash, but the challenger declined to post his. I have never had any communication either before or since Clapham Show with the breeder of the bird, but am positive in my own mind that it is a genuine Hybrid of the Goldfinch and Chaffinch cross.

J. BASTOCK.

Lutino Parrakeets.

An Old Record Recalled.

SIR,—Referring to your notice in "Twitterings" of "Lutino" Indian Parrakeets, it occurs to me that readers may be interested to hear of a case of lutinism in another species, the Black-masked Fijian Parrakeet. Many years ago, in 1888, to be exact, I came home from New Zealand with a friend who had with him two Masked Fijian Parrakeets which he had purchased in Auckland, N.Z., where at that time this species was frequently imported. One of my friend's birds was a normal specimen, the other was a lutino. This bird was a clear canary yellow all over with the exception of the mask, and here the black of the normal specimen was replaced by a kind of dark orange colour; in fact, the bird was coloured not unlike a clear yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule, taking the mask to represent the "blaze." The eyes were pink, with red pupils, and the legs flesh coloured.

Unfortunately this curious bird was a confirmed feather eater; it was so when it came into my friend's possession. After reaching England my friend took it to the Parrot house at the Zoological Gardens, with a view to their trying to cure it, and it was kept there some time, though not on public view owing to its denuded state. Still, I should think there might be some record of it. It did not improve under treatment, but got worse, so was returned to my friend, who finally gave it to me, and it died in my possession, after having been in England somewhere about two years. At the time of its death it was practically featherless except on the head, where it could not reach itself. By the way, I suppose the yellow Budgerigar is a case of hereditary lutinism? E. D. H. D.

[Yellow Budgerigars, as seen on our show benches, are not lutinos as the term is understood. They are bred by selection from the Greens. The breeding of a pair of lutino Budgerigars, i.e., pure yellow with pink eyes, is recorded in "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," by C. P. Arthur, but these birds were an accidental occurrence, and were different to the yellow Budgerigars with more or less green markings which are frequently exhibited.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

(Many interesting letters unavoidably held over.)

Round the Shows.

BARROW.

Held under the banner of the Red Cross, and well and efficiently managed by an up-to-date band of fanciers, the open show held by the Barrow C.B.A., Nov. 3 and 4, may be voted an unqualified success, both as regards entries and the quality of the exhibits. The Dalton Road schoolroom, in which the show was held, is well adapted for the purpose, being roomy and comfortable, and the birds being nicely staged, allowed the visitors every opportunity to see them without trouble.

Yorkshires, with 90 entries in open classes, and 50 in the novice section, were a nice collection, several well known birds being on view, the winning marked yell. taking the special for 2nd best bird in show. Norwich, both open and novice section, were, as regards numbers, poorly represented, though type and quality were well to the fore. The outstanding section of the show was the Border section, open and novice classes being well filled with a grand collection, both as regards number and quality; in short, one of the best it has been our privilege to see for some considerable time. Over 320 Borders on view speaks volumes for their popularity.

The one-time popular Scotch Fancies had 12 entries in the two classes, three exhibitors being represented. We were pleased to see the birds; they are a nice change from the ordinary run, something attractive and representative of class.

Thanks are due to the officials for their courteous attention to exhibits and exhibitors, nothing being left undone to assist anyone. The show closing in good time allowed birds that could reach home the same night to be despatched, and exhibitors present were allowed to take their birds with them in time to catch early trains. Show manager Mr. John Marello, and Hon. Sec. Mr. D. McFarlane, together with the committee, worked assiduously for the success of the show.

Owing to the large entry, Mr. Battye had all his work cut out to judge the Yorkshires and Borders, which made up one of the finest collections seen for years at Barrow. Mr. Houlton, therefore, took the Norwich, Cinnamons, Scotch Fancies, Selling, Mules and British classes.

Some very fine Norwich came along, and competition was close and keen. Novice Norwich were good. Some of the crack Cinnamon Norwich were on view.

Mules and Hybrids were very pretty, and the winners were all birds of the first class. British birds came up well, and winners had to be of the best to get there. Taken on the whole it was a record, and about the best show ever seen here. We hope the Red Cross funds will benefit substantially.

MR. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

YORKS CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Stewart, fine carr., well drawn, clean cut; 2, Morrison, reachy, good stamp; 3, Young, cinn. mark, fine qual. and shape; 4, Todd, good bird, not ready yet; vhc, Richards. HEN (10): 1, Young, fine pos. and qual.; 2, Morrison, liner drawn, straight and clean; 3, Hale and Gaul, fine col. and pos.; 4, Baldwinson and Leese, similar to 3rd; vhc, he, Stewart; c, Henderson and Crosby. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 4, Woodward, leader fine col., qual. and shape, latter good pos. and cond.; 2, Morrison, paler col., good qual. and pos.; 3, Baldwinson, tkd. neck, nice length and pos.; vhc, Brown; he, Young; c, Richardson. Hen (9): 1, Baldwinson, nice pos., qual. and length; 2, Henderson and Crosby, fine order, good length and pos.; 3, Bradley, finely drawn, nice length; 4, Morrison, stouter, not so shapely; vhc, Baldwinson; he, Young; c, Brown. VARIEG. (11): 1, Morrison, capital col., qual. and pos., rare car., mark yell., 2nd best in show; 2, Baldwinson, wings, head and eyes buff, fine pos., nicely drawn; 3, Stewart; rare col., fine type, grand pos.; 4, Bradley, cinn. mark, fine order; vhc, Henderson and Crosby; he, Large; c, Hale and Gaul. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Baldwinson, cl., finely made, capital qual.; 2, Large, cl., good type and pos., and nicely drawn; 3, Baldwinson and Leese, uneven, good in shape and pos.; 4, Wilkinson, cl., nice pos.; vhc, Higgen; he, Henderson and Crosby; c, Large. BUFF (8): 1, Wilkinson, fine col. and pos., nicely drawn; 2, c, Large, good qual., nice length; 3, Seward, pale col., nice pos.; 4, Henderson and Crosby, tkd. wing, hot col., well drawn; vhc, Coulson; he, Henderson and Crosby. NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Harrison, cl., finely drawn, rare pos., takes sp. best in novice sec.; 2, Bourdy, similar in type; 3, Dr. Allan, good pos., not quite ready; 4, Miss Winder, good type and pos., nice length; vhc, Morgan; he, Kent; c, Baynes, HEN (5): 1, Luxton, fine pos. and qual., nice length; 2, Baynes, shade smaller, nice pos.; 3, Currie, reachy, bit unsteady; 4, Barrie, good col., nice pos.; vhc, Allan. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Boundy, tkd. neck, rare col., cond. and feather; 2, Baynes, fine stamp and pos., well braced; 3, L. Allan, stouter, not so shapely; 4, Barrie, heavy built, similar to 3rd; vhc, Miss Winder; he, Cook and Madge; c, Dr. Allan. HEN (9): 1, Luxton, fine qual., neat head, nicely cut away; 2, Barrie, paler col., nice shape and pos.; 3, Worrall, similar to 2nd; 4, L. Allan, nice stamp, good pos.; vhc, he, Currie; c, Baynes. VARIEG. (14): 1, vhc, Morgan, heavily varieg. yell., good pos. and shape, well up; 2, Pritchard, shapely varieg. buff, fine pos.; 3, Mulliner, 3-pointed buff, beautiful feather, racy; 4, Harrison, mkd. buff, good shape and pos.; he, Meads; c, Currie. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Boundy, tkd. wing buff, good col. and pos., well set up; 2, Barrie, hot col. yell., fine cond., good pos.; 3, Luxton, cinn. mark buff, shapely, good qual.; 4, Pritchard, shapely yell., fine stamp; vc, Currie; he, c, Baynes.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Turner, good head, fine qual., hot col., fine size; 2, Johnson, hot col., good feather, type and cond., well shown; 3, he, Fielding; 4, Mrs. Tweddle, both similar in type, fine col., well rounded bodies; vhc, Wagstaff; c, Higginson and Haywood. HEN (6): 1, 3, McFarlane, 3-pointed, fine feather, shape and col.; 2, Godley, fine stamp; 4, Turner, similar bird; vhc, Fielding. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Mitchell, hot col., full rounded body, good size and feather; 2, Pill, good shape, fine chest, feather and cond.; 3, Nicholson, Bros. and Stephenson very similar; 4, he, McFarlane, close up to leaders; vhc, Godley; c, Johnson. HEN (10): 1, Huggins, head tkd., good shape, fair size and feather; 2, Godley, good type; 3, 4, Higginson and Haywood, both excellent shape and feather; vhc, Wilkinson; he, c, McFarlane. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Wagstaff, bouncing bird, good shape, clean and good all over; 2, vhc, Fielding, neck and eye grizzle, good one, fair shape; 3, Wilkinson, wings and neck, big, full rounded; 4, Turner, hot col. cl., fine shape; he, Johnson; c, Godley. BUFF (6): 1, Fielding, mkd. tail, hot col., fine size; 2, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, cl., shapely; 3, Seward, mkd. wings, good stamp, fine shape; 4, Johnson, cl., good col., slimmer than leaders; vhc, Godley; he, Wagstaff. VARIEG. (10): 1, Johnson, heavily varieg. buff, big bouncing one, rare body and head; 2, 3, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, varieg. yell. and 3-ptd. yell., both fine type, rare col., good size; 4, Turner, varieg. yell., good feather, col. and shape; vhc, Wagstaff; he, Godley; c, McFarlane. NOV. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Raeside, hot col., fine size and shape; 2, Neale, similar shape; 3, Dr. Allan, good col. and cond.; 4, Curphy, fine bird, but rougher than leaders; vhc, Rainford. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Curphy, grizzle head, fine type and size; 2, 4, Neale, leader cl., nice shape and size, latter smaller and bit rough; 3, L. Allan, smaller, fine feather. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Huggins, cl., fine size, good head and body; 2, Curphy, good stamp; 3, he, Neale, mkd. head, fails in chest; 4, Dr. Allan, cl., similar to 3rd; vhc, Taylor, c, Rainford. HEN (4): 1, Skillicorn, fine qual., smooth and round; 2, Neale, grizzle root of tail, good shape; 3, Kent, not the finish; 4, Curphy. VARIEG. (2): 1, Rainford, good shape; 2, Dr. Allan, mkd. head, good qual., pale col. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 3, Weston, yell. leading, good type, latter hot col. yell., good pos.; 2, Curphy, varieg. buff, good shape and pos.; 4, Dr. Allan, mkd. wing buff, good bird; vhc, Skillicorn; he, c, Neale. CINN. CK. (6): 1, vhc, Godley, fine feather, col. and cond., buff; 2, 4, Mrs. Tweddle, larger, good col. and shape; 3, he, Wagstaff. HEN (6): 1, Mrs. Tweddle, good size, col. and feather, nice shade and sheen, bad claw; 2, 4; vhc, Godley, buff, nice stamp; 3, he, Wagstaff, smaller, fine shape. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 4, Godley, leader lovely texture and shade of feather, rare col.; 2, yell., not the finish of winner; 3, Wagstaff, buff, neat shape. BORDER CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (20): 1, McLaughlin, neat, bonny qual., line shape; 2, Little, again fine type, qual. and cond.; 3, 4, Shackley, rare feather, cond. and type; vhc, Nelson; he, Bennet; c, Nicholson. HEN (18): 1, Bennet, fine qual., lovely shape, neat; 2, Stewart, neat head, fine type; 3, Patterson; 4, Cunningham, two fine qual. birds, well fitting wings; vhc, McFarlane; he, Hay; c, Watson. BUFF CK. (24): 1, Bennet, medal winner, fine type and qual., beautiful wings and neat tail, well shown; 2, c, Gill, nice shapely; 3, Reay, good one; 4, Nicholson, very close up; vhc, Large; he, Nelson. HEN (21): 1, Watson, neat and shapely, fine feather; 2, Wilson, similar; 3, McLaughlin, eye tkd., fine carr., good qual., type and cond.; 4, Reay, again good type and feather; vhc, Bennet; he, Large; c, Smart. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, Nicholson, 4-pointed cinn. mark leading, and uneven, both fine qual., type, and good cond.; 3, Spratt; 4, mkd., fine col., qual. and type; 4, Heslop, uneven, nice one all over; vhc, he, J. S. Wilson; c, Shackley. HEN (6): 1, Nicholson, cinn. mark, fine shape, neat and good; 2, Watson, 4 mkd., good one; 3, W. S. Wilson, 3-pointed, eyes and wing; 4, Cunningham, shapely; vhc, Lancaster; he, Large. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Nicholson, 3 pointed, eyes and wing, fine qual.; 2, Watson, head and wings, nice qual., fails in head points; 3, Jones, 3-point; 4, W. S. Wilson, eye and wing, both birds of all-round Border qualities; vhc, Large; he, McLaughlin; c, Dockerty. HEN (11): 1, Heslep, eyes and one wing, rare type and qual.; 2, 4, J. S. Wilson, head and wing, fine shape and style; 3, Watson, wings and eye; vhc, Nicholson; he, Large; c, Dockerty. EVEN MARK (14): 1, Jones, yell., well balanced eyes and wings, fine col. and qual.; 2, c, Nicholson, buff hen, nice type, markings and feather; 3, Nelson, yell. hen, neat; 4, McFarlane, buff, weak in eyes, fine feather, nice type; vhc, Edmundson; he, McClue and Hilston. Better marked birds were in the preceding variegated classes than the majority in this, the even-mark, class. CINN. YELL. CK. (13): 1, W. S. Wilson, fine texture and col., well laced; 2, Patterson, similar; 3, Newby; 4, Middleton, both typical, nice shade, and well shown; vhc, Clare; he, Ferguson; c, Whitelaw. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Newby, fine lacings and col., neat shape; 2, Houston, good one; 3, W. S. Wilson; 4, Patterson, close up to winner; vhc, Edmundson; he, Glass; c, Whitelaw. BUFF CK. (13): 1, W. S. Wilson, fine feather, neat wings and tail, nice shade of gold; 2, Whitelaw, not far behind; 3, c, Mossop; 4, vhc, Clare; he, Newby. HEN (10): 1, Glass, neat all over; 2, Goldbeck, fine qual. and col.; 3, Whitelaw, neat and good; 4, W. S. Wilson; vhc, Houston; he, Middleton; c, Patterson. NOV. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Raeside, typical, neat, fair qual.; 2, Cook and Adams, good one, shapely, well put down; 3, Atkinson, tkd., fine feather, good type; 4, Nicholson, neat; vhc, Elliott; he, Tranter; c, Newby. HEN (16): 1, Warburton, fine qual., neat head; 2, Croft and Halgreaves; 3, Eckersley, both clears, fine feather, neat; 3, Roberts, nice one; vhc, Kent; he, Cook and Adams; c, Tranter. BUFF CK. (26): 1, vhc, Eckersley, fine qual., good shape, gets wings over occasionally; 2, Tranter, fine shape, feather and cond.; 3, Cook and Adams, taking one, neat and good; 4, Atkinson, tkd. head, stylish; he, Raeside; c, Warburton. HEN (20): 1, vhc, Croft and Halgreaves, tkd. head, beautiful feather and type; 2, Tranter; 3, Cook and Adams; 4, Mullins; all typical, good feather, and stylish; he, Warburton; c, Heslop. VARIEG. (13): 1, Johnson, wings and eye mkd. yell., fine type, nice sheen, rare order; 2, Cook and Adams, mkd. head buff, well made; 3, Smith, uneven yell., nice pos. and feather; 4, Croft and Halgreaves, shade small, nice shape; vhc, Lancaster; he, Heslop Bros.; c, Lennox. GREEN YELL. CK. (13): 1, Johnson, nice type, fine shade of col.; 2, Whitelaw, similar; 3, Shackley, nice stamp, shade finer; 4, Willison, taking exhibit; vhc, Eadie; he, Montgomery; c, Reid. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Middleton, clean cut all over, neat and stylish, fine col.; 2, Johnson; 3, Heslop Bros.; 4, Montgomery; all typical and good; he, Smith; c, Willison. BUFF CK. (19): 1, Montgomery, fine col. and qual., nice lacings, gets wings over; 2, Johnson, similar; 3, Reid, neat and round, fine carr.; 4, Smith, nice col. and lacings; vhc, Ferguson; he, Blackie; c, Middleton. HEN (12): 1, Johnson, nice lacings, col. and qual., fine shade; 2, Heslop Bros., lengthy one, good feather; 3, Smith; 4, Reid; two nice ones, fair qual.; vhc, he, Middleton; c, Willison. SCOTCH FANCY CK. (6): 1, Ellwood, cl. buff, stylish, nervy, neat head, grand pos.; 2, vhc, Willison, W., green, reachy, good pos.; 3, 4, he, Willison, R., flecked yell. and buff, stylish, showy birds; not ready yet. HEN (6): 1, 2, he, Willison, R., flecked yell. and foul buff, in order, rare pos., gets head well forward; 3, 4, Ellwood, green and flecked buff; vhc, Willison, W.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (12): Rare good class. 1, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, "Northern Star," looking grand, wins special best in show; 2, Dr. Wilson, pretty Redpoll-Bullfinch; 3, McQuiston, very smart mkd. yell. Goldf.-Can., A1 form; 4, he, Martin and Archer, Greenf.-Chaffinch, and the old clear Linnet-Can., the latter showing signs of hard work done; vhc, c, Alexander. DARK GOLDF. or LINNET (9): 1, McQuiston, A1 yell. Goldf.-Can., grand col.; 2, Wagstaffe, good yell. Linnet Can.; 3, 4, Whitney, yell. Goldf.-Can. and fine bouncing buff Linnet Can.; vhc, Fisher; he, Wilson; c, Cartledge. A.O.V. (6): 1, McQuiston, grand yell. Greenf.-Can., a gem; 2, Drabble, A1, big buff, grand order; 3, Wagstaffe; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Dr. Wilson; he, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson. GOLDF. or BULLF. (18): Fine lot. 1, Dr. Wilson, great Bullf., in pink of condition; 2, Southward, Goldf., fine blaze, well up in col., good moons and bars; 3, Marello, pretty Bullf., in fine order; 4, Alexander, nice Goldie, coming on in col. and cond.; vhc, Curphy; he, Neale; c, Waters. LINNET, H.M. (20): Good class. 1, 4, McQuiston, good ones, both in top form; 2, Cartledge, bouncing bird, fine shape, markings, etc.; 3, Fisher, good size, shape and markings; vhc, Johnson; he, c, Hale and Saul. F.M. (12): 1, 2, Marello, a topper leading, very large, A1 col. and markings, wins hands down; 3, McQuiston, smaller, nice cond.; 4, he, Miss Winder, good ground work; vhc, c, Seward. GREENF. (7): 1, Drabble, grand bird, fine size, shape, col. and cond.; 2, Raine, good shape, fine feather; 3, Marello and Son; 4, Curphy; vhc, Skillicorn; he, Reay; c, Brown. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, Waters, very smart, grandly put down, fine qual.; 2, Shackley, fine bib, col., markings and cond.; 3, 4, Lambie, both in fine cond.; vhc, Mackie; he, Lilley Bros.; c, Johnson. TWITE, ETC. (8): 1, c, Waters, good sized Twite, full of markings, deep tone of dark col.; 2, Stafford, fine Siskin, good markings and cond.; 3, 4, Mackie, good Mealy Redpoll and smaller Twite; vhc, he, Marello and Son. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, Lilley Bros., a good one in all respects, fine spangle, shape, markings and cond.; 2, Waters, very nicely marked, good colours and fine cond.; 3, Stafford, another good Bramble; 4, he, Fisher, Chaffinch, well up; vhc, Johnson; c, Raine. A.O. HARD.: 1, J. Johnson, grandly mkd. Yellow Bunting, in fine bloom and cond.; 2, Lambie, another Yellow Bunting, in nice order; 3, W. H. Johnson; 4, Stewart. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 4, Wellings, fine Cornish Chough, and a Wheatear; 2, Gregory, nice 'Gale, in good order; 3, Wilkins, very fine Thrush, well spotted, in fine order; vhc, Shackley; he, Marello and Son. HEN 12): 1, Wellings, richly fed Thrush; 2, McQuiston, good Bramble; 3, Gentleman, good Bullf.; 4, Lilley Bros.; vhc, Brown; he, Wilson; c, Johnson. SELL. (10): 1, vhc, Wear; 2, Skellicorn; 3, Conlson; 4, Dr. Allan; he, Wellings; c, Large. GIFT (5): 1, Currie; 2, Smith; 3, Johnson; 4, Woodward; vhc, Wellings.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Dec. 6 and 7 the Birmingham C.B.S. held their annual exhibition in the large room of the Crown Hotel. Although a spacious hall it was none too large for the seven hundred and fifty birds sent in for competition, but by careful and judicious staging the birds were nicely arranged without undue crowding, so that it was possible to see every exhibit with ease. The weather was unfortunately unusually bad, a very heavy fog hanging over the city all day, so that it was decided to judge the birds by artificial light, this, of course, told against birds of colour, and would possibly account for some good ones being put back.

Norwich were a splendid lot, the collection containing many well-known birds, sent in by equally well-known exhibitors. A bird that attracted a good deal of attention was the grizzle backed buff of Messrs. Stubbs Bros. It was again entered in the marked or variegated class, and accepted as such by the Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. The Cheltenham firm also won well in the two unflighted cock classes, the heavily variegated buff taking the eye of all lovers of a good bird; he has wonderful substance and feather, and should do well in the stock room. Messrs. Gough and Loach, Bennett, Eckersley, Godley, etc., all sent in some remarkably good specimens. The novice classes were quite "hot stuff," the six classes having an average of twenty-one birds.

Yorkshires were splendid as was only to be expected when such men as Messrs. Dykes, Hartley, Wells, and Clempson, Hirst, Dr. Craig, etc., were sending in some of their best. We noticed among the exhibitors a South country firm, Messrs. Frost and Rogers, all the way from Brighton, and so well did their birds compare with the Northern specimens, that with some half dozen entries, they managed every time to get either in the money or the cards, quite a creditable performance. Here again the novices made a big show, every class being well filled with excellent examples.

Hybrids and British were an interesting lot, well known winners competing once more. Mr. Chick's clear Greenfinch-Canary attracted a lot of attention. The same exhibitor had winners in several other classes. Mr. Parlett's Linnet and Mr. Gibbon's Bullfinch both repeated their Cardiff successes.

The management was excellent, particularly remembering the difficulty show managers and secretaries have in getting assistance at these times, but Messrs. A. C. Sbirley, J. Bastock, and J. H. de Maillet rose to the occasion, and everything went off splendidly, assistance was freely given by Messrs. Ward, Wells, Derry, Westwood, A. J. Smith, and W. Smith, also Messrs. Collier and Fessy, who erected the staging. Mr. J. H. Roe judged Norwich, Champ. Yorks., and Crests, and Mr. H. Norman the remainder. We are pleased to be able to report that the attendance was excellent.

MR. J. H. ROE'S CLASSES.

NOR., CL. OR TKD., YELL. (9): 1, 2, Gough and Loach, two splendid specimens, massive and thick set, good bold heads, and nice cobby bodies, short flights and excellent feather, very little between them; 3, Stubbs Bros., grand size and type, short thick neck, deep front, grand qual. feather; 4, Buckingham and Sears, an old South country winner, big, bold bird, rare head and neck, hot col., and lovely qual.; vhc, Bastock; he, Hathaway; c, Turner. BUFF (11): 1, Stubbs Bros., grand exhibit, very short, deep, full body, short flights, bold head and neck, A1 qual.; 2, c, Cook, beauty, hard to find fault with, scarcely in the condition of winner; 3, he, Eckersley, lovely type and style, nicely proportioned throughout, plenty of subs., grand qual.; 4, Bastock, good on points, well rounded, nice style, bold head, scarcely the polish; vhc, Taylor. VAR. (16): 1, Stubbs Bros., back mkd., excellent size, full head and neck, good breadth of shoulders, grand qual., well shown; 2, Bennett, var. yell., fine subs., nicely proportioned, short, well laced flights, sound col. and cond.; 3, Laidlow, eye and wing mkd., fine subs., well filled in all through, nice style and qual., grand cond.; 4, Day and Sturger, bold var., fine subs., well put together, excellent qual. of feather; vhc, he, Eckersley; c, Hathaway. YELL. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Raby, lovely cl., stylish and typical, grand size, short and fully feathered, lovely qual.; 2, Buckingham and Sears, beauty, hot col. for a lady, gracefully bent, bold, full head, neat wings and tail; 3, Stubbs Bros., close up, nicely proportioned, good subs., lovely qual.; 4, Gough and Loach, typical, good head, back, and wings, nice depth; he, Eckersley; c, Godley. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Godley, short, well built, bold head, neck, deep front, nice short wing, grand cond.; 2, Raby, lovely var., fine subs., well proportioned and filled in, lovely qual. feather; 3, Stubbs Bros., grand head tkd., good size and type, nice depth, short wings and tail, A1 cond.; 4, Day and Sturger, var., grand subs., and qual., scarcely so good in head, still useful; vhc, he, Eckersley; c, Lewis. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Stubbs Bros., grand size for a youngster, nicely put together, bold full head and neck, nice style, A1 qual.; 2, Bennett, nice wing mkd., good size, capital depth of body, neat wings, fine cond.; 3, Derry, evidently a hen, but a good one, beautifully proportioned, nice style, capital qual. feather, full front; 4, vhc, Cowley; he, Day and Sturger; c, Hathaway. BUFF (13): 1, Stubbs Bros., heavy var., grand subs., bold full head and neck, nice cones haped body, good wings, well carried tail, fine qual., takes perches well; 2, vhc, Eckersley, cap and back grizzled, beautiful type, not quite so massive, but equal on points, shows breeding of high quality, looks a pedigree bird, a charming exhibit; 3, Godley, head tkd., fine subs., nice style, well filled in, neat head, nice short wings; 4, Day and Sturger, nice cl., shade less massive, but excellent type and lovely qual.; vhc, Elliott; c, Gough and Loach. HEN (14): 1, Elliott, very fine head mkd., good size, typical, well rounded, neat wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, Laidlow, nice type and size, full head and neck, good qual. feather; 3, Bastock, eye mkd., grand size for a young yell., beautifully filled in, stylish, good shoot away, takes perches well, we liked immensely; 4, Cook, very fine bird, but not in the best possible cond., lovely type and size; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; he, c, Eckersley. NON-FED (10): 1, Sharman, fine bold green, good size and type, nice head, neat wings and tail; 2, Morrell, good back mkd., nicely put together, bold head and neck, fine cond.; 3, Hathaway, cl., fine size, wee shade longer, but nice full head and good wings, excellent qual.; 4, Turner, foul green, fine size, nicely put together, bold head, good depth of body, capital feather. NOV., YELL CK. (19): 1, Cbeadle, grand size and subs., fine bold head, full neck, nice depth of body, sound col. and qual.; 2, Jeffreys, excellent, cl., short, thick set, neat, full head, nicely rounded, lovely cond.; 3, Burn, cl., good size, full body, neat head and wings, fine qual.; 4, Johnson, bold bird, excellent type, neat head, nice style; vhc, J. Johnson; he, Copeland; c, Pearson. BUFF (25): 1, Wilson, lovely cl., grand size and type, neat, closely braced wings, A1 cond.; 2, Hughes, excellent type, full head and neck, nice depth, fine qual.; 3, Dean, cap mkd., good size, well filled in all round with capital wings and tail, nice qual.; 4, Smith, var., grand subs., neat head, good wings, fine qual.; vhc, Johnson; he, Westwood; c, Goyder. HEN (32) 1, vhc, Twelvetrees, very fine var., leading, grand depth and width of body, neat wings and tail, very fine qual.; 2, Dean, beauty, lovely type and style, neat, full head and neck, grand qual.; 3, Tiney, cl. yell., grand subs., well built on good Norwich lines, capital wings, fine qual.; 4, Hughes, good cl., excellent type and style, nice cond. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Hughes, fine hold, cl., good subs., nicely proportioned, well filled in head and neck, good qual.; 2, Thompson, good cl., nice depth of body, neat wings and tail, excellent qual.; 3, Miss Miller, very fine tkd., nice size and subs., neat head and wings, fine cond.; 4, Crabtree, good, cl., fine size and type, nice qual. of feather; vhc, Bradley; he, R. Hughes; c, Morrell. BUFF (23): 1, Copeland, bold, full body, good head and neck, capital wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, Tiney, capital cl., good subs., good shoulders and back, neat wings, A1 cond.; 3, Johnson, good cl., bold, fine size, good full front, sound qual.; 4, Harrison, not quite so massive, but very typical, good head and neck; vhc, Roberts; he, Parvin; c, Matthews. YORKS., YELL. (15): 1, Bennett, fine type and style, grand shoulders, well cut away, good legs; 2, Dr. Craig, big, cl., grand col. and qual., good head and shoulders, well filled in, nice style, must have pressed; 3, Wells and Clempson, grand length and style, nice head and shoulders, well up on legs, excellent qual.; 4, Helliwell, beauty, fine style, nicely filled in, good length of wings; vhc, Price; he, Cowley; c, Holliday. BUFF (15): 1, Baldwinson, neck tkd., of real merit, beautifully proportioned and filled in, neat head and neck, good shoulders, grand length of wing; 2, Hirst, excellent wing mkd., wonderful length, good legs, clean cut to a smart tail, grand qual.; 3, Johnson, lovely cl., neat stylish, fine length of body, nicely balanced, clean cut, grand cond.; 4, Gibbons, very fine cl., capital length and style, well filled in, fine qual.; vhc, Hartley; he, Helliwell; c, Hawling. VAR. (17): 1, Dykes, head and wing mkd., lovely type and style, nicely proportioned, grand length of wings, A1 qual., in the pink; 2, Smith, grand var., wonderful length and style, good pos., well up on legs, grand qual.; 3, Frost and Rogers, typical, upstanding, nicely balanced, excellent wings, hot col., full of qual.; 4, Hartley, fine length and style, neat head, good shoulders; vhc, Bennett; he, Wells and Clempson; c, Lane. HEN., YELL. (10): 1, Hartley, very fine, grand length of side, neat head, good wing carr., excellent qual.; 2, Dykes, fine upstanding cl., neat head, nice bit of shoulder, good legs, clean cut; 3, Wells and Clempson, lovely cheek mkd., fine length, smart and stylish, neat wing carr., A1 cond.; 4, Midgley, var., fine length, good head, back, and wings, nice qual. feather; vhc, Price; he, Lane; c, Dr. Craig. BUFF: 1, Dr. Craig, lovely cl., beautifully balanced and filled in, neat head and neck, good shoulders, smart wings and tail; 2, Lane, stylish, excellent type, nice length of size, well up on legs, fine qual.; 3, Dykes, smart and upstanding, nice shoulders and wings, neat tail, sound cond.; 4, Frost and Rogers, good cl., fine size, neat head and neck, good length of wing, capital qual.; vhc, Bennett; he, Wells and Clempson; c, Hartley. UNFLIG., YELL. (18): 1, Wells and Clempson, very fine exhibit, grand length and pos., good head and wings, nice shoulders, excellent qual.; 2, Dr. Craig, lovely cl., hot col., beautifully balanced, stylish, on good legs, grand cond.; 3, Cowley, hot col., fine length, good pos. and style, capital length of wings, lovely qual.; 4, Baldwinson, grand length, clean cut and stylish, good head and wings, fine qual.; vhc, Dykes; he, c, Lane. BUFF (21): 1, Hurst, good length, nice head and shoulders, good length of wing, neat tail; 2, Price, another beauty, nicely balanced and filled in, clean cut, stylish, lovely qual.; 3, Wells and Clempson, grand length, fine pos., good shoulders and back, nice length of wing; 4, Cowley, smart, typical and stylish, well up on leg, capital qual. feather; vhc, Frost and Rogers; he, Midgley; c, Dr. Craig. HEN (22): 1, Hartley, a beauty, grand length, nicely balanced, and filled in, clean cut, good length of legs, excellent qual.; 2, he, Wells and Clempson, very fine yell., grand length, neat head and neck, good shoulders and wings; 3, [illegible]

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cond.; 3, Mrs. Holliday, upstanding buff, fine length, neat head, capital shoulders, well braced wings, A1 qual.; 4, Baldwinson, smart wing tkd., good length, clean cut, nice pos.; vhc, Lane; c, Hirst. NOV., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Farrall, very fine cheek mkd., wonderful length, good head and wings, nicely filled back, A1 cond.; 2, Pitt, lovely cl., grand length, smart and upstanding, good length of wings, grand qual., close up; 3, ——, very smart, cl., stylish, clean cut, good length of wing, capital legs; 4, Wright, capital length and style, neat head and neck, excellent qual.; vhc, c, Clark. GREEN, BUFF (9): 1, 3, Clark, lovely cl., fine length, good head, shoulders, and wings, grand qual. feather; 3, similar, neat head, not quite the finish; 2, Sawer Bros., smart, upstanding cl., fine length and style, good head, excellent wing carr., fine cond.; 4, Pitt, good one, stylish, good pos., scarcely the length of body, capital wings, fine qual.; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Green; c, Hawkesford. HEN (15): 1, Green, lovely 4-ptd., grand length and style, neat head and wings, clean cut, excellent qual.; 2, Farrell, good yell., bit pale in col., wonderful length, grand shoulders and wings, good pos.; 3, Wilson, smart, cl., lengthy and typical, well up on legs, clean cut, fine qual.; 4, Page, good yell., fine length, neat head and neck, capital wings; vhc, Farrell; hc, Sheldon; c, Sawer Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, c, Pritchard, very fine cl., grand length and style, neat head and wings, capital shoulders, nicely drawn; 2, Clark, capital length, sound qual. feather, good wings, well up on legs; 3, Green, good cl., smart and upstanding, nice length of wings, sound cond.; 4, Page, very smart, foul cinn., capital length and style, good pos., excellent qual.; vhc Swindon; hc, Sheldon. BUFF (25): 1, Clark, good length, neat head and neck, good shoulders and back, grand qual. feather; 2, Green, very smart var., nice type and style, smart wing carr., nicely drawn, neat tail; 3, Jelsley, fine long bird, well balanced and filled in, good length of wing, excellent qual.; 4, vhc, Green, smart and typical, well drawn, capital wings; hc, c, Swinden. CREST (6): 1, Smith, magnificent, capital size, well formed crest, of good density, neatly centred and veined; 2, Whyatt, capital variegs., good droop, nicely packed with thick leafy feather, fine qual.; 3, vhc, Steel, fine crest, of good weight, not particularly well formed, but fine size and qual.; hc, Gilbert. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Steel, leader, massive wing mkd., good broad skull, well packed with fine qual. feather; 3, Smith, lovely cl., capital size, good head, nicely packed and lashed, broad entrance, nicely furnished at back; 4, Barker, foul tailed green, fine size, nicely formed skull, well domed, good quality feather. 1916 (3): 1, 3, Steel, foul tail, green, of merit, grandly formed crest of good size, neat centre and droop, unfortunately somewhat damaged in transit; 2, Edwards, good var., nice size and shape, neatly formed headpiece of nice qual., good droop. C.B. (3): 1, Edwards very fine cl., shapely, good size, capital entrance, nice width of skull, well packed; 2, 3, Steel, two very fine greens, nice subs., capital heads, broad, shapely skulls, good qual. NOV. (8): 1, Dunn, very fine var. crest, neatly formed head, nicely drooped and centred, capital qual. feather; 2, 4, Mrs. Madagaw-Hart, lovely C.B., fine bold bird, good head, nice entrance, well packed and lashed; 4, nice var. crest, good size and shape, nicely drooped, capital centre, fine qual. feather; 3, Wilson, var. C.B., well feathered, nice full head, well lashed and filled in.

MR. NORMAN'S CLASSES.

CINN. (8): 1, Hartup, very fine bold buff, nice shapely bird, shows well, good bold head and front, nice rich cinn. col., beautifully burnished; 2, 3, vhc, Godley, lovely, richly col. yell., good size and shape, well formed head and neck, well filled front, lovely qual.; 3, bold, massive buff, magnificent head and neck, scarcely so rich in col. as winner; 4, Brown, richly coloured yell., fine subs., neat head and neck, good qual. feather; hc, Mrs. Tweddle; c, Derry. 1916 (4): 1, 2, 3, Godley, magnificent team, very fine yell., leading, grand depth of col. and good size, followed by a couple of very fine buffs of sound qual., richly coloured; 4, Derry. BORDS., YELL.: 1, Messer, very fine 4-ptd., neatly built, well proportioned, and filled in, stylish, grand qual.; 2, Madagan, charming, nice size, neat head and neck, well braced wing, lovely qual. feather; 3, Philpot, neat, nicely proportioned and filled in, excellent qual.; 4, vhc, Elston, neatly put together, good wings and tail; hc, Bennet; c, Edgar. BUFF (8): 1, Elston, beautifully moulded, neat head and neck, nice clean front, full of polish; 2, Madagan, another beauty, close up, neatly built, stylish and free, lovely qual.; 3, vhc, Bennet, beauties, beautifully typical, clean fronts, tightly braced wings, leader grand qual. and cond.; 4, hc, Philpot, stylish and fine neat head, smart wings, excellent cond. HYBRID, LIGHT: 1, Chick, cl. Greenf.-Can., sound, rich yell., shapely and good qual., a charming exhibit; 2, Gilbert, lovely, nearly cl. Goldf.-Can., shapely, beautifully modelled, nice boxy feather, capital col.; 3, Locke, lightly mkd., fine size, nicely proportioned, good touch of col., lovely qual.; 4, Gorton, var., capital size and qual. DK. (20): 1, Parlett fine hold bird, nicely built, neat full head, beautiful col. throughout, capital wings, lovely qual.; 2, Mrs. Fisher, capital Siskin, neat, tight feather, good size, good wings, and well laced; 3, Oldham, fine bold Greenf., good size and shape, nicely proportioned, excellent qual. feather; 4, Taylor, good Goldf.-Can., fine bold buff, good rich well cut blaze, densely mkd., fine qual.; vhc, Gorton; hc, Smith; c, Tonks. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gilbert, splendid Greenf.-Bullf., big, bold bird, nice full head, massive, body, excellent wings, sound in col. and qual.; 2, smart Bramble-Chaffinch, neat, well built, lovely col. and cond.; 3, Oldham, smart Linnet-Bullf., nice size and shape, good breast col.; 4, Reynolds; vhc, Gorton. GOLDF. (19): 1, Bowler, nice size, good bold head, expansive square cut blaze of excellent col., in fine fettle; 2, Alexander, looks like the Cardiff winner, capital size, well built, good square cut blaze, in good order; 3, Leadbetter, smart bird, fine size and shape, good bold head, nicely col. face., well polished; 4, Alderslade and Clark, good, well cut blaze, capital wings, not quite the polish; vhc, Lilly Bros.; hc, Ward; c, Parlett. F.M. (7): 1, Simms, nice size and shape, good full face, of rich col., excellent wings; 2, 4, Torks, nice size, shapely, good bit of tanning, full, bold face, excellent col. and qual.; 3, Williams, nice exhibit, good size, neatly cut blaze, capital wings, fine cond.; vhc, Harding. BULLF. (14): 1, Gibbous, bold, full bird, grand cap, well filled in neck, capital wings, A1 qual.; 2, Barron, scarcely so large, capital shape and col., good head, lovely cond.; 3, vhc, Alexander, shade larger, but scarcely so "bully" in shape, good cap and bib, fine cond.; 4, Henshaw, shapely, good cap and wings, sound qual., hc, Chick; c, Barnes. LINNET (20): 1, Parlett, the Cardiff winner, a gem all over, and hard to find fault with, rare size, full of work, in the pink; 2, Leadbetter, lovely exhibit, scarcely so bold as winner, but beautifully proportioned, nicely laced, full of polish; 3, c, Davies, close up, shapely, good size, mkd. well throughout, lovely qual.; 4, Pygott, another good one, fine shape and cond.; vhc, Simms; hc, Brooks; c, Davies. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, vhc, Ward, fine Siskin, leading, good size and shape, neat cap, excellent wings, sound col., in lovely order; 2, hc, no name, very fine Twite, nice size, shapely, sound rich col., full of work, lovely qual.; 3, Pygott, bold Redpoll, good full head, very fine bib, nicely mkd. wings, well laced; 4, Oldham, excellent Siskin, shapely, fine cond.; c, Parlett. BRAMBLE (6): 1, 2, Chick, grand size, shapely, neatly spangled, well up in col., grand cond.; 2, another beauty, full of polish; 3, Lilley, fine exhibit, shapely, good cond., scarcely the col.; 4, Brown, good one, capital shape, nicely laced. CHAFFINCH (9): 1, Chick, rare size and shape, good cap and wings, sound rich col., fine cond.; 2, Brooks, another beauty, shapely, neatly capped, excellent wings, fine qual.; 3, Baines, bold bird, sound col., good cap and wings, nice style; 4, Alexander, good one, bold, full front, neat cap and wings; vhc, Tonks; hc, Camm; c, Gomersal. BUNTING (7): 1, 2, Chick, big Corn Bunting leading, grand full head, nicely mkd., in rare fettle; 2, Lovely yellow, richly col. and mkd.; 3, Gilbert, grand Yellowhammer, richly coloured, scarcely so good in head, but a lovely exhibit; 4, Hailstone, excellent, non-fed Yellowhammer, rare size, nicely mkd., in good order; vhc, Lilly Bros.; hc, Tonks; c, Alderslade and Clark. A.O.S. (5): 1, Chick; 2, 3, Ward; 4, Camm; vhc, Gorton. HEN (7): 1, 2, Chick, magnificent Corn Bunting leading; 2, well-known hen Hawfinch, both excellent examples, and in the pink; 3, Ward, good Bullf., shapely, fine size, neat cap and wings, fine cond.; 4, Parlett, beautiful Corn Bunting, not quite the size of winner, but full of work, grand cond.; vhc, Macpherson; hc, Keighley and Lucas; c, Reynolds. NOV. (17): 1, Cheadle, very nice Corn Bunting, capital size and shape, nicely mkd., in good order; 2, Heden, fine Hawfinch, bold bird, good full head, with nice bib, grand cond.; 3, Connie, lovely Greenf., beautifully proportioned, fine col., excellent qual.; 4, Keighley and Lucas, good bold Bullf., nice full head and neck, sound, rich breast col., in capital order; vhc, hc, Knight. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Robinson, well-known Waxwing, a gem for col. and qual., lovely cond.; 2, Chick, very fine Wheatear, beauty for size and shape, splendidly mkd., grand depth of col.; 3, Jeffreys, excellent Song Thrush, nice size and shape, very densely mkd., as tight as wax; 4, Wilkins, another good Thrush, scarcely so boldly mkd., but still a good one. FOR. (15): 1, 3, Hartshorne, two lovely exhibits, Waxbills and Silverbills, both in the pink of cond., and excellent examples of their species, 2, c, Fordred, very nice pair of Black-faced Gouldians, rich col., good size and nice cond.; 4, Gorton, good Weaver, fine size and shape, rich col. and good cond.; vhc, Jackson; hc, Mrs. Burgess.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD.

Seventh annual exhibition, Nov. 25. The Assembly Room, attached to the "Three Nuns," is of good size, nice light, and void of draughts, a capital venue. The entry came up exceedingly well, nearly 300 specimens, grandly staged, the like, all easy to scrutinize. Norwich were a very fine collection, and amongst the novices some outstanding birds were staged. Yorkshires lacked numbers, but quality was well to the fore. British were a treat, many well-known winners being on view. Hardly a moderate specimen amongst them.

Special best members' Canary, Mr. W. Bradley. Stewards, Messrs. B. Simpson, P. Potts, and J. Admitt, proved themselves a rare trio; all work with a will and deserve praise.

Mr. W. Harrison efficiently looked after the watering of the exhibits, even using luke-warm water as it was a very cold day, a creditable thought.

Messrs. A. Smith and G. Lees acted as secretaries, and though unfortunately Mr. Lees was unable to be present on show day, he had done his bit previously. Mr. L. Parson acted in his stead, and everything went smoothly.

At one end of the room the special prizes were displayed, and they were a grand lot of silver cups and cruets, and other valuable trophies. The show was well patronised. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Hawksley, cl., grand shape, qual. and col., dainty carr.; 2, Fox, shapely, good subs., A1 qual., beaten a little in col.; 3, Hawkins; 4, Simpson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hawkesley, both right stamp, cl., well up in size, capital col. and feather winner best top end; 3, Fox, red hot cl., nice shape and carr., not the size; vhc, Kew; hc, Bradley. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Simpson, very promising cl., sweet shape and carr., well clothed, good col., 2nd mkd. wing and head, capital qual., A1 col.; 3 Fox; vhc, White. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hawkesley, 1st clear, 2nd mkd. wings and eyes, both superb feather and col., good shape and size, little between them; 3 hc, White; vhc, Bradley; c, Pinkett. YELL MKD. (4): 1, Simpson, choice var., gem for qual., col., and shape; 2, Admitt, var., good all through, pressed hard; 3, Smith; vhc, White. BUFF (6): 1, Hawkins, mkd. head and tail, lovely qual. and col., grand shape and carr.; 2, H. Admitt, mkd. wings and eyes, rare col. and feather, true type, and beaten a little in subs.; 3, Simpson; vhc, Fox; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Fox, cl., magnificent col. and qual., rattling shape and size, best of carr.; 2, Admitt, cl., nice shape and qual., hardly the size or col.; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Admitt. BUFF (6): 1, Dean, cl., shapely, good size, A1 qual. and col., in the pink, 2, 3, Hawkesley, cl., grand qual. and col., nice body, not so full in head, 3rd var., cobby, smaller, rare feather and col.; vhc, Fox; hc, Bradley; c, Hawkins. GREEN (6): 1, 3, Admitt, yell. and var. buff, silky feather, good in shape, nice size and carr., gems; 2, Kew, yell. var., nice col. and feather, not so massive as 1st, still a beauty; vhc, hc, Simpson; c, Lane. NAT. COL. (6): 1, 2, Earnshaw, cl. buff, massive, capital shape, rare one for stock, 2nd mkd. neck and wing, buff, shapely, rattling qual. and size, pressed; 3, Dean; vhc, Admitt; hc, Martin; c, Smith. UNFLIG. HEN (6): 1, Simpson, sweetly moulded cl yell., A1 qual. and col., will make up well; 2, Kew, yell. var., A1 col. and qual.; grand body and wings, not the head; 3, vhc, Bradley; hc, White. NOV YELL (5): 1, White, cl., rattling shape, superior col. and feather, good size; 2, Burcumshaw, cl., wee bit longer in build, A1 qual., nice col.; 3, Bradley; vhc, Pinkett; hc, Parson. BUFF (6): 1, Green, bonny cl., good all over, in fine fettle; 2, Barrison, cl., hotter, good subs., not so bold in head; 3, White; vhc, Smith; hc, Burcumshaw; c, Ashworth HEN (6): 1, White, dainty cl. yell., A1 qual. and col., well up in size; 2, Bradley yell. green, shapely, capital right through; 3, Henshaw; vhc, Potts; hc, Smith; c, Green. UNFLIG. HEN (6): 1, Parson, very promising cl. yell., with luck should make a grand hen; 2, White, cl. buff, again one that will improve with age, we liked; 3, Bradley; vhc, Harrison; hc, White; c, Ashforth. CK. (6): 1, Bradley, yell. mkd. head, full of col. and qual., grand shape, gem; 2, Harrison, buff, best of shape, good size, A1 qual.; 3, Smith, cl., smaller, very neat; vhc, Green; hc, Ashforth; c, Henshaw. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Hawksley, very lengthy and stylish, cl. yell., smooth as wax, well on leg, 2nd cl. yell., rare stand, length, good feather, crossed wings. BUFF (5): 1, Hawksley, cl. buff, feathered to perfection, grand outline, lengthy and leggy; 2, Sawyer Bros., cl. buff, just beaten in col.; 3, Hawksley; vhc, Wall; hc, Richards. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Wall, thigh tick, straight and lengthy, A1 qual. and col., clever legs; 2, Richard, very stylish var., good pos. and length, 3, Hawksley; vhc, Sawyer Bros. BUFF (2): 1, Wall, mkd. eye, well clothed, good pos., nice length, leggy; 2, Hawksley. UNFLIG CK. (6): 1, Hawksley, cl. yell., slim and erect, superb feather and col., good length; 2, 3, Beardall and Walker, nice cl. buff and a mkd. yell., both straight and full of qual., exceedingly promising; vhc, Wall; hc, Richard; c, Kew. HEN (5): 1, Sawyer Bros., buff, mkd. head, straight and very lengthy, stands finely, gem; 2, hc, Hawksley, buff, mkd. wings and eye, grand pos., A1 qual. and col., close up; 3, Beardall and Walker; vhc, Kew. NOV. YELL. (2): 1, Kew, thigh tick, very lengthy, rare qual., stands nicely; 2, Taylor. BUFF (1): 1, Kew, tkd. head, rare length, stylish. HEN (2): 1, 2, Kew, mkd. buff and cl., both of capital pos., well clothed, good length, not much in them. UNFLIG HEN (1): 1, Kew, cl. buff, very neat. CK. (3): 1, Taylor, cl. buff, grand feather and col., straight as a rush, lovely back and wing carr., on clever legs, gem; 2, 3, Kew. BORD. BUFF (1): 1, Wilmott, cl., smooth as wax, good shape, full of action. A.O.V. (1): 1, Martin, cinn., nice shape and feather, might be better in col. MULE, DK. (5): 1, White, yell., Goldf.-Can., lovely col., nice shape and size, good face; 2, Smith, yell. Siskin-Can., fine shape and subs., capital markings, pressed hard, one we liked; 3, vhc, Lees.; hc, Lane. GOLDF. (10): 1, Leadbeater, well up in size, good shape, A1 col., large finely cut blaze of lovely shade, gem; 2, Davies, not quite so rich in face, otherwise quite equal; 3, Tilley Bros., grand one when right, down to-day, looks like the Alfreton 1st; vhc, Favell; hc, Sims; c, Kew. BULLF. (9): 1, 3, Keighley, both good shape, plenty of subs., grand caps, winner best breast col.; 2, Somersall, shapely, good size, neat dense cap, nice col. on breast, very close up; vhc, Bradley; hc, Henshaw; c, Kew. LINNET (9): 1, Leadbeater, grand shape and col., nice size, profusely and distinctly pencilled, steady as a top; 2, vhc, Sims, larger, hardly so rich in col., well mkd., nice shape; 3, Davies, capital feather and col., shapely, not quite the size, shows well; hc, Admitt; c, Lesson. GREENF. (11): 1, Sawyer Bros., rare size and shape, magnificent col. and qual., real gem; 2, Tilley Bros., shapely, rare substance, tight as a Java, beaten slightly in col.; 3, Smith, grand shape and quality, smooth as wax, very close up; vhc, Henshaw; hc, Kew; c, Conersall. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 3, Sims, hard to find fault with, one of the very best, grandly shown, 3rd not quite so good in markings, still a beauty; 2, White, shapely, nice size and qual., just beaten in markings; vhc, Keighley; hc, Leadbeater; c, Bradley. TWITE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Tilley Bros., magnificently col. Siskin, Alfreton winner, truly a topper, 2nd grandly clothed and highly col. Twite, prettily mkd., gem; 3, Smith, very nice Mealy Redpoll, fine size and shape, grand markings. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Smith, Chaffinch, rare shape and size, capital col., wee bit down, yet wins; 2, Lilley Bros., neat Bramble, good shape, nice qual. and col., neat ticking; 3, Lees, Chaff., not size of 1st, still a smart specimen; vhc, Somersall; c, Wilmott. A.O.V. (4): 1, Marsh, Hawfinch, superb feather and col., fine shape, neat bib; 2, 3, Lilley Bros., gem of a Yellow Bunting, slashing head character, A1 col. and feather, must have pressed, 3rd Reed Bunting, in capital trim, well put down; vhc, Sims. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Hailstone, well known winning Chough, lovely legs and beak, one of the best. HEN (6): 1, Sims, Bramble, in the highest possible condition, credit to owner; 2, Admitt, very fine Bullf., not a feather wrong; 3, Leeson, neat Hawfinch; vhc, Lilley Bros.; hc, Keighley; c, Lees. SELL., 12s. 6d. (13): 1, Hawksley. 7s. 6d. (10): 1, Simpson; 2, Admitt.

READING.

Fifteenth annual open show of the Reading C.B.S, in the Palmer Hall, Nov. 22. To those members who are not serving with H.M. Forces, and had decided to keep things going, the result was more than satisfactory, entries in open classes exceeding those of last year by 26, and as the foreign classes were cancelled this meant an increase of 60 birds in the other classes. Members' classes were not very strong except in the amateur classes, but when something like twenty members are doing duty elsewhere, this was to be expected.

The open Norwich were a grand lot of birds, the merit throughout being of an even standard, and the judge had no easy task in picking the winners. Yorks, too, were a capital lot, many being cardloss that will be winners later on. When the Society decided to extend the Border classes they did the right thing, for the wee gems were in force; 55 in four classes is an entry which speaks for itself, and congratulations are extended to Mr. Bennet who sent a hot team all the way from Kelso, and was the principal prize-winner. Goldfinches were poor in entry and in quality, the winner standing out high above the others. An entry of twenty-two in an A.O. British Hardbill class is "hot stuff" indeed. Mr. H. J. Chick won 1st with his noted Hawfinch, and 3rd with a beautiful Yellow Bunting; Mr. W. Francis split them with a lovely Linnet, which fully deserved the second prize. Only two Softbills, but two of the best, a Waxwing and Wheatear. Hybrids were undoubtedly the finest ever seen at Reading. Mr. F. J. Lamb's Redpoll-Bullie being a grand specimen. Dark Mules made another hot class, a Redpoll-Canary and Siskin-Canary, two very fine birds, having to go home without cards. Only five Light Mules, but the cream of the Fancy, Mr. Chick's wonderful clear yellow Greenfinch-Canary being greatly admired. This bird has turned even Mr. Chick to exhibiting other than British. If he is as successful in his new venture as he has been for many years in British he will not be sorry that he has opened out in a new direction.

In members' classes Mr. F. Wilson was the most successful exhibitor, winning the most points cup, amateur cup, and tieing with O. C. Smith for cup with most wins with own bred birds, 3 wins each. Miss C. Garland also exhibited some fine Yorks, two of them being claimed by well known breeders. To Messrs. Foster, Upton, Larkcom and Frewin all praise is due for their excellent work in staging, fetching birds from station, unpacking, and repacking birds; they worked like niggers, while Mrs. O. C. Smith gave great help in attending to the wants of birds and taking her turn with Mr. Frewin at the door. Although all worked with a will, and each did his part, much of the success of the show is due to the untiring labours of Mr. Smith, the hon. sec. Mr. Robson judged.

NOR. CL., TKD. or VAR. YELL. (9): 1, Saunders, nice cl., good bold front, nice wide head, neat carr. grand col.; 2, sp, 3, Lovegrove, former well proportioned, grand head, bit coarse in feather; 3rd, not quite so cobby, better in qual. and carr.; vhc, hc, Miles; c, Silk. BUFF (15): 1, Saunders, cl., fine build, nice wide head, good carr., grand cond.; 2, Lovegrove, better shape than winner and as good in qual., but softness let it down; 3, Mrs. Bridgwater, nice shape, good col., not so tight; vhc, Broome Bros.; hc, Rippon; c, Lowin. HEN (16): Hot class; 1, sp, Miles, charming cl. buff, beautifully proportioned, even qual. of feather, nice head, in the pink; 2, Lovegrove, tkd. yell., all there for size, sub. and col., fine type and qual.; 3, Oliver, var. buff, plenty size, fine head, neck, good front, not so compact; vhc, Olle; hc, Rippon; c, Rev. Jolliffe. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Rippon, eye mkd., good shape, nice head, good carr. and qual. of feather, should make a good one; 2, Lovegrove, cl., neat and nicely built, sweet head, good col.; 3, hc, Lewin, var., on small side, but neat and typical; c, Mrs. Bridgwater. BUFF (12): A real hot class; 1, Chandler, cl. of wonderful subs., clean cut, fine broad head, in the pink; 2, sp, Lovegrove, hd. mkd., good size and col., nice broad front, sweet head, neat carr., not quite so cobby; 3, Rippon, cl., a real good bird, inclined to cross at times, just wants handling a bit; vhc, Wren; hc, King; c, Rev. Jolliffe. YORKS, YELL. (14): 1, sp, Rumble, cl., wonderful length, straight as a rush, neat, clean cut, a regular "toff"; 2, Cooke, good model, nice even col., fine type, just a little crossed in wings; 3, vhc., Frost and Rogers, grand even col., fine feather, clean cut, finely tapered, runs 2nd hard; hc, Holliday; c, J. Pritchard. BUFF (11): 1, Hartley, grand cl., good tone of col., qual. all there, fine pos. and carr., steady, in fine order; 2, J. Pritchard, another grand cl., straight and swanky, fine silky close feather, must have pressed hard; 3, Rumble, lengthy, straight, just inclined to open at front, A1 cond; vhc, Fullford; hc, Pinnell; c, Frost and Rogers. HEN (16): A real hot class; 1, sp, Kerwood, gem for type and qual., well tapered, nicely filled neck, grand carr. and qual.; 2, Hartley, cl. buff, shapely, well drawn, neat, fine stylish pose, good col.; 3, Pitt, cl. yell., nice length, fine shape, good qual. feather, close tail, A1 cond.; vhc, Yates; hc, Holliday; c, Nichols. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Fulford, cl., one of the right sort, real waxy cond., shape, style and carr. A1; 2, Cooke, tkd., good length, lovely qual., nice appearance, A1 cond.; 3, W. O. Pritchard, nice qual., not quite so good col., neat compact wings; vhc, Harris; hc, Yates; c, Holliday. BUFF (12): 1, Harris, topping cl., fine length, straight cut, neat, clean, well finished, steady; 2, sp, Cooke, tk., good length, well filled neck, good carr., nice head, will impove; 3, Frost and Rogers, another cl., good style, plenty length, stands well up, in the pink, much admired; vhc, Holliday; hc, W. O. Pritchard; c, Nicholls. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, sp, Madagan, cl., little gem for col., type and qual., not quite the head of winner, neatly made, and good col.; 3, Marriott, good stamp, not quite so neat in feather; vhc, Bacon and Hewitt; hc, G. Bennet; c, Landon. BUFF (12): 1, Bacon and Hewitt, very nice cl., sweet and typical throughout, pretty head, well shown; 2, Bennet, fine cl., good head, in rare trim, sweet style, runs winner hard; 3, Philpot, cl., fine type, neat carr. and build, a little soft; vhc, Marriott; hc, Last; c, Madagan. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Bennet, charming cl., good head, fine carr., grand col., neat, staged in perfect order; 2, Elston, a pretty cl., close feather, fine carr., just fails in head; 3, Madagan, jaunty cl., close up for type and qual., neat carr. and style; vhc, hc, Last; c, Philpot. BUFF (18): 1, sp, 3, Bennet, former charming clear, lovely body, neat and boxy, best of qual., faultless carr., much admired; 3rd, not quite so shapely, nice head, well staged; 2, Last, cl., splendid type, fine qual. feather, good head, good carr., grand cond., presses winner hard; vhc, Madagan; hc, Elston; c, Philpot. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Edwards, cl. body Crest, nice wealth of feather, capital skull, nice droop and even spread, A1 qual., wins well; 2, 3, Gilbert, even mkd. buff Nor., not over large, nice qual. and col., little weak in head; 3rd, var. Crest, nice feather, good skull, not so neat as winner; vhc, Bacon and Hewitt; hc, c, Menty. GOLDF. (6): 1, Bowler, nice size, fine square blaze, good markings and col., an easy win; 2, Edwards, snaky to winner, nice blaze and col., good cond.; 3, Jeffrey, rather small, but neat, good blaze, fails in col.; vhc, Burrows. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 3, sp, Chick, 1st, grand Hawfinch, all that could be desired; 3rd, Yellow Bunting, beautifully mkd., nice V on head, spendid col. and cond.; 2, hc, c, Francis, Linnet, a real topper, splendid shape, pencilled beautifully, nice head, grand cond., should do some winning; vhc, Edwards. SOFTBILL: 1, Robinson, Waxwing of the first order, col. showing beautifully, very much admired; 2, Chick, Wheatear, splendid type, and grand cond. DARK MULE (12): 1, vhc, Jeffrey, Goldf.-Canary, nice shape and col., well carried wings, good qual. feather, steady; 2, 3, Gilbert, both very charming Goldf.-Canaries, shown in grand cond., former a bit better shape and col.; hc, Andrews; c, Lamb. LIGHT (5): 1, Chick, cl. yell. Greenfinch-Canary, a real marvel, parentage well shown, faultless cond., the bird of show; 2, Snow, Goldf.-Canary, very charming, nice shape, lovely qual. of feather, A1 cond.; 3, Ball, another Goldf.-Canary, not quite so neat as 2nd, but a good one; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Lamb. HYBRID: 1, 2, Lamb; 1st, Redpoll-Bullf., real topper, nice subs., splendid col., neat in feather, grand cond.; 2nd, the famous Greenf.-Chaffinch, still in the pink, but beaten hen; 3, Gilbert, typical Greenf.-Bullf., nice size, grand col., and tip-top cond. SELL., £1 (6): 1, Galloway; 2, Foster; 3, Edwards. 12s. 6d. (5): 1, Lees; 2, Smith; 3, Galloway.

THE MEMBERS' CLASSES.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Foster; 2, Smith. BUFF (2): 1, Smith; 2, Foster. HEN (6): 1, 2, sp., Smith; 3, hc, Wren; vhc, Foster. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, sp, Smith; 3, vhc, Wren. BUFF (4): 1, Church; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Wren. MULE (5): 1, 3, sp, Foster, winner a pretty Linnet-Canary; 2, hc, Shilcott; vhc, Pyke. GOLDF. (7): 1, Church; 2, 3, sp, Mrs. O. C. Smith; hc, c, Foster. BULLF. (3): 1, 2, sp, Wren; 3, Miss Garland. A.O. BRIT. (2): Wren. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, Larkcom. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, sp, Wilson; vhc, Hatch. HEN (10): 1, 2, hc, sp, Wilson; 3, Mrs. Bidmead; vhc, Hatch; c, Larkcom. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, amateur cup, 2, vhc, hc, Wilson; 3, Hatch. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, sp, Wilson; vhc, hc, Hatch; c, Larkcom. YORKS. YELL.: Shilcott. BUFF (4): 1, Miss Garland; 2, sp, Shilcott; 3, vhc, Toundrow. HEN (6): 1, 3, vhc, Miss Garland; 2, hc, Shilcott; c, Toundrow. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, sp, Miss Garland; 3, vhc, hc, Toundrow. BUFF: 2, Miss Garland. NOV. NOR. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, vhc, sp, Mrs. Bidmead; 3, Cunningham. BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs Bidmead; 3, Cunningham. YKS. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, sp, Upton; vhc, Kerwood. BUFF (4): All Upton.

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LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Annual Show, Nov. 25, Oldham Hall; 323 entries; Mr. C. A. House, judged and gave satisfaction. The birds were well staged, for which we have to thank Mr. Bunner, also thanks are due to Mr. Parsons for his kindly help throughout the day. There were many visitors, and together with our members we had quite a busy time. We would have been better in a larger hall. The specials were presented at the close of the show by our worthy chairman. We thank the donors of the specials which were highly appreciated by those who had the pleasure to win them. We regret the disappointment of our member, Mr. Bray, of Earlstown, it was purely accidental, and we hope that such will not occur in the future. The show was a huge success, financial and otherwise. The gift class realised 12s. 6d., which has been forwarded to the benefit of our wounded soldiers in the Liverpool district.

Champ., Yorks., Cl. or Tkd., Yell.: 1, 2, Algie; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Corbett; hc, c, Young. Buff: 1, Greatrex; 2, Algie; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, Young; c, Corbett. Uneven and Var. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Young; 3, Leadbetter. Yell. Hen: 1, Rowlands; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Young vhc, Algie. Buff: 1, c, Rowlands; 2, Young; 3, Corbett; vhc, hc, Thornton. Yell., Unflig.: 1, 3, Rowlands; 2, hc, Young; vhc, Algie; c, Corbett. Buff: 1, Algie; 2, Rowlands; 3, hc, Corbett; vhc, Thornton; c, Young. Green, Self. Yell.: 1, Evans; 2, Rogers; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Roberts; hc, Algie. Buff: 1, 2, Roberts; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, McDermott. Foul Yell.: 1, Young; 2, Handley; 3, Roberts. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans. Self Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Rowlands; 3, Evans; vhc, McDermott; hc, Leadbetter; c, Roberts. Buff: 1, Rogers; 2, hc, Evans; 3, c, Rowlands; vhc, Handley. Foul Yell.: 1, McDermott; 2, Handley; 3, Rogers. Buff: 1, Roberts; 2, Evans; 3, Algie; vhc, McDermott. Self or Foul. Unfligh. Yell.: 1, Rogers; 2, Rowlands; 3, Roberts; vhc, c, Evans; hc, Algie. Buff: 1, vhc, Rowlands; 2, Young; 3, Leadbetter; hc, Evans; c, Roberts. Nor., Yell.: 1, 2, hc, Dyson; 3, Thornton; vhc, Rushton; c, Metcalfe. Buff: 1, Metcalfe; 2, T. Roby; 3, Hall; vhc, Hunter; hc, Rushton; c, Phillips. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, T. Roby; vhc, Phillips; hc, Rushton; c, Hall. Buff: 1, hc, T. Roby; 2, vhc, Metcalfe; 3, Dyson; c, Rushton. Yell., Unfligh.: 1, 3, Rushton; 2, vhc, Tipping; hc, c, Metcalfe. Buff: 1, 2, Metcalfe; 3, Rushton; vhc, Thornton; hc, Tipping; c, Phillips. Green, Self Yell.: 1, Murray; 2, 3, hc, Handley; vhc, W. W. Roby; c, Tipping. Foul: 1, Lowe; 2, vhc, Lester; 3, Bache. Foul, Buff: 1, T. Roby; 2, Lowe; 3, Bache; vhc, Poole; hc, Lester. Self or Foul Yell. Hen: 1, Lowe; 2, T. Roby; 3, Handley; vhc, Murray. Buff: 1, T. Roby; 2, Lester. Yell., Unfligh.: 1, 2, Lowe; 3, Radley. Buff: 1, Tipping; 2, Murray; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Bache. Bord., Yell.: 1, Hunter; 2, vhc, Parsons; 3, Sattgrthwaite; hc, c, Bratherton. Buff: 1, Hunter; 2, vhc, Parsons; 3, hc, Bratherton; c, Satterthwaite. Yell. Hen: 1, Hunter; 2, Bratherton; 3, Parsons. Buff: 1, Parsons; 2, Hunter; 3, W. W. Roby. Green, Self or Foul Yell.: 1, Parsons; 2, W. W. Roby; 3, Collier; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, c, Bratherton. Buff: 1, Bratherton; 2, Parsons. Green, Self or Foul Yell. Hen: 1, Bunner; 2, Parsons. Buff: 1, Collier; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Parsons. Nov. Yorks., Var. Yell.: 1, Corkhill; 2, Cain; 3, Thomas; vhc, Taylor. Buff: 1, Cain; 2, 3, c, Satterthwaite; vhc, Cornhill; hc, Pool. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Taylor. Buff: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Hall; vhc, Taylor; hc, Thomas. Yell., Unflg.: 1. Hall; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, hc, Taylor; vhc, Tipping. Buff: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, Cain; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hall; c, Corkhill. Green, Self or Foul Yell. Ck.: 1, Corkhill; 2, vhc, Satterthwaite; 3, Smith and Cowan; hc, c, Bell. Buff: 1. Satterthwaite; 2, Scott; 3, Pool. Yell. Hen: 1. Scott; 2, Bell; 3, Smith and Cowan; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, Milner; c, Pool. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Bell; vhc, Smith and Cowan; hc, Scott; c, Satterthwaite. Yell. Unflig.: 1, 2, Bell; 3, Milner; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, Corkhill; c, T. R. Jones. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Milner; hc, Scott; c, Corkhill. Gold.: 1, Minoprio; 2, Algie; 3, Collier; vhc, Radley. Bullf.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Minoprio; 3, Collier. Linnet: 1, Minoprio; 2, Hall; 3, Smith and Cowan. Greenf.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Collier; 3, vhc, Minoprio. Lesser Redpoll: 1, 2 Rowlands; 3, McDermott; vhc, Minoprio; hc, Hall. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, McDermott; 3, Smith and Cowan; vhc, Handley; hc, Pool. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, vhc, c, Minoprio; 2, 3, hc, Satterthwaite. Gift: 1, Bratherton; 2, Jones. Champ., Best Yorks, Cl, Rowlands; green, Evans Nor., Cl., Metcalfe; green, Murray. Border, Bratherton. British, Minoprio. Nov., Best Yorks., Cl., Hall; green, Corkhall. Nor, cl., Dyson; green, Lowe. Border, Hunter; British, Satterthwaite. Champions, most points, classes 1 to 8, Rowlands 37, Algie 26, Young 22; 9 to 18, Rowlands 37, Evans 26, Roberts 23; 19 to 24, Metcalfe 39, Rushton, 22; 5 to 32, Handley 14, T. Roby 11; 33 to 36, Bratherton 11; 37 to 40, Collier 7, Bratherton 5; 53 to 62, Rowlands 9, Collier 7, McDermott 7. Nov., Most Points in Classes 10 to 24, Dyson 17, Tipping 10; 25 to 32, Lowe 18, Bache 6; 33 to 36, Parsons 21, Hunter 17; 37 to 40, Parsons 9, W. W. Roby 5; 41 to 46, Satterthwaite 48, Cain 14, Taylor 12; 47 to 52, Bell 34, Satterthwaite 33, Scott 12, 53 to 62, Satterthwaite 24, Hall 3.—Thos. R. Jones, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Third annual show (which it was considered advisable this year to confine to members). Kingsland Hall, Nov. 29. Despite the number of members taken for H.M. Forces, the show proved a success in every way. Entries numbered nearly 200, a very few below last year's total. A band of hard workers had the hall fixed up and decorated overnight, and all birds to hand arranged and attended. On the show morning late arrivals were staged so expeditiously that the judge was early at work, and all labels were on cages an hour before opening time, almost a record for shows. The Young Bird Cup was won by Mr. E. Chandler's wing mkd. buff Nor., which also took special 2nd best bird in show. The fine Crest of Miss Onslow took the champion Canary cup and spl best bird. Novice Canary Cup, Hartnell. British or Hybrid cup, Parsons, with a fine Goldie-Bullie. Mr. Slade becomes the owner of the Foreign Cup, winning it for the third time, his Yellow-winged Sugar Bird doing the needful, the veteran Tanager, which had won cup for two years, having to take second place. British made a goodly array, especially the Goldfinches of which there was a fine class of 15. The show was well patronised, especially in the evening, when Mrs Della Gana (vice-pres. elect) kindly presented the cups, etc. J. Robson Judged.

Nor Champ Yell Ck (6): 1, Lowe; 2, vhc Weekes; 3 White; hc Chandler; c Fellows. Buff (6): 1, 2, 3 Lowe; 2 Fellows; vhc Weekes; hc, Foyle; c, Marsh. Hen (12): 1, sp, White 2, Chandler; 3, vhc, Weekes; hc, Lowe. Unflg. Yell. (4): 1, Weekes; 2, Fellows; 3, Foyle. Buff (8): 1, cup, sp, Chandler; 2, sp, Foyle; 3, vhc, Lowe; hc, c, Fellows. Nor. Nov. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, sp, Mrs. Della Gana; 2, 3, vhc, Bucknaster. Buff (3): 1, cup, sp, Hartnell; 2, Mrs. Della Gana; 3, Baggs. Hen (6): 1, sp, 2, Mrs. Della Gana; 3, Hartnell; vhc, Bagg; hc, Marsh; c, Buckmaster. Unflg. Yell. (2): 1, 2, Sargent. Buff (3): 1, sp, Hartnell; 2, Slawson; 3, Mrs. Della Gana. Yorks. Champ. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, sp, White; 2, Fulford; 3, Gamble; vhc, hc, Gentry; c, Hayter. Buff (5): 1, Fulford; 2, Holliday; 3, Gamble; vhc, Gentry; hc, Fellows. Hen (7): 1, 3, Gamble; 2, White; vhc, Fellows; hc, Fulford; c, Hayter. Unflg. Yell. (6): 1, sp, Hayter; 2, 3, Fulford; vhc, hc, Gamble. Buff (4): 1, Fulford; 2, Gentry; 3, Holliday; vhc, Gamble. Yorks. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, A. A. Winter. Buff: 1, A. C. Winter; 2, A. A. Winter. Hen: 1, 3, A. C. Winter. 2, A. A. Winter. Unflg. Yell.: 1, sp, A. A. Winter; 2, sp, A. C. Winter. Unflg.: 1, A. A. Winter; 2, 3, A. C. Winter. Crest Champ: (5): 1, cup, sp, 2, 3, Miss Onslow; vhc, hc, Fellows. C.B. Champ.: 1, sp, Miss Onslow; 2, 3, Fellows. C. or C.B. Nov.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Wood. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Holliday; 2, Vale. Goldf. (15): 1, sp, 2, Vale; 3, Sullivan; vhc, hc, White; c, Burgum. Bullf. (8): 1, sp, Fellows; 2, Ede; 3, Marsh; vhc, c, Burgum; hc, White. Linnet: 1, Vale; 2, Fellows; 3, Burgum. Greenf. or Chaffi. (4): 1, sp, Marsh; 2, Vale; 3, Alderslade; vhc, Slawson. Siskin, etc.: (5): 1, Alderslade; 2, Mrs. Best; 3, Sullivan; vhc, White; hc, Vale. A.O. Hardbill (5): 1, sp, Mrs. Best; 2, White; 3, Alderslade; vhc, Parsons; hc, Marsh. Softbill: 1, 2, Slawson. Light Mule (5): 1, Hartnell; 2 vhc, Mrs. Best; 3, hc, Parsons. Dark (9): 1, cup, sp, Parsons; 2, White; 3, Mrs. Best; vhc, Foyle; hc, c, Sargent. Common Waxbills, etc.: 1, 3, Slade; 2, Vale. A.O. Seedeater: 1, 2, 3, Slade. A.S. Softbill: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Slade. Sell. Can.: 1, A. A. Winter; 2, Chandler; 3, vhc, Mrs. Della Gana; hc, Ede; c, Fellows.—G. J. Slade, Hon.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual Show, Headquarters, Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, on Nov. 2, Mr. J. Robson judged. 157 entries were received, a record for the past ten years, and some grand specimens were on view. Yorks and Nor. being especially good. Cups for best unflighted birds: Yorks, Bonniwell; Crests, Shepherd; Nor., Chappell, all grand specimens. British were few in number, but grand in quality.

Crest: 1, Shepherd; 2, Franz; 3, Turner. C.B.: 1, Turner; 2, Shepherd; 3, Franz. Crest, Unflig.: 1, Shepherd; 2, Franz; 3, Turner. C.B.: 1, Turner; 2, Shepherd; 3, Franz. Nor., Yell., Cl. or Tkd., Ck.: 1, 2, Burt; 3, Chappell; vhc, Bonniwell; hc, Butterfield; c, Bonniwell. Buff: 1, 2, Burt; 3, Butterfield; vhc, hc, Bonniwell; c, Chappell. Var Ck.: 1, Butterfield; 2, vhc, Burt; 3, Chappell Yell. Hen: 1, Bonniwell; 2, vhc, Butterfield; 3, c, Burt; hc, Chappell. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Butterfield; vhc, hc, Bonniwell; c, Chappell. Unflig.: 1, cup, 3, c, Chappell; 2, Burt; vhc, hc, Butterfield, a grand class, all through. Yorks.: 1, vhc, Bennett; 2, hc, c, Bonniwell; 3, Dewhurst. Buff: 1, vhc, Bonniwell; 2, 3, Clark; hc, Dewhurst. Var. Ck.: 1, Bonniwell; 2, Clark; 3, Dewhurst; vhc, Bennett Yell. Hen: 1, Bennett; 2, vhc, Bonniwell; 3, hc, Dewhurst. Buff: 1, 3, Bonniwell; 2, hc, Clark; vhc, Dewhurst. Unflig.: 1, 3, Bonniwell; 2, vhc, Benuett; hc, c, Clark. Amateur classes: All Beavington. Nov., Yell.: 1, Onslow; 2, Carr. Buff: 1, Onslow; 2, Carr; 3, Snow; vhc, Hollingsworth. Class 47: 1, Martin; 2, vhc, Onslow; 3, Carr. Class 48: 1, 2, Onslow; 3, Hollingsworth; vhc, Carr. Class 49: 1, 4, Martin; 2, 3, Carr. Unflg.: 1, 3, Carr; 3, Hollingsworth; vhc, hc, Onslow; c, Martin Yorke.: 1, 2, 3, Starsmere. Class 53: 1, Onslow; 2, Starsmere. Class 55: 1, Onslow. Class 56: 1, 2, 3, Dyett; vhc, hc, c, Onslow. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Snow, 3, Dyett; vhc, c, Starsmere; hc, Dewhurst. Goldf.: 1, Martin. Linnet: 1, Dewhurst; 2, Hollingsworth Redpoll: 1, Martin; 2, Dewhurst. Chaffinch: 1, Dewhurst. A.O. Brit., Seed: 1, 2, Dewhurst. Hen: 1, 2, Dewhurst. Insectiv., Small: 1, Dewhurst; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Dewhurst. For., Large: 1, Dewhurst.—H. Chappell, Press Correspondent.

FAIRHEAD C.B.S.

Annual show, confined to Fife, Nov. 25, New Co-operative Hall, Commercial St. This hall is well adapted for a show, being well lit, very comfortable, and free from draughts. Mr. Thomson makes an ideal sec., and had every assistance from a well seasoned show official in W. R. Gibson. They were well backed up by a hard working committee, who saw to every need of judges and birds. The judges had a hard day's work, as there was a great array of specials. There was an entry of close on 300 birds, and quality was of the best. Scotch Fancy and Norwich were both very good, as also were Borders; this variety is gathering in a great array of recruits to the fancy. Judges: Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Steuhouse, Kelty; Bord. and Nor., Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; British and Foreign, Mr. J. Mackie, Frenchie.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK.: 1, Archabald; 2, Nairn; 3, Black. HEN: 1, Nairn; 2, Black; 3, Gray. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Black; 2, Archabald. HEN: 1, Black; 2, 3, Melville. YELL. PIEBALD, OR GR. CK.: 1, Nairn. HEN: 1, Nairn; 2, Thos. Thomson; 3, Maxwell. CK.: 1, Thos. Thomson; 2, Archabald; 3, A. Gibson. HEN: 1, Thos. Thomson; 2, Melville; 3, Allan. SELL.: 1, Duncan; 2, A. Gibson; 3, Melville. COM. CAN.: 1, Russell; 2, Norris; 3, Wood. YORKS. CK., OLD BIRD: 1, Low; 2, Muir; 3, Cooper. HEN: 1, Wood; 2, Cooper; 3, Muir. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Low; 2, Cooper; 3, Christie. HEN: 1, Christie. CREST CK.: 1, Fratter and Son; 2, Brown. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Brown. HEN: 1, Brown. PLAINHEAD CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Grewar; 2, McLean; 3, Murray. HEN: 1, Foote; 2, 3, J. Thomson. BUFF: 1, J. Thomson; 2, Smith; 3, W. R. Gibson. HEN: 1, Murray; 2, J. Thomson; 3, McLaren. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Scott; 2, Grewar; 3, Murray. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Murray; 3, Stewart. UNFLIG CK.: 1, Brown; 2, Pratt; 3, J. Thomson. HEN: 1, Murray; 2, Brown; 3, J. Thomson. NONFED CK. A.C.: 1, Grewar; 2, Barclay; 3, J. Thomson. HEN: 1, 2, W. R. Gibson; 3, Grewar. SELL.: 1, W. R. Gibson; 2, Fratter and Son; 3, Scott. BORD., CL. OR TKD YELL. CK.: 1, McQue; 2, Arnott; 3, Duncan. HEN: 1, Spence; 2, Patterson; 3, Duncan. BUFF CK.: 1, Arnott; 2, Rintoul; 3, McOne. HEN: 1, Kintoul; 2, McQue; 3, Clements. GREEN OR CINN. CK.: 1, Pinnan; 2, King; 3, Spence. HEN: 1, Keddie; 2, King. MKD.: 1, Kintoul; 2, Brown; 3, McQue. HEN: 1, 3, Spence, 2, McQue. SELL.: 1, Cumming; 2, 3, McCrae. BULLF.: 1, A. Kerr. GOLDF.: 1, Purves; 2, Stocks; 3 Nicholson. GREENF.: 1, Whitbrook; 2, Keith; 3, Marnock. LINNET: 1, Low; 2, Kenniway; 3, Nicoll. SISKIN: 1, Hutchinson; 2, Keith; 3, Smart. O. BRIT., SMALL: 1, A. Kerr; 2, Raith; 3, Storrar. LARGE: 1, Milligan; 2, 3, Storrar. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Foot; 2, Malcolm; 3, J. Gourlay. DARK: 1, Grewar; 2 M. Smith; 3, Storrar. BRIT. HEN: SEEDEATER: 1, Whittroe' 2, Nicoll; 3, Adamson. FOR.: 1, Raith.

WIGAN.

Radius open show (15 miles), "Legs of Man" Assembly Rooms, Dec. 2. In a small classification a very decent entry resulted; some excellent Norwich were on view, and a fine quality lot in Yorkshires. Mr. Pomphrett's buff cock, a very grand clear bird, took special best bird, it being a toss up between this and Mr. McAndrews' old champion buff Norwich cock. Mr. Heaketh had the three Border classes all to himself with two good ones in each class. British birds were fairly decent, and some very good Norwich Greens were shown. Specials were won by Messrs. Pomphrett, Topping, Nicholls, and Johnson (2). Messrs. McAndrew and Sheard carried out official duties, and they worked well together. Plenty of visitors were streaming in as soon as the show opened at 2 p.m. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and all seemed pleased. Cl., etc., Nor. Ck. (8): 1, Nicholls, large, thick set, good head, fine col. and feather; 2, 3, McAndrew and Sheard, a cl. and a varieg., both fine type and col., and run well up to 1st; vhc, hc, Johnson; c, Hazeldine. Buff (8): 1, 2, McAndrew and Sheard, real Norwich, in grand feather and bloom; 3, G. Ball, grand cobby body; vhc, Nicholls; hc, c, Hazeldine. Hen (11): 1, vhc, Nicholls, tkd. head and wing, grand type and fine feather; 2, G. Ball, dark cap and nape, grand subs. and cond; 3, c, Johnson, cobby varieg. yell., in rare col. and feather; hc, J. Ball. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Topping, good size and type, nice cond.; 2, Jennings, bit smaller. Buff: 1, Johnson, chubby varieg., fine bloom and cond.; 2, 3, Nicholls, leader tick on head, both nice type; vhc, Hazeldine; hc, Jennings. Unflig. Hen (9): 1, vhc, McAndrew and Sheard, varieg., large, A1 all over; 2, Topping, cobby varieg., good carr., and clean; 3, Johnson, cl., good head, fine col. and cond.; hc, c, Nicholls. Nor. Grn., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, McAndew and Sheard, well known good ones. Buff: 1, McAndrew and Sheard, fine col., type and cond.; 2, E. Ball, good foul green. Hens: 1, 2, McAndrew and Sheard, both of the best; 3, vhc, E. Ball, good type and col. Yell. Yorks Ck.: 1, 2, Sharrock, leader grand slim type, clean through, well up, fine pos.; 3, G. Ball, well up, A1 style; vhc, Pomphrett. Buff: 1, sp, best bird, Pomphrett, most typical in all respects. Hens: 1, Green, varieg. buff, grand qual. and style; 2, 3, Unsworth, rare good type and carr.; vhc, W. McAndrew, bit out of condition. Unflig. Ck. (8): 1, Pomphrett, good typical Yorks; 2, Sharrock, well up in style; 3, vhc, Green, nice pair; hc, c, Unsworth. Hens (6): 1, Pomphrett, fine bird, in good cond.; 2 3, Unsworth, promising young pair; vhc, hc, Sharrock; c, Green. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Hesketh. Buff: 1, 2, Hesketh. Hens: 1, 2, Hesketh; district men must be afraid of him, surely. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Topping. Linnet, Etc. (6): 1, Gallagher, good Linnet, in nice trim; 2, Cresswell, nice moulted Lesser Redpoll; 3, Hilton, nice Linnet, smaller; vhc, McAndrew and Sheard; hc, W. McAndrew; c, Summers. Goldf., Etc. (7): 1, c, McAndrew and Sheard, both Goldf., first best all out; 2, vhc, Cresswell, good steady Bullf.; 3, Cresswell, nice Greenf.; hc, Hilton. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Hilton, nat. col. Yellow Bunting, grand head markings. Softbill: 1, 2, Summers, nice Pipit and Bearded Tit. Mule: 1, 2, 3, McAndrew and Sheard, all Goldf.-Canaries. For.: 1, Morris. Sell. £1: 1, E. Ball; 2, Nickolls. 15s.: 1. McAndew and Sheard.

Club Reports.

HULL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Nov. 30, for the purpose of forming a Roller club for Hull. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. F. Seaman; Vice Pres., Mr. B. Green; Sec. and Treas., Mr. A. Baggaley, 18, Somerset Street, Hessle Road, Hull, and a good working committee; new members are cordially invited; particulars from the sec.

CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD.

Meeting, Three Tuns, Eastwood, Dec. 9, with a record attendance. Mr. J. Adnitt chair. Open show report was read and found correct. Prize money and specials were paid out. Mr. M. Shiland presented the specials to members and it was decided to hold a stock pair show on Jan. 20; classes will be fixed next meeting, Jan. 6.—A. Smith.

WEST STANLEY F. AND C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 9, J. Armitage chair. Stewards elected for members' show, Dec. 30: E. Marsh, J. Middlemast, W. Siddle, J. Bewicke. Decided to make entrance fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 23. Will members get as many specials as possible and let me know when they bring their entries to next meeting? Schedules are ready; any member or intending member can have one by applying to Sec.—R. Hutchinson, Sec., 58, Joicey Terr., Stanley.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Dec. 4, Mr. R. Crawford chair. Treasurer gave a report of the year's work, and the auditors, Mr A. Borrie and Mr. J. Johnston reported that they had found correct all books, vouchers, and receipts. Decided to call a special meeting second Monday in Jan. to consider rule 14. Office bearers for the year 1917: Pres., Mr. R. Crawford; vice., Mr. J. Robertson; sec., Mr. W. Gunning; treas., Mr. J. Jobuston; auditors, Mr. J. Stewart and J. Styles. Mr. T. Fraser elected member; meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 9, Red Lion Hotel, Mr. A. Spencer chair, before a good attendance. Balance sheet for year's working was read and passed as satisfactory. Election of officers: Mr. W. Marsh, pres.; Mr. J. Adnitt, vice-pres.; Mr. R. B. Jones, treas.; Geo. Sawer, sec.; Mr. S. Newton, assist. sec.; committee, A. Spencer, A. Abbott, A. Webster, C. Sawer, T. Barlow, W. Evans, H. Mossendew. Specials were given out to members attending. Decided to hold members' show Jan. 6, Mr. G. Marshall, Huthwaite, judge. We have still room for new members. Bills for coming show will be sent to all members.—G. Sawer, sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Financial meeting 142, High-st., Dec. 7, Mr. Charlton chair. Balance sheet was read and showed a balance of 7s. 5d. This met with the satisfaction of the members; it was agreed to place balance in the funds for our forthcoming year. Office-bearers for 1917 elected: Hon. pres., Sir Robert Manle; hon. vice-pres., Mr. J. Beddie; pres., Mr. J. C. Charlton; vice-pres., Mr. J. Hilson; sec. and treas., Mr. Alan Bell. Committee: Messrs. J. Nelson, S. Buglass, J. Hutchinson; auditors, W. Thomson and W. Carson. Agreed to drop the 5th prize card, the awards to be: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c. Moved that we hold a pair show at next meeting. Three classes: Pairs, Norwich, Borders, and Muling or Hybrid. Next meeting Feb. 1.—A. Bell, sec.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Annual general meeting Dec. 7, Raglan, Aldersgate Street. Result of voting papers:—Pres., Mr. Geo. Crabb, 17 votes; treas., Mr. Geo. Crabb, 17; auditors, Messrs. Mortlock, 20, and Matthes, 18; committee, Mr. G. Harris (chairman) 17, Mrs. Huggins (vice-chair) 22, H. L. Huggins 22, J. W. Ramsden 20, C. H. Couzens 16, R. J. Burt 16, J. Hooker 15, G. Thurling 15, F. S. Fairman 14, R. J. Pretty 14, T. C. Tapper 13, J. B. Kerr 10, A. J. Clarke 10, F. J. Day 9, W. Cullers 9, W. Salter 9, G. E. Crawford 7, F. Cole 6; hon. sec., F. L. Huggins; asst., C. A Harris. Balance-sheet passed and considered very satisfactory. Arranged to have a pair show Feb. 15, young stock show July 19. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the president for presiding.—H. L. Hugging, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 5, Mr. W. G. Fellows, chair; hon. sec. stated accounts of Annual Show was not yet complete, but would probably show a deficit of a few shillings, mainly due to entertainment tax, but for which the balance would have been the other way; considering the increase in cost of stationery, etc., this was not a bad result. Entries exceeded anticipations, especially when the number of members who have joined up is taken into account. Everything had passed off smoothly, and the committee had received many congratulations on the number and quality of exhibits, and the manner in which they were arranged. Vote of thanks to the stewards, Messrs. Melhuish, Washer, and Chandler were passed. The consideration of some suggestions for next season closed the meeting.—G. J. Slade, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec 7, Mr. Jones, presiding. Officials for 1917: Mr. Hemming, pres., Messrs. Jones and Bingham, vice.-pres.; committee, Messrs. Walsh, Champion, Furness, Drabble, Falkding, J. Woolhouse, Tow, Pickering, Waters, Goodison, Curley, Gell; treas., Mr. Oxley; sec., Mr. Hobson. Table show result, Nov. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc c Gill; hc, Sisson. One member only brought Yorks. and there was no competition—which was disappointing, as he stood well for the points special. Decided that in future birds brought should be judged and points count. Meeting, Jan. 4, is a table show of pairs or single birds, and every bird must be marked with the price. Several members were enquiring for birds, and this is to give them a chance. Usual prize money with 10s. added.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 7, Crown Hotel, chair W. J. Lapworth. A good turn-up of members. We were pleased to see among us Mr. J. Daniel, he being home from the front. Members were paid prize money won at open show. Officers for 1917 were elected: Chair, C. S. Latham; vice-chairman, E. Gilbert; sec. and treas., Geo. Broome; auditors, W. J. Lapworth and J. Pitt. The report to be given at next meeting. Members show, matched pairs, Jan. 11th. Yellow Ck. and Buff Hen and Buff Ck. and Yellow Hen, in Norwich, Yorks. and Borders; 2/6 special, most points in each section. Mr. J. Daniel gives 5/- special for best pair. Also a judging competition; three prizes, 6 lb. of Canary seed each. Judge, Chas. Broome. Enter as many birds as possible, and bring a friend, as we want to make a few more members. Birds staged 6.30. Friends invited.—Geo. Broome, hon. sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting Dec. 5. Secretary stated that although he could not yet produce definite figures he was afraid that the association would have to face a loss of from £8 to £10 on the recent show. The meeting was of opinion that in view of all the circumstances, this was only what was anticipated and that the association is to be congratulated that, even when the war had brought the Fancy to its lowest ebb, this society still maintained an unbroken continuity of open shows. Secretary announced the winners of the various cups and medals as follows: Mayoress' Cup, Mr. Clarke; it now becomes his absolute property. Mr. Clarke has also won the Canary Cup. British Bird Cup, Mr. Francis; Mr. Cooper won gold medal for most points in all shows throughout year. Medals for most points, Messrs. Greenland, Francis, Clarke, Taylor, Westrip, Cooper, Vale, and Maxwell. Mr. Geo. Howick was nominated for membership.—A. R. Coe.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 25, Grapes Inn, Durham, with a good attendance. Sec. announced that Mr. G. H. Proctor, Durham, had consented to act as president, and Mr. Tom Trotter and T. H. Cam as vice-presidents. We had seven more new members and still have room for more. Schedule was drawn up for the first annual members' show, with eleven classes for Norwich (2 Nov.), 9 Crests (1 Nov.), 11 Yorks. (2 Nov.), 8 Bord. (2 Nov.), 1 A.O.V., 2 Mules, 12 Brit., 1 For., 3 Sell. Fee 1s. We are trying an innovation in entries. Anyone making more than one entry in class the extra entries to be 9d. each. Decided to get the Shakespeare Hall for show. Mr. J. Hands, Ryton, and J. Riseborough were elected to judge. Committee: J. Stanger, R. Boyd, T. Roddam, J. Farrey, J. Briggs, A. Bailes, F. Bushby, J. McNay, A. E. Priest, R. Ward, J. Gillespie. The society is open for membership to anyone.—Henry Briggs.

PLASMARL C.B.S

Social evening and supper, Headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Nov. 15. After a splendid repast, put down by Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. Henry Jenkins was voted to the chair. The auditors' report was read and showed that although the society has only been in existence six months, and had already run an open show, there was still a balance of £8 in hand, a very satisfactory state of affairs. The chairman had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting the sec., Mr. H Fry, and assist sec., Mr. D. Rees, with a cheque apiece, as a small token of the society's gratitude for their excellent services, and to Mr. Alf. Hitchings, the genial show manager, a gold seal, subscribed for by his fellow members as a slight token of his services and advice during the season. After the recipients had suitably responded the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and it was decided to elect the old officials en bloc. Pres., Coun. W. G. Lloyd; chair, T. James; vice, W. Loosemore; show manager, A. Hitchings; sec., H. Fry; assist. sec., D. Rees. The remainder of the evening was given over to music, songs being rendered by Messrs. T. James, W. H. Llewellyn, W. Loosemore, and W. Hart. The usual vote of thanks to the host and hostess, to which Friend Hart responded, wishing the society every success, and promising substantial support for next season, brought to a close one of the pleasantest evenings in the annals of the society.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AILING NORWICH.

St. Crispin.—You ought to have repeated full particulars of the bird's condition, and also of your treatment and how you keep it, as I do not remember the full details of every case I have. Anyway, try the following treatment for a month or so, and if there is not then a considerable improvement, and the bird is a valuable specimen, I would advise you to show it to a veterinary for advice, as a personal examination may be essential to understand the condition of the skin which you describe, assuming, of course, that it is not due to the irritating effects of red mites, in which case the effects will soon disappear under this treatment. First of all thoroughly examine the cage and the place where it hangs or stands for the presence of red mites, especially looking into the joints and corners to see if there is any white powdery matter adhering to the cage. If there is, this is the hall-mark of the red mite, and you will be sure to find a colony ensconced in some crevice close at hand. Even if no such marks are found, stand the cage on a sheet of paper and clean it thoroughly, raking all dust, etc., out of any open joints or cracks with a pin and see what is discovered. If any mites are found

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Gattye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

cake the necessary steps to exterminate them as frequently described in detail in this column. For the rest, treat as follows: Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. On the intervening days give first a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and next give a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or a spray of watercress, and on these days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. After the first fortnight, if the irritation has ceased, stop the latter item, and give instead 20 drops of chemical food every third day in the water for two or three weeks. Allow the bird to bathe on each bright, mild day if it desires to do so, but do not attempt any forcible means of bathing him.

PANTS AT NIGHT.

R. W.—I expect that "the usual canary seed" which you say forms the bird's diet really consists of a conglomeration of many seeds mixed together. See that the bird is not exposed to any direct cold draughts, nor the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling, where the air is always the most vitiated and impure, especially at night when lights are burning. Keep it in a nice, bright, healthy position consistent with the above suggestions, and let it be a fairly equable one. Give a mixture of three parts canary seed (the one kind only, which is of a light straw colour) to one part summer rape—the small reddish-brown seed. In addition, give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and on two other days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge or Madeira cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Three or four times a week give a morsel of sweet fruit—banana, boiled carrot, or sweet apple. In the drinking water, for three consecutive days, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

STANDS ON ONE LEG.

S. W. B.—I'm afraid I cannot be of much use to you without more definite particulars, and especially what you mean by the back part of her body. Is it at the lower part of the back in the region of the oil gland, i.e., close to the base, or root, of the tail? I think you had better write again and describe the position fully, and also describe as near as you can the size and appearance of the inflamed part, and say if there is any swelling or apparent growth on or under the skin. Meantime, keep in a fairly warm place where the temperature is fairly equable, and treat as follows until you get a further reply. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days just a pinch of summer rape and a morsel of banana. In the water, every second day for a week, add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea.

BIRDHOUSE AND SONGSTERS.

T. T. B.—(1) The ventilators in the top angles of the two ends are quite correct, but I cannot see that you have provided for any inlet for fresh pure air near the floor. If you have not done so, you should make a similar ventilating aperture about the middle of the front near or on the floor of the house, and fit it with a shield inside to direct the current of incoming air upwards, to prevent it going direct into the flights. This may not seem necessary just now, but its use will be felt in hot sultry weather when the house is shut up at night, and for the more temperate and cold months you can very easily fit it with a sliding shutter. I think you would also be wise to hinge the small window in the end opposite the door for similar reasons, as in sultry weather with this window and the door open the house might be kept nicely aired and cool without any danger of draughts doing any mischief. (2) Threequarter-inch mesh netting would do all right to cover the flights so long as there was no defect, and, in the case of Rollers, no very wild specimens, but in either of the latter events you would probably find an occasional escape, and if mice got into the house they would find no difficulty in going through ½-in. netting into these flights. The object being to see the birds better, why not have the usual straight wire fronts made on punched bars for the flights. You could get these made cheaply almost anywhere, and in any size to fit special cages. The effect would be well worth the little extra cost. (3) Seven or eight birds the size of a Norwich Canary would be sufficient to keep in each of the flights, but during the young bird season, with strict attention to cleanliness, you might temporarily keep ten or twelve in each. (4) Yes, as songsters, Roller cocks mated with Norwich hens of good type and colour, will produce a greatly improved type of bird to look at, and also a very good type of song, but you would find a much more rapid improvement in rich tone of natural colour by working the double cross, viz., one or two pairs composed of Roller cocks and ditto composed of rich colour, natural colour, of course, Norwich cocks and Roller hens, and training the young cocks exclusively under the pure Rollers. In the second season you would pair the young from the Roller cocks with those from the Norwich cocks, and again train the young solely under the pure Rollers. Bred under these conditions the song of the youngsters would most certainly be worth the trouble, and should command fair prices. (5) Keeping a few Britishers and trying also for Mules in the same place, which is quite small, would undoubtedly tend to reduce the standard of the Canaries' song, and it is doubtful if the pure Roller cocks would retain their song without a blemish from one season to the next under these conditions. If you intend going in for breeding songsters seriously in this place, you would do well to give up the idea of keeping British or trying for Mules, unless you could manage to build another house separately on similar lines to accommodate this branch of the hobby.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CAGES FOR BLACKBIRDS.

Maux.—The cases you intend making into Blackbird cages will do admirably. The width is the same as is generally used. Before you fit them up I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet No. 4. In it you will find an illustration of two cages suitable for Blackbird or Thrush, and a good deal of reading matter of an interesting character about these birds. (2) Use ordinary oil paint, adding a little extra turpentine to it, so that it dries flat, without much body, then there will be none to chip off, and periodically you can give the cages a good scrubbing and another coat of thin paint. (3) If your bird is a cock he will sing at the turn of the year, when the days begin to lengthen. Thrushes and Larks are not good tutors for Blackbirds. The deliberate character of the Blackbird's true song is one of the chief charms of it; they are great mimics and if trained under the birds you suggest I fear it will no longer be the melodious Blackbird note, but a medley of bird song. (4) For your aviary I would suggest all Finches, they will do better by

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

themselves, although it is possible to keep softbills in with them, but when this is done the Finches frequently feed largely on the soft food provided for the softbills. If it faces a position from which you get strong winds I would advise a screen of some kind. Can you plant two or three evergreens in front of it?

CAGE FOR LINNET.

J. P. Thompson.—A cage to keep a Linnet in should be a box cage with wire front measuring sixteen inches long, ten high, and eight or nine deep. You will find a sketch of one in the Nutshell No. 2 on the Linnet. I like the following seed mixture: 2 parts each of Canary, teazle, and rape, and one part of linseed. Give a

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Dec. 19, St. Thomas School, 8. Election of judges for open show Nov. 9-10, 1917, and smoking concert.—A. E. Thorpe.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 19, Ablett's Cafe Room, 8. Night show of Clear and Green Yorks., Norwich Clears and Greens, A.O.V. Entry, 7d. per cage. Important business.—A. E. Lloyd.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Club Hall, 6.30. Last meeting before show. Business specials, etc.—W. H. Christer.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Dec. 21, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Nomination of office-bearers and payment of specials for annual show.—Wm. Kane.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Godfrey's Dining Rooms, 8. Payment of prize-money and specials, etc.—E. Thomas.

Durham City C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Grapes Inn, 6.30. Annual show business.—H. Briggs.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgin Road, 8. Last meeting for the year; financial report; all monies and unsold tickets to be in sec.'s hand same night; election of officers for 1917.—J. C. Charlton.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Sec.'s residence, 8. Balance-sheet and annual report, and other business.—J. Alderslade.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Ticket Office, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Paying out prize-money, specials, medals, and successful winners of gifts; appointing officials for next year.—W. Clarkson.

Fife C.B.L.—Dec. 23, Mint's Hotel, Lochgelly, 5.30. Annual general meeting; handing over cup and specials to winners.—J. Sneddon.

Garston B.B.A.—Dec. 20, Recbabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Annual general meeting.—W. Hutchison.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Dec. 20, Shepherds' Hall, 7.30. Special meeting; show business.—J. McG. Dooley.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 16, headquarters, 2.30. Members' show unflighted birds; judge, Mr. E. Clegg. Dewsbury. Dec. 18 last of season table shows; 4 old bird classes, 4 unflighted, 2 cinn. mkd.; judge, Mr. C. Morrison, Brighouse. Mr. Morrison will give a special for most points.—A. Lawford.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Annual general meeting; election of judges for 1917, new members, and officers for ensuing year.—F. C. Knight.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 16, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' annual show, last of series. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. Classification as Dec. 9. A good list of specials.—J. J. Dunn.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Final arrangements for open show. Entries for open show taken at sec.'s address, Dec. 19, 7.30 to 11 p.m.—A. Sutcliffe.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Dec. 19, White Swan Hotel, 8. Yellow hen (unflig.), buff do., green cock (any age), same classes novice, British, Linnet.—Day and Roberts.

Landore, Plasmarl C.B.S.—Dec. 16, George and Dragon Hotel, 6.30. Washing exhibition.—H. Fry.

Manchester Amal. United Club.—Dec. 17, Homing Society Room, 32, Victoria Street, Manchester, 8. Classification, guarantee, etc.—A. W. Newton.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers; balance-sheet. Members please pay ticket-money to settle show business.—O. Cozens.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Princess Alice Hotel. Birds staged 10.30. Entries not later than Dec. 23. Judges, Mr. Simeson and Mr. Nicholson.—T. C. Deans.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 16, headquarters, 2. Members' show; judge, F. Self. Entries Dec. 15.—H. Grange.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 19, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Amalgamated show business.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Room, back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Entries annual show Dec. 26; latest, Thursday morning, Dec. 21.—A. W. Newton.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.45. Specials given out, and very important business.—A. K. Hunter.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, 7. Important business; cage bird schedule to review.—Wm. Dodd.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 16, N. of England Cafe, Station Street, 7.30. Show business; schedules will be ready.—F. Riseborough.

Seaton Delaval C.B.S.—Dec. 16, New Victoria Inn (time not stated.—Ed.). Arrangements for open show; washing exhibition.—J. Archbold.

South Shields.—Dec. 16, Cyprus, 7. Ticket-money and donations must be in.—W. L. Smith.

South Moor C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Lo. Moor Hotel, 6.30. Stewards, specials, etc., annual show.—G. F. Bates.

Swansea C.B.S.—"Saturday" (date not stated), Elysium, 8. Will members who have not returned ticket-money please do so?—J. H. Ford.

West Bromwich and Handsworth C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Rules governing shield.—P. T. Cowley.

Windhill O.S.—Dec. 16, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. In place of Dec. 2 meeting. Important business.—R. Garnett.

little wild seed mixture and various weeds and green-food.

FEEDING A BLACKBIRD.

J. Brownsell.—Blackbirds can be fed upon various mixtures, but as a rule the better the food the healthier the bird and the more song you get out of him. Insectile food stands first, consisting of ants' eggs, dried flies, meat meal, etc., with an addition of biscuit powder. This you can purchase ready mixed; it is really intended for Warblers and Nightingales, and need not be used continually for a Blackbird. You can vary it by giving best quality chicken meal with a spoonful of meat meal or fine crissel soaked in with it, and a little boiled potato added. Get our Nutshell Nos. 4 or 26, either will tell you how to feed and treat both Blackbirds and Thrushes.

SAMPLE OF SEED.

Hastings.—The sample of seed sent contains many useful kinds. I would advise you to let the Finches, Mules and Canaries pick it over and make their own selection. Do not use it as a staple food; just give a spoonful per bird two or three times a week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WILL BUDGERIGARS DIE IF SEPARATED?

Budge.—No, but they may mope a little at first, though this will be quite a temporary feature. Do not put them in small cages, as Budgerigars are cheerful, active birds, and no birds suffer more quickly in health from the lack of wing exercise than they do. Also, while not putting them where they will be scared by rushing movements, or where they will be in the way of currents of cold air or draught; yet they must not be kept in a dark corner, but must have light and air. If you can so arrange it, occasionally a fly around the room will greatly benefit them, and tend to keep them fit; they will return to their cage when wanting food. Of course, there should be a fireguard, and windows and doors must be kept closed while they enjoy a little liberty.

MORE ABOUT BUDGERIGARS.

Esperance.—In reply to your queries I should suggest using husks only as the best course. If the newly-acquired young birds have come straight from an outdoor aviary, then put them in the aviary at once; they are not yet in breeding condition, so no trouble should accrue, but give them one day in the aviary before putting in tho others. If the latter are in occupancy, then the young birds also must go in, though they may get chased about a bit the first day. I should then take out the young hen as soon as you are certain of sex; she will develop better away from the other birds. I gave my reasons for advising only one pair; your birds are not amiable with each other, and I said under the circumstances try the one pair alone which has shown most inclination for nesting, but as you are changing the hens, it is obvious that your course is to have all three pairs in the aviary next season. In any aviary not overcrowded it is usual to put the sand in about half an inch thick, rake or lightly scrape all refuse off weekly, and renew the whole every two or three months. Of course, sand absorbs the moist portion of the excreta, and when it is sifted and used again, some portion of the first lot of sand may be in use for a twelve-month; I consider the former the better practice. The sample of sand was an average one, and quite suitable.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

CATCHING GOLDFINCHES.

H. Portlock.—The Goldfinch is protected throughout the year in your county, Monmouth, and it would therefore be illegal to take it at any time.

IDENTITY OF BIRD.

H. Cox.—The bird is a young hen Stonechat. The Stonechat is entirely an insectivorous bird, and one of the most difficult of all to "meat off" when first caught. Its keeping in captivity should be attempted only by those with considerable experience in bird-keeping. There is no wonder that the poor bird died when you did not even know what it was, and could, therefore, not possibly know the food it required. You would do well in future not to take any bird the keeping of which you do not understand. Please see Rule 7 as to replies by post.

THRUSH-BLACKBIRD HYBRIDS.

Breeder of Hybrids.—Please see reply of last week under this heading. We quite agree with your sentiment, but it would be of no earthly use making the suggestion you propose.

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Malbranks.—Death resulted from liver disease. This organ was very much enlarged, had undergone fatty degeneration, and had lost all functional activity due, in my opinion, to dietetic causes.

Mrs. I. Bailey.—Enteritis, inflammation of the bowels resulting from liver disease. The liver was in an advanced stage of fatty degeneration.

Mrs. Lear.—Death, in all probability, was due in each case to eating the enclosed plant, which is poisonous to birds, under certain conditions.

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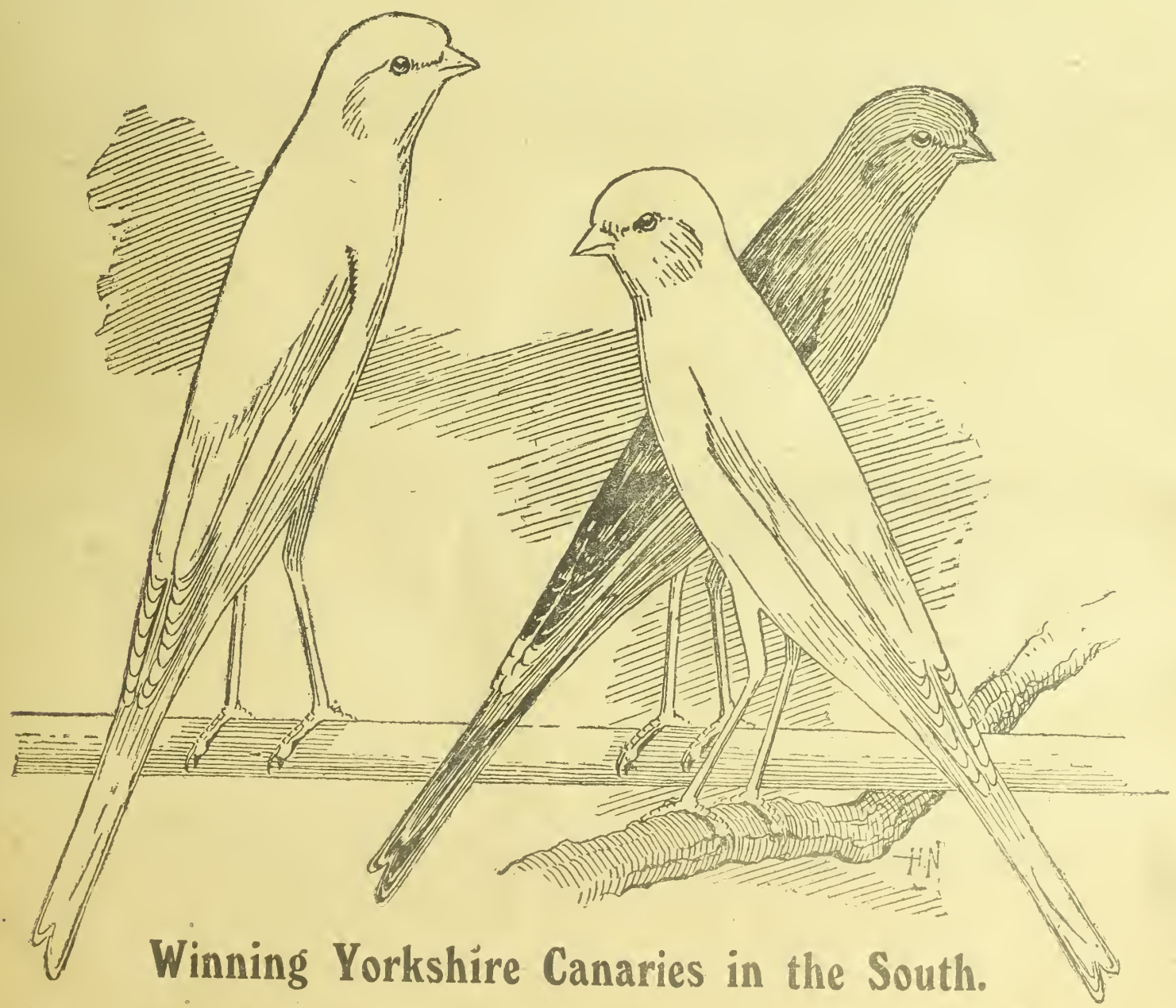
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Norwich.

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PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair. Open sing, Dec. 17, 27 birds entered for three good prizes: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Jones.—S. Pugh, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Dec. 17; 17 birds; open sing: 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Jackson. After contest a Linnet Mule was matched against the winner, Parlett winning easy—Mule never sang.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Dec. 10. Twenty entered: 1, W. Nelson; 2, 3, Worrell. Dec. 17, twenty birds entered: 1, Williams; 2, Nelson; 3, Worrell. Open sing Boxing Day.—W. Nelson, Sec.

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LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Dec. 17, 18 birds sang. Binns 1, Wigfield 2, Summers 3. Judge: T. C. Summers. Timekeeper: J. Shepherd.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Dec. 17; 23 birds sang: 1, Johnson; 2, Massall; 3, Richardson; 4, Butler. Judge: C. Biss, T. Crane, S. Butt. Open Canary contest, Dec. 24.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Dec. 16; 9 birds sang: 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Thompson. Judges, Grant and Hayes. Linnet contest, Dec. 17; 25 birds sang: 1, Jim Chippindale; 2, Stead; 3, 4, T. Ward. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant and Hayes. Roller contest, Dec. 17. Ten birds sang: 1, 2, Stead; 3, Coatham. Judges: Hayes and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and Canary Association, Linnet contest, Viaduct Inn, Dec. 17; 15 birds sang: 1, 2, T. Dobson; 3, Pye. Judge, C. Towes; timekeeper, W. Moss. Canary contest, Dec. 17, Prince of Wales Hotel, 14 birds sang; a good number of visitors turned up: 1, McNichols; 2, Wood; 3, Kipling; 4, Binks. Judge, T. Cawood; timekeeper, W. Moss. The Canary contests have every appearance of being a success; fanciers in surrounding district are heartily welcomed.—Tom Cawood, Sec.

Open Canary Contest, Prince of Wales, Dec. 31. All welcome.—T. Cawood, Sec.—(Advt.).

Club Reports.

SUNDERLAND C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 16, North of England Cafe, Station Street. Mr. Farrar presided over a good attendance. Decided to hold a special meeting next Saturday at usual time and place to draw for specials, give cage labels to members, and any further business required for the show.—F. Riseborough, Asst. Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, Griffin Hotel, Dec. 2, Mr. Mennard chair. Nomination of officers for 1917: President, W. Hall; Vice-Pres., W. Greenwood, E. Hattersley, and Dr. Cummings; Treas., Mr. Sanderson in place of Mr. E. Norton, who has recently joined the Colours; Joint Secs., Messrs. W. A. Wilson and R. Watkinson. The committee to be elected as usual by ballot.

Table show of hens held same night. Judge, Mr. W. A. Wilson. Yorks (16): 1, hc, c, Baldwinson; 2, 3, 4, Sanderson; vhc, A. Brown. Nor. (12): 1, 2, 4, Baldwinson; 3, vhc, hc, Livingstone; c, Johnson. A.O.V. Can. (4): 1, 2, Stephenson; 3, 4, Alderson. Brit. (7): 1, 3, w.c., Colburn; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Hunt. J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Dec. 4, Mr. Wallace, chair. A bird washing demonstration was given by Messrs. Purday, East and Farmer. While the birds were drying, the prizes and cups won at the annual show were distributed by president Mr. S. C. Rhodes, and afterwards a very interesting discussion was held on the various methods of washing a bird for exhibition. The inter club show, which was last Jan., held at the headquarters of the East Ham C. B. S., will this coming Jan. take place at Leyton, and members of the societies concerned will receive due notification.—A. W. Farmer, Assistant Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Meeting, Nov. 20, six members present. Decided to hold no half-day show this year. This year's winners: British cup, Mr. C. Smith; Nov. Norwich cup, Mr. D. Thornton; Yorkshire medal, Mr. A. Young. New members wanted.—D. Thornton, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM CITY C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 16, Grapes Inn. Decided to hire the Co-operative Hall for our show, January 27; also that entries close Jan. 24. Also that the society be open to all for membership, but anyone not joining until after January 13 must pay the 1s. entrance fee. Next meeting, Jan. 6.—H. Briggs, Sec.

ABERTILLERY (Six Bells) F. & F.S.

Meeting, Newall's Tea Rooms, Dec. 13; Mr. H. H. Mortimer, chair. Decided to run our open show, Feb. 7, at the Gymnasium Hall. 22 classes were arranged for the cage bird section. Judges: Yorks. and Borders, J. Parfitt; Nor., Mules, Hybrids and British, H. H. Mortimer.—W. J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting Dec. 2, M. Smith, chair. Decided to hold a matched pair show, Dec. 23. Classes as follows:—Scots Fancy 1, Borders 2, Yorks 1, Crests 1, Norwich 2, Mules 1, Hybrid 1, special for every class, gold medal for best pair shown by a novice. Entry 6d. To be held in Bay Horse Hotel, Main Street, at 4 o'clock. Mr. G. Fisher, judge. There is also to be a washing exhibition by Messrs. G. Raith, J. Anderson and W. Grewar. Fanciers will be welcome.—W. Grewar, Sec., pro tem.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES

Meeting, Dec. 4, Deansgate Hotel, Mr. Raynes, presided. Mr. T. Johnson was elected judge for members' show, Jan. 20, at Bennett St. Schools. Syllabus for next year was completed, comprising lectures on different varieties by well known fanciers, also table shows for all varieties, and washing competitions. Next meeting night is fixed for balance-sheet for 1916, nomination of officers for 1917 and January show business. If any member who cannot attend would like any rule altered please let me have notice of motion before the 18th, so that same can be placed before members present. —J. Green, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, Dec. 13, Shield's Cafe, Mr. W. Wigglesworth chair, and a fair turn-up. Decided that Yorkshire fanciers in the four Northern counties wishing to show at our annual show, Jan. 1, can do so by sending their entrance money (3s 6d.) along with their entry forms. I shall be pleased to forward schedules to anyone who may wish. We have 21 classes for Yorkshires only, and many very good specials, besides cups. Mr. Jas. Bailey, Bradford, judge. Mr. Tindall was appointed show manager, and the following as stewards: Messrs. W Wigglesworth, W. Studholme, J. A. Key, and Wm. Mathes. —R. Havis, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting, Dec. 5, St. Thomas' Schools, Ardwick. Mr. T. Lane presided over a good muster to hear Mr. J. Beswick lecture on British birds and Mule breeding. He dealt with the most prominent of our British birds, giving the method of feeding throughout the winter to bring them in condition for the breeding season. He also explained the kind of hens required for Mule breeding. A very interesting discussion followed, many members taking part. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Beswick for the very instructive lecture. Proposed to hold an annual members' show in January, the committee to be instructed to meet at an early opportunity to make full arrangements and bring the business to the next general meeting for approval. We hope that as many members will attend the next meeting to hear the very important conditions of this new fixture.—J. Spencer.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting, headquarters, Dec. 14, Mr. Ewan chair. The accounts of the annual show were presented and agreed to. This year the accounts show a balance on the right side. The Treasurer reported that all demands on the Association were now paid, and that there will be a good margin to commence the ensuing year. Thanks are due to the Treasurer for the energy he has displayed to bring the Association up to its present splendid position. The committee thank all those who so liberally assisted our specials fund, the specials for this year being the best the Association has had for many years. During the meeting two cups were promised for next year, and there is every likelihood that we shall have cups for each of the sections. Our worthy President attended the meeting, and the members present discussed the past year's experience, which brought forth many reminiscences. Several notices of motion were laid upon the table for discussion at next meeting.—Thos. R. Jones, Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, Dec. 14, Festival House, Norwich. The number present was not large owing to the night being the darkest we have experienced in this city this winter. Mr. R. Vines, who attended the recent Ipswich show as a delegate from the Club, reported that members had good reason to be satisfied with the result of this the first patronage of the club. The show was exceedingly well attended, and the open classes were the centre of attraction. There appeared to be great promise of success another year if these classes are carried out in accordance with the rules, etc., of this specialist club. Mr. Vines was thanked for his very interesting report. A discussion followed. Reference was made to the prospect of an open show in Norwich, but the chairman of the society concerned, who was present, was unable to give any definite information.—R. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Dec. 4, Mr. W. J. Heath presiding over a fair attendance. Letters were read from Messrs. Marriott, Wade and Ramsey. Mr. J. Montague, Redhill, was elected a member and Messrs. D. W. Oliver (South Croydon) and J. G. Paterson (Wolingham) proposed for membership. The schedule of annual show compiled by the committee was submitted and gave general satisfaction, 30 classes being arranged. In addition to specials already promised, Mr. Birch gave special in British class, and Mr. Heath special best Yorks. Mr. J. Robson was elected as judge and date fixed for Jan. 23 at Queen's Hall. At the table show, which followed, Mr. Dewhurst judged Yorks., Mr. E. J. Lamb Hybrids, and Mr. Farley Borders, and their placings gave general satisfaction.

Yorks. Yell.: 1, vhc, Harris; 2, Smith; 3, Griffiths; hc, c, Farley. Buff: 1, sp, 3, Smith; 2, Harris; vhc, Heath; hc, Farley; c, Griffiths. Bord.: 1, 2, Collins. Hybrids: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Snow; hc, Collins; c, Farley. In the judging competition the points gained were: Farley 23, Miss Worrall 22, Snow 21, Birch 21, Nash 17, Harris 15, Miss Farley 12, Smith 9, Heath 5. Vote of thanks to judges brought an interesting meeting to a close.—G. Griffiths, hon. sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting Dec. 16, Prince of Wales Hotel, Mr. J. Parfitt presiding. Officers elected for 1917:—Pres., R. H. Campion; Chair., W. Cooper; Vice-Chair, A. Parfitt; Treas., J. Pritchard; Assts Secs., Mr. Webber; Sec., H. H. Mortimer. Committee:—Messrs. Newell, Hyde, Brisco, Scott, Powell and J. Parfitt. Auditors:—Mr. J. W. Bibbings and E. Monte. Decided to discuss business re Pair Show at next meeting. I am very pleased to report that we have handed over to the Abertillery Penny Fund (for the wounded and prisoners of war), the handsome sum of £25, profits made at our last open show. Now members, please rally up to our next meeting, Dec. 30. Fanciers wishing to become members should attend the next meeting or apply to the Hon. Sec., H. H. Mortimer, 90, Somerset Street, Abertillery.

WELSH N. COUNTIES F. & F.A.

Committee meeting, Washington Hotel, Craig-y-don, Llandudno, Dec 13. Present, Mrs. Brigg, Messrs. Jas. Arundale, Geo. Hughes, Jno. Hughes, T. Barlow, H. M. Brigg, A. Carter, W. Hartle, A. Hinton, R. Mostyn, E. D. Rowland, B. Sowter, and the Sec. Statement of accounts to date for the current year was perused, and showed that the Association had a credit balance in hand of between £4 and £5. Unanimously agreed that the secretary's salary be paid in full. In thanking the Committee for their resolution to this effect, the Secretary said that under present conditions he would not take the full amount, but would make a rebate of £2 to the funds. Decided that the challenge cups won at the 1915 show be called in and held by the Sec. Decided to hold the annual general meeting last Wed. in Jan. as usual, and notify members of same through the local and Fancy Press. After the business of the meeting, an informal discussion ensued as to the possibility of carrying on during 1917 by holding an annual show. The feeling of those present appeared to be in favour of running a show should circumstances permit. The Secretary said that since the last meeting the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brigg had taken place, and on behalf of those present offered them their congratulations on the happy event, and wished them every happiness and prosperity. Mr. Brigg suitably responded, and thanked the Committee for their good wishes.—G. E. Cragg., Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Border Fancy C.C.—Jan. 1, Show Rooms, Edinburgh, 11 a.m. Proposition to hold Annual Young Bird show, to be known as the "Derby"; that only plain canary seed be used in show cages; and that we adopt a standard show cage and spars.—W. B. Smart.

Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 23, Barley Mow Hotel. Show, stage at 3; judge, W. A. Cowgill, Girlington.—J. Nicholl.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 26, Shoulder of Mutton, 10.30 a.m. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Holroyd. Entries night previous.—F. P. Terry.

Bishop Auckland.—Dec. 27, at Mr. Nattrass' House 7. Business important.—W. Crowther.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 26, Flying Dutchman, 11 a.m. Members' show; judge, L. C. Casey. Specials best cock and best hen.—W. Helliwell.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Angel Hotel, 5.30. Fixing specials for Open show, staging, and officials for show, etc.; important.—F. Harrison.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 28, headquarters, 8 to 10.30 Paying prize-money won at Annual show; electing auditors, and other important business. Members having suggested new rules, or alteration to old rules, must send or hand them in writing on or before Jan. 4.—W. A. Harwood.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Fountain Inn, 2.30. Members' show, last of the season; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Entries taken day of show at 2.30. Subs. due.—S. Wilcock.

East Ardsley.—Dec. 23, Black Swan, 2.30. Annual show.—A. Walton.

Glasgow and W. of Scotland B.C.—Dec. 26, 100, West Regent Street, S. Last night for returning unsold tickets; fixing date for annual general meeting. —M. Craig.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Wear's Rooms, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers and other business.—A. Knaggs.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Open show business.—A. Suteliffe.

Hirst East End.—Dec. 23, Social Club, 7.30. Subs., and to take entries for show.—Wm. Hall.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Griffin Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 9.30. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury. Entries close Dec. 20.—J. Chambers.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Victoria Club, 6.30. Meeting to draw up rules and put club on proper lines; open to affiliated members of six miles radius. —G. Forster.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Railway Hotel, 7.45.—R. Charleson.

New Kyo Constitutional C.B.S.—Dec. 24, 10.30. Business very important; one day's show only, not two.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—Dec. 28, new headquarters, Red Lion, York Street, Piccadilly, S.W., 8. Letters re supposed Hybrids.—E. Stephens.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Dec. 30, headquarters, 6.30. Final show arrangements and payment of subs. and specials.—W. D. Lewis.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 23. Members' show is postponed until Jan. 6.—W. Jagger.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 23, North of England Cafe, Station Street, 7.30. See club reports.—F. Riseborough.

Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Club Hall, 7. Election of officers and wrong prize-money. —R. Hutchinson.

South Shields.—Dec. 23, Cyprus, 7: Prize-money paid and election of auditors.—W. L. Smith.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Hand and Shuttle Inn. Members' show; birds staged 1. Judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe, Wibsey.—W. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Horse and Groom, 10.30 a.m. Final show of the year; judge, Mr. A. M. Craven.—W. Chapman.

Wigan C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Presenting cup to winner. Members kindly send in ticket money and unsold tickets.—J. McAndrew.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 25, 7. Presentation of cup and election of officers.—R. Hutchinson.

West Stanley F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Victoria Hall, 6.30. Taking entries for Members' show, and other important business.—R. Hutchinson.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Jan. 1, Ship Inn, 10.30. Members' Annual show; birds staged by 10.30; 56 classes. Judge, W. Brotherton, Rotherham.—F. Moore.

The Shows.

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HAMILTON.

Open show of the Hamilton C.B.S. in the Town Hall, Dec. 9, under the distinguished patronage of Provost Moffat, the Duchess of Hamilton, Mrs. Colville, Lord Newlands, Sheriff Sheuman, Sir Thomas Munro, and others. This is the second charity show run by the management to relieve distress caused by the war, and judging by what was achieved last year, and the response to the present appeal for help, both in entries (which were about 750) and by visitors to the show, which was crowded to the extent of making things rather uncomfortable, last year's results promised to be eclipsed easily and a handsome sum handed over for the prisoners of war and other local relief funds.

The management was in very capable hands, and every care was given to the safety and comfort of the exhibits. Mr. John Braidwood, President; Mr. W. S. Wilson, sec. and treas.; Mr. A. Clark, auditor; Committee, Messrs. McLinden, Martin, Higgins, Haddon, Thomson, Houston, Reid, McEwan, Glass and Naismith. Judges were: Scots Fancy Mr. A. Allardice, Overtown; Norwich, W. Grewar, Lochgelly; British, etc., W. P. Campbell, Larkhall, and A. Crawford, Cambuslang; Borders, T. Ritchie, Lesmahagow, and W. S. Clark, Irvine, who disposed of the various sections in good time and with general satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY. YELL. CK., CL. or FOUL (2): 1, no name, grand size, thick through, rare top end, fine reach and droop, well staged; 2, Hamilton, nice size and cond., stylish and neat. Hen (1): Hamilton, grizzle cap, fair size, nice style, action, built in proportion. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Higgins, massive, thick through, fine top end, grand shoulders, nice drive, A1 order; 2, Jackson, head mkd., good qual. and type, not just so stylish or steady; 3, Hamilton, shapely and neat, requires steadying. Hen (2): 1, Hamilton, stylish, well shown, fine snaky head, good action, nice pose; 2, Jackson, smaller, not so deep through. YELL. PIED or GRN. CK. (3): 1, Higgins, fine shoulders, long reach, good droop, thick through, stylish, well shown; 2, Jackson, fine reach droop, barely so thick through; 3, Johnstone. Hen (3): 1, Higgins, good size, sound col., grand qual. feather, typical, neat, in the pink; 2, Jackson, nice size and cond., fails reach; 3, Hamilton, nice qual. and style, but not so much of it. BUFF PIED or GRN. CK. (3): 1, Jackson, good one, well staged, built in proportion, wins well; 2, Higgins, stylish, behind in subs.; 3, no name, nice style, free action. Hen (3): 1, Jackson, nice size, good qual., thick through, nice top end, well staged; 2, Higgins, nice style, action, not quite so deep through as winner; 3, Hamilton, smaller, well staged, not the reach or droop. NOR., CL or TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Hope, good size, rare col., fine qual., nice full head, neck, typical, well shown; 2, Scobbie, nice size, grand feather, neat wings and tail, fat on chest spoils type; 3, Robertson, nice size, level col., fine qual. feather, not quite so full in head and neck, damaged tail; 4, sp, Moffat, good one, well staged, runs close up; 5, Smith; 6, Stewart. BUFF (9): 1, Robertson, good size and subs., fine qual., neat carr., close feather, nicely staged; 2, Stewart, hotter in col., good qual., nice head, neck, not so steady as leader; 3, Cuthbertson, not just so hot in col., nice type, good feather, perfect carr., neat head and neck, fine front, short on leg, we liked; 4, McMillan, hot col., nice qual., good cond., unsteady; 5, Gallacher; 6, Wardrop. YELL. VAR. or GRN. CK. (9): 1, Morrison, lovely hot col., A1 qual. and cond., not massive, but typical, well staged; 2, Hope, neck mkd., hot level col., lovely qual. feather, neatly braced, well put down; 3, Gray, not quite so hot in col., neatly braced, typical and proportionately built, tight up; 4, Smillie, fine qual., well staged; 5, Pentland; 6, Bissett. HEN (7): 1, Marshall, eyes and neck mkd., short, cobby, neat, well braced; 2, Scobbie, heavy mkd., not quite so hot in col., neat top end, good carr., but too fat on chest; 3, Wilson, good size, fine col., long in barrel and a bit un-teady; 4, sp, Mathieson; 5, Bell; 6, Renwick. VAR. or GRN. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Hutchison, fine stamp, neat and proportionately built, staged in grand style; 2, Sommerville, broken green, lovely feather, nice full head and neck, good col., well braced, just trifle long behind; 3, Brown, heavy var., neat front, shapely body, rather narrow in head, very unsteady; 4, Bell, nice col., rich qual., neatly braced, requires more subs.; 5, Smellie; 6, Mathieson. HEN (16): 1, Stewart, real good one, short, neat, cobby, well balanced through, in grand order; 2, Morrison, cap mkd., lovely qual., fine top end, but not so cobby and broad as leader; 3, Burt, good size, qual. and subs., shapely; 4, Marshall, nice size, good feather, neat carr., wants breadth and depth of leaders; 5, Smoers; 6, Houston. CLR. or TKD. YELL. Hen (10): 1, Wilson, good size, fine head, neck, neat carr., type, steady; 2 Sommerville, well up for size, nice col. and qual., rather crouchy; 3, Houston, nice broad and well filled in, cobby and well braced, must have pressed; 4, Morrison, smaller, but neat through, for shape, type, qual. equals anything in class; 5, Braidwood; 6, White. BUFF (11): 1, no name, not a monster, but neat, cobby, well braced, staged in the pink; 2, Hampton, fine head, neck, sweet fronted, good qual., neatly braced, just trifle long behind; 3, Morrison, shorter, neat and chubby, fine style, neatly braced, fails head only; 4, Aitken, good exhibit, looking soft; 5, Sheen; 6, Scobbie. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Scobbie, not a big one, but hot, lovely even col., good qual., neat carr., well across perch, built in proportion; 2, Robertson, well up on leader for size and col., fine feather, neat top end, more leggy, does not pose so well; 3 and 6, Pentland, former head tkd., not the subs. of leaders, but hot, level col., nice feather, well braced, in fine fettle; 4, Lawson; 5, Gray. HEN (10): 1, Bell, not a monster, but grand stamp, very short, cobby, neat, well braced, typical, neatly balanced throughout; 2, Connelly, broken green, grand type, fine col. and qual., neat front and top end, just inclines to cross at times; 3, Marshall, good wing mark, nice level col., neat head, thick-set neck, fine carr. and style, well placed; 4, sp, Cuthbertson, well staged, steady; 5, Marshall; 6, Aitken. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Moffat, nice size, lovely col., top qual., good head and neck, nice front, fine subs., shapely, well braced, easy win; 2, Braidwood, fine saddle mark, nice level col., sweet qual., nice wings, fine cond., not quite the subs. of leader; 3, Gray, nice subs., good type, neat front, fine carr., loses in col. and cond.; 4 Proctor, good col., grand qual. feather, nice top end, just fails in body subs.; 5, Aitken; 6, Berry. HEN (15): 1, Stewart, good var., fine head, neck, neat, cobby, well packed body, typical, stylish neat; 2, Bisset, fine cl., good type and build, short, full neck, chases leader, just barely to full in head, staged in the pink; 3, Aitken, good qual., not so full or deep in front, good carr., but longer behind; 4, sp, Berry, neat, good qual., just behind in body subs.; 5, Connelly; 6, Naismith. UNFED CK. (14): 1, McLean, large cl. yell., grand type, fine body subs., good head, full neck, broad, deep front, well braced, in nice order; 2, Stewart, good cl. buff, fine subs. and type, good top end, well braced, little behind leader; 3, Braidwood, good var., fine size, good qual., nice full top end, shapely body, just loses in wing carr.; 4, sp, Moffat, cl. yell., well up in size, good feather and cond.; 5, Lawson; 6, Hampton. HEN (9): 1, Braidwood, yell. var., capital subs. and type, neat through, wins well; 2, McLean, typical, good qual., broken green, well staged, runs close up; 3, White, cl. yell., fine size, good body subs., neatly braced, long behind; 4, Marshall, fine size, cl., typical and stylish, not quite so good wing carr.; 5, Hampton; 6, Wardrop. CREST (7): 1, sp, Hamilton, massive var., plenty feather, lovely qual., grand top piece, finely radiated from good centre, nice frontal and droop, easy win; 2, Cringles, wing mkd. D.C., fine col. and qual., closer in feather, well laid, evenly radiated, good top, not just the spread, well staged; 3, Blyth, good green, plenty of good qual. body feather, nice leafy head gear, good radiation, not so perfectly groomed; 4 and 5, Wilson; 6, Brown. C.B. (7): 1, Hamilton, well known var., now in full bloom, grand dome-shaped skull, well clothed, fine lash, good back skull and broad entrance, plenty body feather, right qual., in the pink; 2 and 4, Houston, 2 good var., nice skull, plenty of feather, not quite so broad, fails in staging, 4 plenty size and body subs., fails in headpiece; 3, Cringles, well up for size and quality feather; 5, Blyth; 6, Brown. GIFT (3): 1, Braidwood; 2, Naismith; 3, Thomson. SELL. (15): 1, Lawson; 2, Proctor; 3, Smellie; 4 and 6, Lang; 5, Hyslop. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL CK. (24): 1, Irvine, fine little fellow, good col., nice type, jaunty style, neat wings, close tail, well staged; 2, Sprott, typical, fine qual., neat and well drawn, fails col. only; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, nice type, sweet qual., well braced wings, close tail, just trifle pinched at throat; 4, Sandilands, sound col., typical, well braced; 5, McMinn; 6, Craig. BUFF (26): 1, Thomson, top qual., very typical, neat, clean cut, well braced, in the pink; 2, Young, fine type and qual., neat, shapely, trifle open in feather; 3, McMinn, good col., sweet qual. A1 carr., rather chubby in type; 4, Lunn, grand qual., fine type, shapely, clean cut, little erratic in wing carr. at times. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Craig, looks like the Glasgow and Dist. winner, not so fit to day, nor so close in feather; 2, Sprott, grand wings and tail, better tapered than leader, we preferred; 3, Wilson, saddle mark, lovely type, neat body feather, well braced, might be shorter and rounder in head; 4, McClue and Hilson, nice shape, neat carr. and style, slightly behind in col. and cond.; 5, Dick; 6, Stewart.

BUFF (28): 1, Thomson, a mistake here, singing beautifully, nice exhibit, good type and qual., neat carr. and style, well staged; 2, Wilson, grand type and qual., neatly braced, very shapely, clean cut, our choice; 3, Stewart, grizzle cap, lovely type, rare qual., really neat, sweet, jaunty; 4, c, Stewart, fine type and qual., fails carr., and unsteady; 5, Brown; 6, he, McClue and Hilson. EVEN MARK (13): 1, 4, 5, Wilson, leader wins open medal, good col. and type, neat markings, fine carr., steady, well staged; 4th, grand cinn. mark, nice type and qual., very shapely, neat, strong in head points; 2, Craig, fine qual. and type, good col. and markings, long-headed; 3, Darragh, grand qual., cinn. mark, neat head and neck, good shape, neatly braced; 6, McMinn. UNEVEN OR VAR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, grand col., type and qual., fine markings, well tapered, clean cut, neat, in fine order; 2, Nicholson, seemed bit soft when we took notes; 3, 5, Wilson, 3rd nice type, sweet qual. feather, neat, well built, close up; 4, Spratt, typical, fine wings and tail, could have been staged to better advantage; 6, Watt. BUFF (16): 1, 5, Wilson, little beauty, very typical, nice quality feather, neat and stylish, in A 1 fettle; 2, Nicholson, fine type and qual., neat, clean cut, well braced, not quite so well drawn; 3, Murray, good type, neat carr., style; 4, McFarlane, good col. and type, fine qual. feather, neat body, rather strong in head points; 6, Hamilton. UNEVEN OR VAR. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Wilson, wing and eyes mkd., lovely col., fine type and qual., neat, stylish, well shown; 2, Nicholson, lovely qual. cinn. mark, neat, typical, fine head, neck, well filled, clean cut, shapely body, in the pink; 3, Glass, var., cinn. mark, good type, neatly braced, well tapered body; 4, Young, good mk., typical, good qual., neat style, fine wings, close tail, value for 1 up; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 6, Govan. BUFF (15): 1, Robertson, grand typical 3-pointed, fine quality, shapely, neat through, in good order; 2, Findlay, nice feathered, typical, shapely, inclined to cross at times; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, nice type, capital qual., perfect carr., best head in class, we liked much; 4, Lawson, cinn. mark., fine type, shapely, well drawn, perfect wing carr., just fails at top end; 5, Wilson; 6, Irvine. YELL. CINN. CK. (15): 1, 5, Wilson, old favourite, rare col., type and qual., very shapely, neat, put out in fine style; 2, Darragh, good for type, qual. and carriage, fails col., not just so well drawn; 3, Dick, typical, neat, stylish; 4, Houston, fine trim, presses close here; 6, Haddow. BUFF (12): 1, Harper, clean cut, typical, neat through, steady, in the pink; 2, 6, Wilson, fine col., well pencilled, stylish, shapely, just shade flat on top head; 3, 5, McLinden, good stamp, neat, close feathered, well braced, runs hot in the chase; 4, Baxter, in nice order, but trifle lucky. YELL. CINN. HEN (18): 1, 4, B.F.C.C. medal, Dick, little beauty, neat, typical, staged in the pink; 4th, in nice order, runs hard up on 3rd; 2, McLinden, neat and clean cut, well braced, nicely staged, runs close up; 3, 6, Wilson, good for type and qual., well drawn, shapely, staged in proper style, fails head only; 5, Lambie. BUFF (16): 1, Darragh, lovely type and qual., neat carr. and style, fine top end, very shapely, well staged; 2, Hamilton, wins novice medal, grand type, qual. and feather, neat wings, close tail, steady, well staged; 3, 5, Wilson, 3rd, one of the right sort, proper type and qual., neat through, runs very close; 4, Houston, nice type and qual., fails col.; 6, McColl. YELL. GRN. CK. (17): 1, Harper, capital col. and qual., rich pencilling, neat, typical, well drawn, in fine fettle; 2, Wilson, rather stronger in build, fine grassy col., well pencilled, neat, jaunty appearance, clean cut, in hard cond., presses; 3, Lawson, good ground col., neat markings, good type and carr., looking rather cordy in feather, steady; 4, Haddow, good type and carr., fine ground col., not so well pencilled; 5, Findlay; 6, Forrest. BUFF (16): 1, Haddow, top type and qual., neat carr. and style, fine sound col., well pencilled, in fine trim; 2, Linton, rather stronger built, neat and typical, well braced, fine cond.; 3, Lawson, lovely feather, fine tone of col., well pencilled, nice build, neatly braced, A 1 order; 4, Aitken, nice feather, good body shape, stylish; 5, Brown; 6, Reid. YELL. GRN. HEN (14): 1, Reid, grand grassy col., well pencilled, shapely, typical, neat carr., jaunty style, faultless feather; 2, Harper, nice level col., neatly pencilled, grand qual., neatly got up, just inclined to carry wings loosely; 3, 4, Wilson, former, good col. and type, neat wings, close tail, trifle faulty at top end; 4th, we could not find; 5, Lawson; 6, Linton. BUFF (23): 1, Graham, fine level col., nicely pencilled, neat and shapely, clean cut, stylish, in the pink; 2, 4, Wilson, former, all there for col., type, qual., neat and close feathered, in capital order, very close run; 4th, typical. A 1 qual., feather, neat build, tight run; 3, Eadie, fine col., type and qual., neat head, fine neck, neatly braced, well placed; 5, Lambie; 6, no name. NOVICE (29): 1, Ferguson, good even mkd. Yell., nice colour, type and qual., well shown; 2, Stobo, green, good sound col. and qual., beaten in type; 3, Edmondson, cl. buff, might have been staged to better advantage; 4, sp, Wilson, good uneven mark, nice col. and qual., well staged, steady; 5, Kennedy; 6, Duncan. A.O.V. (1): 1, Scott, fair exhibit, in good condition. GIFT (4): 1, Martin; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Pollock. SELL. (19): 1, Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Irvine; 4, Sprott; 5, Findlay; 6, Reid. HYBRID (7): 1, 2, 4, Crone, capital team, leader monster Goldf.-Bullf., capital size, grand subs. and col., something to reckon with, perfectly staged; 2nd, fine Redpoll-Bullf., in perfect order, well known face, in hot company; 4, sp, fine Bramble-Chaffinch, nice size, col., and markings, steady, perfectly shown; 3, 5, McLean, former good Greenf.-Bullf., nice size, col. and markings, well staged, faultless cond.; 6, Clark. VAR. MULE (3): 1, Campbell, good even mark Goldie, in rare order, nice size, col. and markings, steady, well put down; 2, Begg, similar cross, smaller, but neat, heavily mkd., in fine trim; 3, Wilson, var., looks hen, in nice feather. DRK. GOLDF. OR LINNET-CAN. (7): 1, 2, Crone, clinking pair, Jonque Linnet leading, some col. and qual. here, massive build, neat and perfect feather, fine win; 2nd, Jonque Goldf., every bit the equal of leader, but both can't be first; 3, White, Linnet, nice size, col., feather, bit unsteady; 4, Hall; 5, Begg; 6, Findlay. A.O. DRK. CAN. (7): 1, 3, Crone, leader, monster Canary-Bullf., great subs. and col., handsome youngster, bids fair to eclipse his old champion, will lead the way among the best; 3rd, capital Jonque Siskin, fine size, great col., well defined marks, in the pink; 2, Nicholson, fine Jonque Greenf., good size, fine subs., deep level col., close boxy feather, staged to perfection; 4, Renwick; 5, Liddell; 6, Campbell. GOLDF. (15): 1, Connelly, nice finch, good square blaze, nice col., markings, good wings, pure whites, nicely tanned, in good order; 2, Marlin, well up in size, col. and steadiness, fails in blaze; 3, Naismith, we missed; 4, Weir, nice markings, well beaten in blaze; 5, Taylor; 6, Whiteford. BULLF. (7): 1, Pollock, fine size and subs., nice cap and wing bars, good slaty back, rather smoky in breast colour; 2, 6, Smith, former grand finch, for size, and distinct markings, combined with purity of colours, might have won top honours; 3, Thomson, trifle smaller, grand col. and well mkd., well placed; 4, Berry; 5, Naismith. BULLF. HEN (14): 1, 4, Foster, good one for size, col. and steadiness, might be shade more perfect in feather; 2, Reid, not just so massive, but excels in cond., runs close up; 3, Glass, in fine order, nicely placed. HEN FINCH OR BUNTING (11): 1, Showler, fine Greenf., in capital feather, well staged; 2, Lindsay, good Bramble, nice size and col., well spangled, steady; 3, Campbell, smaller Greenf., in lovely order; 4, sp, Clark, Bramble, nice size; 5, Begg; 6, Calder. LINNET (19): 1, Keenan, nice nutty brown col., good size, well pencilled, steady; 2, Naismith, well up on leader for size, col. and steadiness, fails only at breast; 3, Strachan, good one, in fine feather, runs close up; 4, Gray; 5, Taylor; 6, Whiteford. LINNET, T.M. (7): 1, Gillies, good size, very steady, fine col., well pencilled; 2, Lindsay, nice size, good ground col., not so profuse in pencilling, or so steady; 3, Smith, good size, sound col., well pencilled, might have got up a step; 4, Marshall; 5, Begg; 6, Cowan. GREENF. (14): 1, Linton, plenty size, fine subs. and cols., A 1 cond.; 2, Davidson, capital order, fine col., perfect feather, lacks subs. of winner; 3, Hardy, in fine order, fails subs.; 4, spl, Naismith, smaller, but good. A 1 cond., steady; 5, McLean; 6, Thomson. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (18): 1, Nelson, fine size and cond., nicely pencilled, good order; 2, McEwan, good, beaten in size and subs., in fine trim; 3, Boag, good, loses in cond. and markings; 4, Marlin, good one, in nice feather, well placed; 5, no name; 6, Robertson. F.M. (19): 1, Lambie, small, but neat, grand feather, well pencilled, steady, fine cap and bib, well staged; 2, Ogilvie, rather larger, good col., well pencilled flanks, just fails at throat, close up; 3, McLean, in the pink, runs close up; 4, Taylor, not far behind the best, only wants size; 5, Naismith; 6, Graham. MEALY POLL OR TWITE (7): 1, Marlin, good Twite, fine size, rich col., well pencilled, steady; 2, Graham, Twite, just beaten in subs.; 3, 4, Clark, 3rd, good sized Twite, nice feather, very steady, well staged; 4th, Mealy Poll, good size, nice cond., fails col. only; 5, Naismith; 6, Henning. SISKIN (11): 1, Nicholson, grand Jonque, fine size and subs., grand col. and markings, well staged, easy winner; 2, Calder, nice nat. col., in rare fettle, good cap and bib, neat wings and finely pencilled flanks; 3, Renwick, well staged, close up; 4, Connelly, fine col., well mkd., just lacks size and subs. of leaders; 5, Naismith; 6, Nelson. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (6): 1, Young, fine Chaffinch, good size, rich col., nicely mkd., steady, in rare order; 2, Reid, Chaffinch, well up in size, and distinct markings, fails col. only; 3, Brown, good Bramble, fine size and marks, well spangled, might have split the first two; 4, sp, Crone; 5, Pollock; 6, Smith. BUNTING (8): 1, 6, Strachan, fine Yellowhammer, nice size, steady, fine col. and distinct markings, wins easily; 2, Henderson, good size and feather, fails in head markings; 3, Brown, good Snow, in nice feather, steady and well shown, might have split first two; 4, Davidson, Yellowhammer, very similar to 2nd, may improve with age; 5, Berry. A.O.V. (4): 1, Taylor, capital Waxwing, in lovely feather, steady, shown to perfection; 2, McLean, grand Redstart, in full col., steady and perfect; 3, Smith, Waxwing, not quite so perfect in col., or feather, still good; 4, Henderson, good Waxwing, with damaged wings. FOR. (5): 1, Lee, capital King Parrot, in full col., perfect feather; 2, 4, 5, nice team, Orange Bishop, pair Budgerigars, and Java Sparrow; 3, Campbell, good Siberian Goldf., fine size and col., rich face, pure whites and tans, fine yellow wings and bars, nicely placed.

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Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers it they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and it they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready)

With an entry of 330 the first show of South Shields "Always Ready," St. Thomas' Institute, Nov. 18, may well be described as a great success, especially when the excellent quality of the exhibits is considered and the large amount of patronage given to the event by the public. The birds were staged in a large and cosy room, free from draughts. All the office-bearers are fanciers of the right stamp, and all show the greatest enthusiasm for the welfare or exhibitors, visitors, and judges. The stewards (Messrs. J. S. Dixon, R. Barnes, J. Gleghorn, G. Scott, A. Hirons, S. Bewick, R. Armstrong, W. Duke, E. Coppock) were always at their posts, and everything went on smoothly under their direction. The staging was erected by J. F. Curry, one of the best, always ready to do anything for the welfare of the society. The Sec., J. W. Watson (his first year in the position), is the right man in the right place and untiring in his efforts. The judges were Mr. J. Johnson (Wallsend), Mr. Woodhouse (South Shields), and their awards were highly satisfactory. Competition was exceptionally keen for the prizes, which included three handsome trophies and 53 specials. Silver challenge cup presented by Mr. C. A. Cochrane, M.P. for borough, for best bird, was won by R. Armstrong with a tip-top dark green Crest. Silver bowl by T. T. Anderson for best members' young bird, G. Greenwell, with a good yell. green Bord. cock; and the J. F. Curry bowl for a member who has never exhibited before 1916, W. Conner, with a yellow Nor. In presenting the trophies, Mr. C. Cochrane, M.P., the president of the society, congratulated the members on their magnificent initial effort, and also referred in terms of warm praise to the services of the secretary.

Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Barnes; vhc, bowl, Connor; hc, Potts; c, Watson. Buff: 1, 3, Morrison; 2, Watson; vhc, T. R. Baker; hc, Connor; c, Dixon. Yell. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, vhc, Coppock; 2, Dixon; 3, Morrison; hc, Potts. Buff: 1, Hirons; 2, Fleck; 3, hc, Potts; vhc, Coppock; c, Dixon. Hen Yell. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Dixon; 2, hc, Morrison; 3, Barnes; vhc, Connor; c, Couchman. Buff: 1, 3, Morrison; 2, Barnes; vhc, Connor; hc, Couchman; c, Potts. Cl. Yell. Unflig.: 1, Dixon; 2, Potts; 3, Fleck; vhc, Fraser. Buff: 1, Barnes; 2, Couchman; 3, vhc, Potts; hc, Fraser; c, Brown. Yell. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Fleck; 2, hc, Potts; 3, vhc, Coppock; c, Brown. Buff: 1, Couchman; 2, Barnes; 3, Morrison; vhc, Watson; hc, Brown; c, Potts. Hen Yell.: 1, 2, Barnes; 3, Fleck; vhc, Coppock; hc, Gleghorn; c, T. R. Baker. Buff: 1, Fleck; 2, Dixon; 3, Coppock; vhc, Couchman; hc, Barnes; c, Connor. Nat. Col.: 1, Hirons; 2, Fleck; 3, Bird; vhc, c, Duke; hc, Mulgrove. Crest Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, Bewick; 3, Morgan; hc, Armstrong; c, Duke. Hen: 1, Armstrong, best bird in show; 2, Bewick. C.-B. Ck.: 1, Bewick; 2, Morgan; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Duke. Hen: 1, Bewick; 2, Armstrong. Crest, Unflig.: 1, Bewick; 2, 3, Armstrong; vhc, Morgan. C.-B. Unflig.: 1, 3, Armstrong; 2, Bewick. Cinn. Yell.: 1, vhc, Couchman; 2, hc, Armstrong; 3, Barnes. Buff: 1, 2, Couchman; 3, Simpson; vhc, hc, c, Armstrong. Cinn. Yell. Unflg.: 1, Couchman; 2, Armstrong; 3, Barnes. Buff: 1, 3, Simpson; 2, vhc, Armstrong; hc, Barnes. Yorks. Yell. Cl.: 1, Smith; 2, T. R. Baker. Bord. Yell., Cl., Mkd.: 1, Hirons; 2, Couchman. Buff: 1, Greenwell; 2, White; 3, Couchman. Hen, Yell.: 1, Greenwell. Buff: 1, Scott; 2, Couchman; 3, Hirons; vhc, Mulgrove. Yell. Unflig.: 1, Scott; 2, White. Buff: 1, White; 2, Greenwell; 3, Scott; vhc, Stevenson. Hen, Buff: 1, White; 2, 3, Scott; vhc, hc, Barnes. Yell. Green: 1, 2, Greenwell. Buff: 1, 3, Greenwell; 2, White; vhc, Curry. Yell, Green Unflig.: 1, 3, Greenwell, best young bird in show; 2, Stevenson; vhc, Couchman. Buff: 1, vhc, Greenwell; 2, hc, Stevenson; 3, Couchman; c, Duke. Cinn. Yell.: 1, White; 2, Stevenson; 3, Mulgrove. Buff: 1, Stevenson. A.O.V.: 1, Duke. Sell. Pair: 1, Duke; 2, Watson; 3, Coppock; vhc, Russell; hc, Greenwell. Single: 1, Morgan; 2, Coppock; 3, Duke; vhc, hc, Curry; c, Russell. Mule or Hyb.: 1, vhc, hc, Morrison; 2, Greenwell; 3, Couchman; c, Hirons. Unflig.: 1, Hirons; 2, vhc, Greenwell; 3, Scott; hc, Brown. Goldf.: 1, Waters; 2, T. Baker; 3, Hirons; vhc, McVay; hc, Stevenson; c, Morrison. Bullf.: 1, Morrison; 2, Dixon; 3, McVay; vhc, Mulgrove. Greenf.: 1, 2, Couchman; 3, Greenwell; vhc, c, Waters; hc, Morrison. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, Waters; 2, Curry; 3, Dixon; vhc, hc, McVay; c, Stevenson. Linnet, H.M.: 1, 3, Waters; 2, hc, Simpson; vhc, McVay; c, Curry. F.M.: 1, vhc, Simpson; 2, c, McVay; hc, C. T. Baker; 3, Couchman. Siskin, etc.: 1, c, Waters; 2, Hirons; 3, Fleck; vhc, McVay; hc, Greenwell. A.O. Finch or Bunting: 1, Curry; 2, Simpson. Softbill: 1, c, Curry; 2, 3, vhc, McVay.

EAST HAM F.S.

Eighth annual show, Central Liberal Club, Dec. 2. Entries came up fairly well, and quality was such as the members may well feel proud of. Cup best bird bred by exhibitor, gold medal, and diploma were won by Mr. W. Brows, with a grand shaped, close and silky feathered buff Norwich. Mr. Thompson won Novice cup with a very nice Bramblefinch; silver spoon for best in section, cup, and medal, winner barred, was won by Mr. A. C. Bosher, with a very fine Rock Parrot; Mr. G. Gardner judged.

Yorks Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Blows, typical and well shown; 3, res, Wadsworth, just a little open at chest and not so well tapered. Buff: 1, Blows, again very shapely and well shown. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Blows. Buff: 1, cup and medal, and diploma, 3, already referred to; 2, res, Bosher, nice col. and qual. Tkd., Etc.: 1, 2, Bosher, useful variegs. birds. Mules: 1, 2, Turney, Goldf.-Can. Goldf.: 1, Thompson, best face, clean cut collar, nice bars and buttons; 2, 3, Bosher, good Finches, lacking brightness; res, vhc, Turner; hc, Wadsworth. A.O.S. Finch: 1, Novice cup, Thompson, Brambling already alluded to; 2, Bosher. Linnet: 1, Bosher, nicely mkd. and steady. For.: 1, sp, Bosher; 2, McKenzie, nice Cardinal; 3, Mrs. Woolley, Budgerigar; res, Mackenzie. Sell.: 1, 2, Blows.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all Insects. Harmless to everything else.

Members Shows.

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EDMONTON F.A.

Held in the Town Hall, Dec. 7, and in spite of the absence of many members, a good entry and keen competition resulted. Quality was of a very high order in all the Canary classes, though strange to say, British birds were conspicuous by their absence. Mr. S. N. Berriman, the able hon. sec., took up the duties at the end of last year, in succession to Mr. W. H. Jackson, who afterwards fell in action "somewhere in France," and right well has he filled the position. At the judges' luncheon the death of Mr. Jackson was very feelingly alluded to, one and all realising what a staunch friend he had been to the society; and at the same time appreciation of the way in which Mr. Berriman stepped into the breach was expressed. Mr. J. W. Tilley (asst. sec.) and Mr. C. Sorrell (chairman), as well as the other committeemen, rendered every assistance on the day of the show. Mr. G. Gardner judged. Cup best unflig. and cup and spl. best in show were won by Mr. W. Titchner, the first cup going to a short-bodied grand-headed nearly green of lovely quality, and the latter to a bouncing ticked buff, of charming feather. Yorks. cup, Mr. Olley, a finely tapered close feathered buff; other specials went to Messrs. Trevallion (2), Olley and Watts.

Nor. Cock: 1, cup, Titchner, already described; 2, spl, Trevallion, lovely cl. buff, grand type, head and wing carriage; 3, Olley, very nice yell.; res, Thurley. Hen: 1, spl, 3, Trevallion, 1st topping buff, 3rd nice yell.; 2, res, Thurley, very shapely varieg., close and compact, a good hen for the breeding cage. Unflig.: 1, cup, Titchner; 2, Thurley, tkd, yell., very shapely and silky in feather; 3, c, Trevallion; res, vhc, hc, Olley. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, res, Olley, good team, all well balanced; vhc, Holmes. Hen: 1, cpl., 3, res, Olley, all A1, as were the whole of the six unflighted birds in the next class, shown by Mr. Olley. Crests: 1, spl, 2, Watts, the leader a nicely centred and radiated Crest, with one or two light feathers therein.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

7th annual show, Nov. 25, Tynecastle Church Halls. An ideal hall for a show, with plenty of room and a fair abundance of light these darkened times. The birds were nicely staged round the sides. Entries were about 460 and contained the cream of the Fancy in all sections. The office-bearers had everything in order for the comfort of everyone, the secretary, Mr. Charlton, being a host in himself and a pastmaster as secretary. The judges were: Nor., Mr. Dewar; Bord., Mr. W. Thomson; British, etc., Mr. Sykes. Mr. Dewar also took the 11 Scotch Fancies that were there in the 8 classes provided. The sooner something is done for this section, the better. Cup winners: Nor., G. R. Smith, with a grand Crest. Bord. and B.F.C. medal, C. Stewart; Brit., Allan. It was very gratifying to see such an array of specials.

Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (17): 1, 5, Stormont, 2, Bell; 3, Proctor; 4, Muir; 6, Walls; 7, Staines; 8, Charlton. Buff (23): 1, 3, Proctor; 2, 4, Wallace; 5, Staines; 6, Wishart; 7, Stormont; 8, Craig. Gr. or Var. Yell. Ck. (10): 1, 7, Staines; 2, 5, Finnie; 3, Bell; 4, Stormont; 6, Wallace; 8, Charlton. Buff (9): 1, Muir; 2, Proctor; 3, 6, Finnie; 4, 7, Patrick; 5, Wishart; 8, Craig. Cl. or Tkd. Yell, Hen (15): 1, 2, Proctor; 3, 4, Stormont; 5, 6, Finnie; 7, Charlton; 8, Thomson. Buff (21): 1, 6, 7, Finnie; 2, Proctor; 3, 8, Stormont; 4, Staines; 5, Muir. Gr. or Var. Yell. Hen (13): 1, Proctor; 2, Thomson; 3, Staines; 4, Stormont; 5, Farmer; 6, Mill; 7, 8, Finnie. Buff (13): 1, Proctor; 2, 5, Bell; 3, Wishart; 4, Farmer; 6, Finnie; 7, Thomson; 8, Muir. Nonted Ck. (12): 1, 8, Wallace; 2, Finnie; 3, 6, Staines; 4, Thomson; 5, Proctor; 7, Bowman. Hen (7): 1, 3, Staines; 2, Craig; 4, 5, Mill; 6, Forrest. Cinn. Self or Foul (6): All Charlton. Nov. Ck. (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Ritchie; 5, McMorrin; 6, 7, 8, Wilkie. Hen (11): 1, Rice; 2, 4, Ritchie; 3, Purves; 5, 6, 7, Wilkie. Old Cock (7): 1, Walls; 2, Staines; 3, Buglass; 4, Clark; 5, Mill; 6, Wallace; 7, Wilkie. Hen (11): 1, Wall; 2, Clark; 3, Patrick; 4, Preston; 5, Weir; 6, Buglass; 7, Bowman; 8, Adam. Crest Ck. (2): Both Smith, cup winner. Hen (3): 1, Stevenson; 2, Smith. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, Stevenson; 3, Smith. Hen (2): 1, Stevenson; 2, Smith. Crest or C.-B. Nov. (2): Both Ritchie. Bord. Cl., etc., Yell. Ck. (14): 1, Hood; 2, Napier; 3, Stewart; 4, 7, Thomson; 5, Dodds; 6, Stevenson; 8, Hutchinson. Buff (16): 1, Hood; 2, 3, 4, Dodds; 5, Bell; 6, Thomson; 7, 8, Sibhald. Var. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, Michie; 2, Dodds; 3, Stewart; 4, Weir; 5, Sibhald; 6, Wallace. Buff (4): 1, Hood; 2, Hutchison; 3, Napier; 4, Mill. Yell, Gr. Self or Foul Ck. (4): 1, 3, Dodds; 2, 4, Stevenson. Buff (6): 1, 2, 3, Dodds; 4, 5, Stevenson. Cinn. Self or Foul Ck. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass; 5, Clark. Cl., etc., Yell. Hen (18): 1, cup, B.R.C.C., Stewart; 2, Hood; 3, Hutchison; 4, Bell; 5, Mill; 6, Michie; 7, Napier. Buff (16): 1, Dodds; 2, Sibhald; 3, Hutchison; 4, Bell; 5, Thompson; 6, Napier; 7, Hood; 8, Michie. Var. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 2, Michie; 3, 5, Dodds; 4, 8, Hutchison; 6, Mill; 7, Hood. Buff (6): 1, Weir; 2, Hood; 3, Hutchison; 4, Sibhald; 5, Stormont. Yell. Cl., Self or Foul Hen (4): 1, Dodds; 2, Hutchison; 3, 4, Stevenson. Buff (5): 1, Hutchison; 2, 5, Dodds; 3, 4, Stevenson. Cinn. Self or Foul Hen (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass; 5, Dodds; 6, Clark. Nov. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, 4, Hood; 2, 3, Brydon; 5, Purves; 6, Rice. Buff (5): 1, 2, Brydon; 3, 4, Hood; 5, Purves. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 4, Hood; 2, 3, Brydon; 5, Purves. Buff (4): 1, 2, Hood; 3, Brydon; 4, Purves. Old Ck. (2): 1, Stewart; 2, Rice. Hen (6): 1, Stewart; 2, Weir; 3, 4, Palmer; 5, Stevenson; 6, Rice. Scotch Fancy, Cl. or Foul Ck. (4): 1, 2, M'Niven; 3, 4, Muir. Pied or Gr. Buff Ck. (2): 1, 2, M'Niven. Cl. or Foul Buff Hen (3): 1, 2, Bowman. Nov. (2): 1, 2, Ritchie. Goldf. (9): 1, Craig; 2, Weir; 3, Michie; 4, Adam; 5, 7, Ogilvie; 6, Watson; 8, Bowman. Bullf. (4): 1, Craig; 2, Michie; 3, Allan. Bullf. Hen (6): 1, Allan; 2, Craig; 3, Adam; 4, Weir; 5, Ogilvie; 6, Palmer. Linnet (9): 1, 2, Allan; 3, 4, 8, Watson; 5, Bell; 6, Palmer; 7, Crosbie. Greenf. (3): 1, Finnie; 2, Clark; 3, Staines. Greenf. Nat. Col. (18): 1, 2, cup, Allan; 3, Adam; 4, 6, Wallace; 5, Bowman; 7, Mill; 8, Finnie. Siskin or Twite (8): 1, 3, Allan; 2, Craig; 4, Crosbie; 5, Farmer; 6, Adam; 7, Watson. Redpoll (9): 1, Watson; 2, Craig; 3, Allan; 4, 5, Ogilvie; 6, 7, Farmer; 8, Napier. Chaffinch (8): 1, 3, 5, Allan; 2, Watson; 4, Finnie; 6, Crosbie; 7, Weir; 8, Stewart. A.O.V. Finch (8): 1, 4, Watson; 2, 3, Allan; 5, Adam; 6, Craig; 7, Farmer. Bunting (6): 1, Allan; 2, Finnie; 3, 5, Watson; 4, Craig. Softbill, Small (2): 1, 2, Watson. Hen Hardbill (4): 1, Allan; 2, Clark; 3, 4, Adam. For. Goldf. (2): 1, Proctor; 2, Smith. A.O.S. (2): 1, 2, Adam. Nov. Goldf., etc. (3): 1, Rice; 2, Ritchie; 3, Purves. Mule Light (3): 1, 2, Finnie; 3, Taylor. Dark Goldf. or Linnet (4): 1, Finnie; 2, 3, 4, Smith. A.O.V. Dark (1): Craig. Old Mule or Hyb. (2): 1, Taylor.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members' show, Dec. 16; 63 birds staged. Mr. J. H. Fowle, Queensbury, judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks (6): 1, 4, H. Firth; 2, Warburton; 3, Widdop; vhc, Oldfield. Buff (6): 1, 4, Oldfield; 2, 3, vhc, Firth; hc, Oliver. Even, Etc., Ck. (6): 1, 2, 4, Firth; 3, Bartle; vhc, hc, Ackroyd. Hen (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Firth; 3, hc, Warburton. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (7): 1, 2, Firth; 3, Widdop; 4, vhc, hc, Ackroyd; c, Oliver. Buff (10): 1, Firth; 2, vhc, Ackroyd; 3, 4, Warburton; hc, Widdop; c, Oliver. Unflig. Ck. (12): 1, 2, hc, Firth; 3, Bartle; 4, Widdop; vhc, Ackroyd; c, Warburton. Hen (10): 1, Oldfield; 2, vhc, hc, Firth; 3, Warburton; 4, Ackroyd; 6, Widdop. Most points: Firth 27, Warburton 19, Oldfield 18, Ackroyd 17, Widdop 15, Bartle 9, Oliver 3. Points to date for cup and year's specials: Firth 82, Ackroyd 75, Warburton 73, Widdop 71, Oldfield 58, Bartle 49, Oliver 21.—A. Firth.

KINGSWOOD (Bristol) F.S.

Annual open show, Miners' Hall, Kingswood, Dec. 13. Had the committee advertised the venture and catered for the cage birds in the available separate room, they would have felt justified in expecting a big success in our section. As it was, the entry was purely local, and the birds were poorly staged at the end of the show. The classes, although small, comprised some of Bristol's best, the majority having been in the lists at important shows. Points challenge cup was won by Mr. Greenslade. Mr. W. Bull judged, and appeared to give general satisfaction.

Yks. Ck., Adult (8): 1, 2, Hiscox; 3, Osborne; vhc, c, Greenslade; hc, Tozer. Hen (7): 1, 2, 3, Greenslade; vhc, hc, Hiscox; c, Osborne. Cl. Yell., 1916 (5): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Greenslade; 2, S. Hale; 3, Norman. Buff (8): 1, novice special, S. Hale; 2, Tozer; 3, Hiscox; vhc, hc, Greenslade; c, Norman. Mkd. (8): 1, 2, c, Greenslade; 3, hc, Hiscox; vhc, S. Hale. Goldf. or Bullf. (4): 1, . A. Davis; 2, 3, Rogers; vhc, Gitsham.—J. A. Greenslade, Sec.

CHOPPINGTON (Scotland Gate).

Fourth annual members' show, Dec. 16, in the Social Club, a very nice hall, well fitted up for the occasion. Mr. H. Seeely, Sec., had everything in apple-pie order, and was well assisted by W. Carmichael, A. Stephenson, and F. Smith. Two hundred birds were staged, and made a splendid show. Mr. F. W. Laidlaw, Newcastle-on-Tyne, judged, and his awards were well received. Unflig. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Scott; 2, hc, Armstrong; 3, c, Seely; vhc, Baker. Buff: 1, c, Seely; 2, Armstrong; 3, Smailes; vhc, Scott; hc, Griffiths. Yell. Hen: 1, Seely; 2, hc, Armstrong; 3, Douglas; vhc, Smailes; c, Wailes. Buff: 1, hc, Carmichael; 2, Richardson; 3, vhc, c, Seely. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, Carmichael; 2, 3, Young; vhc, Wailes; hc, Seccombe; c, Smailes. Buff: 1, Carmichael; 2, Armstrong; 3, Seely. Hen: 1, Wailes; 2, hc, Young; 3, vhc, c, Seccombe. Cinn. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Baker; 3, Sanderson; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Dixon; c, Seccombe. Buff: 1, hc, Baker; 2, Scott; vhc, Sanderson; c, Armstrong. Hen: 1, Ayton; 2, Sanderson; 3, Baker; vhc, Scott; hc, Armstrong; c, Seccombe. A.O.V.: 1, Sanderson; 2, vhc, Griffiths; 3, Armstrong; hc, Orange; c, Seely. Pairs: 1, 3, Seely; 2, Armstrong; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Ayton; c, Griffiths. Crest: 1, Carmichael; 2, Douglas; 3, Dough. Linnet: 1, Armstrong; 2, vhc, Stevenson; 3, c, Ayton; hc, Young. A.O. British: 1, vhc, c, Stevenson; 2, hc, Young; 3, Orange. Nov. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Sanderson; 3, Wailes; vhc, hc, Ayton; c, Tapson. Buff: 1, 2, Sanderson; 3, Seccombe; vhc, Tapson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Tapson; 2, vhc, hc, c, Seccombe.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.

A NEW RECORD.

128 Entries in One Class.

Fifth annual open contest Nov. 24 and 25, at Park Hotel, Bacup, when the record entry of 320 birds was made in four classes. The committee are to be complimented on putting together the best schedule ever compiled in the history of the club. The late secretary, Mr. H. Wantling, having joined His Majesty's forces on Nov. 2, the club was left in the unfortunate position of having no secretary, and at the meeting held Nov. 7 Mr. Geo. Johnson was prevailed upon to take the position, which everyone will agree he has fulfilled in a most creditable manner. The show was held under the patronage of both the British and the Provincial Roller Clubs. Judges: Champion Young and Any Age, Mr. G. Wareing; Novice Young, Mr. J. Netherwood; Novice Any Age, Mr. J. T. Johnson.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (86) (judge, Mr. G. Wareing): 1, Best, HR 5, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 2, F 2, G 3, WG 3, BT 1, BR 1, GE 5—total 29; 2, Montague, HR 4, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 5, F 2, G 2, WG 2, BT 2, BR 1, GE 4—total 27; 3, Mrs. Johnson, HR 4, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 2, G 2, F 2, WG 2, BT 2, BR 1, GE 5—total 27; 4, Mrs. Johnson, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, G 2, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4—total 26; 5, Hocking, HR 4, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, G 1, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, BE 5—total 26; 6, Harrison, HR4, HB 3, B 2, Sch. 2, F 3, WR 1, WG 3, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4—total 26; 7, Mrs. Johnson, HR 5, B 4, Sch. 2, G 2, F 3, WG 3, BT 1, BR 1, GE 5—total 26; vhc, Shepley 25, Gooding 25; hc, Rhodes 25, Jack Tomlinson 25; c, Jacquemin, 25. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (128) (judge, Mr. J. Netherwood): 1, Kimpton, HR 5, B 4, Sch. 3, G 3, F 2, WR 2, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GR 3, GE 4—total 32; 2, Dalby, HR 4, B 3, Sch. 3, G 4, F 2, WG 2, BT 2, BR 1, GR 3, GE 4—total 28; 3, Thompson, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, Sch. 4, F 2, WG 2, BT 2, BR 1, WR 1, GE 4—total 27; 4, Simpson, HR5, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, F 2, WG 3, DBWT 2, BR 2, GE 4—total 27; 5, Harrison, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, F 2, WG 3, BR 2, GR 2, GE 4—total 27; 6, Roath, HR 4, HB 2, B 3, Sch. 3, F 2, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GR 3, GE 3—total 26; 7, J. T. Smith, HR 4, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 3, F 3, WR 2, BT 2, BR 1, GE 4—total 26; vhc, Roath 26, Kitson 25, Plant 25, Robinson 25, Britton 26 (1 off, 25); hc, Mather, Farrimond, Aspinall, Barnes 24 each; c, Macdonald, Humphries, Mather, James Barnes, Foster, Mrs. Wantling, Dudley, 23 each. CHAMP., OLD (41) (judge, Mr. G. Wareing): 1, Wardleworth, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 2, F 3, WG 3, BT 2, BR 1, GE 5—total 27; 2, Beetson, HR 6, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 2, F 2, WG 2, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4—total 26; 3, Lomax, HR 5, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, F 2, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4—total 26; 4, Hocking, HR 4, HB 3, B 4, Sch. 2, G 2, F 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 4—total 26; vhc, Rhodes, 25; hc, Mead, 25; c, Jacquemie, 25. NOV., OLD (67) (judge, Mr. J. T. Johnson): 1, Pearson, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, Sch. 3, F 2, WR 3, WG 4, BT 1, BR 1, GE 4—total 31 (1 off, 30); 2, Garbett, HR 5, HB 3, B 5, F 3, WR 3, WG 4, BG 2, BT 2, GE 4—total 31 (1 off, 30); 3, Appleby, HR 4, HB 3, B 3, Sch. 3, G 3, WR 3, WG 3, BT 1, BR 2, GE 4—total 29; 4, Beetson, HR 5, HB 3, B 3, Sch. 4, F 3, WR 2, DBWT 3, BT 2, GE 4—total 29; vhc, Woodall 30 (1 off, 29), Thwaites, Harrison, Vernon, 28 each; hc, Mills, Watkins, Linley, 27 each; c, Watson, Dalby, Dudley, 2, 26 each.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 25; Mr. A. Gledhill, Bradford, judged. Class 1: 1, Booth; 2, 3, Cook. Class 2: 1, Booth; 2, Robinson. Class 3: 1, Cook; 2, hc, Robinson; 3, vhc, c, Booth. Class 4: 1, Booth; 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Scholes. Class 5: 1, 2, Cook; 3, c, Scholes; vhc, hc, Robinson. Class 6: 1, 2, 3, Booth; vhc, Scholes. Points: Cook 65, Booth 55, Scholes 51, Robinson 23.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

Show Dec. 6; judge, Mr. W. Swaysland. Nor.: 1, sp, vhc, Frost and Rogers; 2, 3, Gibb. 1916: 1, sp, 2, Frost and Rogers. Yorks.: 1, sp, 3, Gibb; 2, vhc, Frost and Rogers. 1916: 1, sp, 2, Frost and Rogers. A.O.V.: 1, Frost and Rogers; 2, Bishop. Nov. Can.: 1, sp, 2, hc, Firth; 3, vhc, Gorman. Sell.: 1, 2, Penyoun. Mule or Hyb.: 1, sp, 3, James; 2, Firth; vhc, Smith. Brit.: 1, sp, hc, Gibb; 2, 3, vhc, James; c, Firth.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Members' show; Mr. W. Walsh judged. Class 1: 1, Brotherton; 2, Craven; 3, Kendall. Class 2: 1, Grange; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, Kendall. Class 3: 1, Brotherton; 2, 3, Craven. Class 5: 1, Grange; 2, Brotherton; 3, Kendall. Class 6: 1, Kendall; 2, Craven; 3, Hirst. Class 7: 1, Kendall; 2, Hirst; 3, Grange. Class 8: 1, Grange; 2, 3, Kendall. Novice Classes.—Class 16: 1, E. Smith; 2, Harrison; 3, Cooper. Class 17: 1, 2, P. Harrison; 3, Smith. Class 18: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Harrison. Class 19: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Smith.—Long and Craven.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Twentieth annual members' show, "The Plough," St. John's Hill, S.W., Dec. 2. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. It was not a large show, many members being on active service and war work, but some fine birds were staged. The Champion Section held the winner of specials for best yellow Yorkshire, best bird in show, and best Canary, all won by Mr. Braham. Best unflighted Yorks, 2nd best in show, and most points, Hawkins. Best Nor., Braham. Best Bord., Goymer. In the Novice Section the competition was good in Yorkshires. Specials best bird in Section, most points, best yellow cock, and best unflighted, all won by Mr. Nason. Special best bird on "Ramsden's," Nason, with a splendid yell. Yorks. Other prominent winners were Messrs. Jeffry, Goymer, and Whitaker. During the evening the show was visited by a good number of the general public and several well-known fanciers, among whom were to be noticed Messrs. Vale, King, Johnson, Harris, and others. There were many enquiries re membership, and I think the society has a bright future.—J. Lilley, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Charity Show in aid of the North Staffordshire Infirmary, held in conjunction with the Winter Garden, King's Hall, Stoke, Nov. 30. As anticipated the entries exceeded last year, and quality was much in advance. Competition proved keen in all sections, condition only turning the scales in many cases. British and Norwich sections were par excellence, and each contained specimens of high merit, many having proved a big attraction at open shows. Special best Norwich was won by Mr. Glover's unflighted yell. cock, a bird possessing true Norwich features. In Yorkshires the award went to Mr. Hawley's buff cock, a sweet exhibit, of nice proportions. Mr. Hartley's Twite secured sp. British, a highly polished bird, laced to perfection. A gift class was provided which contained four entries; they were sold by auction and realised £2, which went to the benefit of the infirmary. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, judged. Nor., Yell.: 1, Leese; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Fox; 4, Pitchford. Buff: 1, Leese; 2, Fox; 3, Roberts; 4, Glover; vhc, Bagshaw. Yell., Hen: 1, Leese; 2, Bowers; 3, Bagshaw; 4, Roberts. Buff: 1, Fox; 2, 3, Glover; 4, Johnson. Unflig., Yell.: 1, sp, Glover; 2, Wild; 3, Roberts. Buff: 1, 4, Colclough; 2, Leese; 3, Maiden; vhc, Gregson. Unflig., Hen: 1, vhc, c, Fox; 2, 4, Bagshaw; 3, Roberts; hc, Johnson. Yorks., Yell.: 1, Hawley. Buff: 1, sp, Hawley; 2, Pygott. Yell., Hen: 1, Pitchford; 2, Hawley. Buff: 1, Pygott; 2, Hawley. Unflig., Yell., Ck.: 1, 2, Pygott; 3, Hawley; 4, Chadwick. Buff: 1, 2, Pygott; 3, Hawley; 4, Dale. Unflig. Hen: 1, Pygott. Nov., Nor., Yell., Ck.: 1, vhc, Cooke; 2, Johnson; 3, Gregory; nc, Colclough. Buff: 1, 4, Colclough; 2, Wild; 3, Cooke; hc, Hartley; c, Johnson. Yell. Hen: 1, Cooke; 2, Johnson; 3, Maiden; 4, Wild. Buff: 1, 4, Johnson; 2, Colclough; 3, Cooke; vhc, Maiden. Yorks., Yell.: 1, Banks and Hesketh; 2, Chadwick; 3, Dale; 4, Timmins. Buff: 1, Banks and Hesketh; 2, Dale; 3, Timmins. Yell., Hen: 1, Banks and Hesketh; 2, Dale; 3, Timmins. Buff: 1, Banks and Hesketh; 2, Dale; 3, Timmins; 4, Chadwick. Goldf.: 1, Leadbeater; 2, hc, Hartley; 3, Davies; 4, Bowers; vhc, Degg; c, Pygott. Linnet: 1, hc, Leadbeater; 2, 4, Pygott; 3, vhc, Davies; c, Hartley. Siskin, Etc.: 1, sp, Hartley; 2, Pygott; 3, Leadbeater. A.O. Hardbill: 1, vhc, Davies; 2, Wild; 3, Leadbeater; 4, hc, Chadwick. Goldf., F.M.: 1, Pitchford; 2, Davies. Linnet: 1, Pygott; 2, Pitchford; 3, Davies; 4, vhc, Degg. Gift: 1, 2, Hartley; Holland; 3, Bowers; 4, Davies. Sell.: 1, 2, Bowers.—J. Glover, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

First show of Norwich Canaries only, Burnley C.B. clubroom, Dec. 2. It was intended to be held in their own clubhouse at the Star Inn, but some hitch arose in the arrangements and their rival club helped them out. The opinion was expressed that the two clubs would do well to join hands and make one strong club, as of old. There is scarcely room for two in Burnley. Entries came up very well, and the quality all through was excellent, the secretary, J. Rushton, and his assistant, J. Moorhouse, having all the arrangements well in hand. Prize money was paid out to the successful exhibitors present, and the room was cleared of all birds by 7.30. Mr. R. Braybrook, Brierfield, judged, and gave entire satisfaction at his first attempt.

YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, Crawshaw, eye and wing mkd., rare depth of chest, grand feather; 3rd, grand neck, good shape; 2, Cook, head mark, full of col., grand qual. and type; vhc, Brade; hc, Wharton; c, Thomas; very good class, Halifax, Huddersfield and Ardwick winners amongst the "also ran." BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Crawshaw, the old eye and wing mkd., well known, looking at his best; 2, Kaberry, head tk, well up in size, good shape and cond, another veteran, between them they count more than a dozen summers; 3, Green, varieg., teeming with qual. and col., nice type; hc, Cook; c, Hartup. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Hirst, cl., teeming with qual., full of col., grand shape, nice head, full neck, Manchester and Ardwick winner; 2, Dickinson, bonny varieg., in nice bloom, bit small; 3, Thomas; vhc, Turner; hc, Crawshaw; c, Hartup. BUFF (11): 1, Brade, cl., well up in size, good shape, Manchester winner, in fresh hands; 2, Huggins, nice head, full neck, short cobby type, one bad wing, lucky to beat; 3, Hirst, nice shaped, hot col., nice feather, shows well, Ardwick winner; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Hartup; c, Dickinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Leach, cl., nice shape, rare col., in fine bloom; 2, Crawshaw, cl., good head, nice feather, beaten in col., bit more size than leader; 3, T. Lingard, bonny variegated, short cobby type, nice col., Huddersfield winner; vhc, Cook; hc, Fielding; c, Turner. BUFF (13): 1, Thomas, rare head and neck, good back, short wings and tail; 2, Hirst, cl., grand qual., nice head, grand carr., shows well, perfect type, pressed hard, Manchester winner; 3, vhc, Chippendale, nice feather, good shape and col.; hc, Crawshaw; c, Cook. HEN (22): 1, Thomas, cl., yell., grand head, full neck, rare size, gem; 2, hc, Crawshaw, buff, good shape, well up in size, nice form; 3, T. Lingard, yell., nice col. and qual., sings too much for a lady; vhc, Hirst; c, Bentley. No. 3, Wharton, cock, in full song, nearly; Manchester winner. AMAT. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Sharrock, cl., nice size, good shape; 2, Noble, wing mark, good col., nice back, deep chest, close up. BUFF (8): 1, Broxup, eye tick, plenty of size, rare shape, nice col., grand stock bird; 2, Derricutt, varieg., full of col., nice shape; 3, Shorrock, nice shape, good col. and subs.; vhc, Aspin; hc, c, Midgley. HEN (9): 1, 2, Catlow, good cl. yellows, well up in size, good type; 3, Broxup, grizzle back buff nice shape, perfect feather; vhc, Haigh; hc, Noble; c, Bateman. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, Catlow, cl. buff, good type, well up for size; 2nd, var. yell., nice type and col.; 3, Parkinson, grizzle back buff, grand feather, close up; vhc, hc, Rushton; c, Haigh. SELL. (8): 1, Dickinson; 2, Derricutt; 3, Hartup; vhc, Catlow; hc, Bentley; c, Bateman. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Holden. Nice team, well drawn, Lancer grand Bramblefinch, 2 good Goldf.; 3, Brevup, s cet Redpoll; c, Conroy.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, Dec. 2, and was a distinct success. A generous schedule brought in a total entry of 107. Competition for the special in the Border section with six nominated birds was very keen. Mr. Eckersley eventually won it by one point. We noticed several local gentlemen very much interested in the exhibits, and to these we extend a cordial invitation to join the society at our next meeting, 25th Jan., at which will be held a pair show on Thursday. Mr. A. Wellings judged and gave every satisfaction. Specials: Yorks., best bird, C. Walkden, a typical yellow hen; most points, W. R. Knowles; 2nd most points, Farrell. Nor., best bird, Barker, a lovely unflig. buff; most points, Barker and Weston, tie, but the former had precedence, owing to winning money. Bord., best bird, G. W. Nelson, a little "toff" of a yellow cock; most points, G. M. Nelson; 2, J. Eckersley. British and Mules, best bird, Jones, smart Goldfinch; most points, Leicester; 2, Clare and Eckersley, tie, but the former had precedence.

Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Farrell; 2, Knowles; 3, Walkden; vhc, Kite; hc, Bray. Hen: 1, spl, Walkden; 2, Knowles; 3, Farrell; vhc, Johnson. Buff: 1, Johnson; 2, Knowles. Hen: 1, vhc, Farrell; 2, Knowles; 3, Bray; hc, Walkden. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Knowles; 2, Walkden; 3, Spruce. Buff: 1, Knowles; 2, Johnson; 3, Spruce. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Barker; 2, Walkden. Hen: 1, 2, Walkden; 3, Weston; vhc, Nelson. Buff Ck.: 1, Walkden; 2, Murray, unflig. Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, Weston; 2, J. Carter. Buff: 1, spl, Barker; 2, 3, Weston. Green, Self or Foul Yell. Ck.: 1, Murray; 2, Lowe; 3, G. Booth. Hen: 1, Barker; 2, Lowe. Buff Ck.: 1, Barker; 2, Roby; 3, W. Jones. Hen: 1, Roby; 2, Booth; 3, Barker; vhc, Murray. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, spl, 3, Nelson; 2, Warburton; vhc, Andrews. Hen: 1, vhc, Warburton; 2, hc, Nelson; 3, Eckersley; c, Clare. Buff Ck.: 1, 3, Eckersley; 2, hc, Warburton; vhc, Nelson; c, Hampson. Hen: 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Eckersley; vhc, Warburton; hc, Clare; c, Hampson. Var. Yell.: 1, Nelson; 2, Walkden; 3, Andrews; vhc, Hampson. Buff: 1, Clare; 2, 3, Eckersley; vhc, Hampson. Green or Cinn., Self or Foul Yell.: 1, Roby; 2, Clare; 3, Hampson. Buff: 1, Clare; 2, Hampson; 3, Andrews. Dark Mule: 1, Clare; 2, vhc, Leicester; 3, Leigh; hc, Warburton. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, spl, hc, Jones; 2, Eckersley; 3, Clare; vhc, Murray. Linnet: 1, 3, Leicester; 2, Hampson. Redpoll, Etc.: 1, Booth; 2, Eckersley; 3, Andrews. Greenf.: 1, Barnett; 2, Eckersley; 3, Leicester. Gift: 1, Warburton; 2, Leigh; 3, G. M. Nelson; vhc, Knowles.—H. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Annual show Nov. 11, at Parish Hall. A capital entry of 205 and some good competition. Mr. Franz won Champion and Crest Cup with a very fine Crest. Mr. Collinge with a grand yellow Yorks. took the Amateur and the Wilson Cup for best unflighted bird. Mr. East won Novice Cup with another typical Yorks., and Mr. Parker the British Cup with a lovely Blackbird, shown in splendid condition. Mr. J. Robson, judged.

Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, hc, Parker. Hens: 1, 4, Parker; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor. Unfl.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Parker. Yorks: 1, 2, Parker; 3, 4 Wyatt; vhc, Farmer. Var.: 1, Farmer; 2, Parker. Hens, Yell.: 1, 3, Farmer; 2, Parker; 4, Taylor; Buff: 1, hc, Parker; 2, Wyatt; 3, vhc, Farmer; 4 Taylor. Unfl, Yell.: 1, 3, Farmer; 2, Parker; 4 Wyatt; vhc, Taylor. Buff: 1, 3, 4, Parker; 2 Farmer; vhc, Taylor. Crest: 1, Franz. C.B.: 1, Franz. Crest or C.B., Unfl.: 1, 2, Franz Amat., Nor: 1, 3, 4, Marshall; 2, Dalton; vhc Wilkins. Hens: 1, 2, 4, Marshall; 3, vhc, Dalton Unfl.: 1, Marshall; 2, Dalton. Yorks., 1, Baxter, 2, vhc, Wilkins; 3, 4, Collinge. Hens: 1, vhc, Wilkins; 2, 3, 4, Collinge. Unfl., Yell.: 1, 2, Collinge; 3, 4, Baxter. Buff: 1, Collinge; 2, Baxter; 3, 4, Wilkins. Bord.: 1, 2, Onslow. Hens: 1, Onslow. Unfl.: 1, Onslow. Nov., Nor., Yell.: 1, Newton; 2, Major; 3, Webb. Buff: 1, Pettet; 2, 3, Webb. Mar. or Var.: 1, 3, Newton; 2, Ferridge; 4, Webb; vhc, Major. Hens, Yell.: 1, Newton; 2, 4, Ferridge; 3, Colley. Buff: 1, vhc, Ferridge; 2, 3, Newton; 4, Pettet. Unfl., Yell.: 1, 2, Newton; 3, 4, Webb; vhc, Mc Dougall. Buff: 1, Webb; 2, 3, Colley; 4, Newton; vhc, Davies; hc, c, Mc Dougall. Nov., Yorks.: 1, 3, Purday; 2, vhc, hc, East; 4, Bayliss; c, Cox. Mkd. or Var.: 1, Cox; 2, 4, Mc Dougall; 3, Bayliss. Hens: 1, 2, East; 3, 4, Millington. Buff: 1, East; 2, Bayliss; 3, Purday; 4, Haseltine. Unfl., Yell.: 1, 3, East; 2, 4, vhc, Bayliss; hc, Purday; c, Haseltine. Buff: 1, Mc Dougall; 2, 4, hc, Bayliss; 3, Purday, vhc, East. Crest: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Rhodes; vhc, c, Whiller. C.B.: 1, 3, Whiller; 2, 4, Rhodes. Unfl. Crest or C.B.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Rhodes; 2, 3, Whiller. Hybrids: 1, hc, Webb; 3, Pettet; 4, Mc Dougall; vhc, Bayliss. Goldf.: 1, Major. Greenf.: 1, Oliver; 2, East; 3, Major; 4, Ovenden; vhc, Parker. Linnet: 1, 3, Major; 2, Ovenden; 4, Haseltine. Siskin, etc.: 1, Major; 2, 4, Parker; 3, Pettet. A.O. Finch: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Major; 4, East. Bunting: 1, Oliver; 2, Parker. Softbill, Small: 1, Oliver; 2, Parker. Large: 1, Parker; 2, Pettet. Hen, Hardbill: 1, Parker. For.: 1, Oliver.—T. Collinge, Hon. Sec. **(Some show reports unavoidably held over.)**

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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1917.
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Scotland.

Dec. 30.—Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)
1917.
Jan. 3-4.—City of Glasgow O.A.—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

1917.
Jan. 9.—Llanelly C.B.S.—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has been elected as judge at Clayeross, Jan. 13; Sutton in Ashfield, Jan. 20; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 2, 1917.

We gather from a club notice received that the National British Bird and Mule Club has changed its headquarters to "The Red Lion," York Street, Piccadilly.

All prize money and specials in connection with our show were posted by 10 p.m. on Monday, and not a single complaint about the return of exhibits has been received, writes Mr. W. S. Wilson, Sec., Hamilton, O.S.

Show Dates for 1917.

Mr. J. Green, hon. sec. Manchester and N. Counties O.S., writes that the 1917 show will be held on Oct. 26, 27, not on Oct. 28, 29, as stated in our issue of last week.

Thefts of Drinkers at Shows.

We have another complaint of the stealing of drinking tins from show cages, this time at Porth and Rhondda Valley show, where Mr. Idwal Daniels lost two tins. Surely something could be done to detect these petty thefts, which cause so much annoyance.

£25 for the Wounded and Prisoners of War.

Mr. H. H. Mortimer, hon. sec. of the Abertillery C.B.S., writes that as the result of the recent show at Abertillery, the handsome sum of £25 has been handed over for the benefit of wounded soldiers and prisoners of war.

A Marvellous Entry.

At the annual open Roller Canary contest of the Bacup Roller C.C., Nov. 24, 25, the four classes staged contained no less than 320 birds, the novice young bird class alone receiving the extraordinary entry of 123. Truly it is not "Roses, roses all the way" to judge a class such as this.

The Worst of Bad Luck.

My birds were too late for judging at Gateshead Show, although they were sent off at 2.22 on the day before the show, writes Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington. Hard lines, as this was the last show for O.N.P.C. competitions, and I was leading for the rose bowl, so it was a great disappointment for me.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Border Fancy C.C.—St. Cuthbert's Hall, King's Stables Road, Edinburgh, Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Judges: T. M'Creadie, J. W. Duncan, A. Forrest. 24 classes: 19 Open. 2 Nov., 3 Sell. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 23, to W. B. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead.

City of Glasgow O.A.—Central Halls, Bath-st., Jan. 3-4. Judges: J. Dalgleish, J. Carlaw, J. Higgins, J. Watson, D. Caldwell, D. Black, R. Martin, A. G. Cameron, J. Noble, G. Hyslop, T. Arnott, A. W. Watson, L. Arrighi. 107 classes: Scotch Fancy 19 (2 Sell.), Belg. 2, Nor. 20 (2 Sell., 2 Nov.), Crests 10 (2 Sell), Bord. 15 (2 Sell.), Yorks. 9, A O V 1, Mules 9 (1 Sell.), Brit. 16 (1 Sell.). For. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 23. Scotch and Belgians to J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen; all others to R. Heggie, Stepps, Glasgow.

An Address Wanted.

Kindly ask Mr. Robert Thomson, Queen Street, off Milton Street, Motherwell, writes Mr. Wm. McMillan, Dumfries, to send his right address to me, as I have had two letters returned to me marked "not known." His letter was in reply to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS.

Entries Extended at Edinburgh.

Owing to delay in getting out prize lists, writes Mr. J. Lumsden, hon. sec., the committee of the Border Fancy Show, to be held in Edinburgh on Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, have agreed to alter the date of entries closing to Dec. 26 instead of Dec. 23 as advertised in the prize list.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the report of Bristol show, 4th in Bramblefinches should read Bobbett, not West. Three first prizes appearing in the Wigan report as being won by Pomphrett should read Pomfret. At Birmingham, 4th in Nov. Yell. Yorks. Hens, and 4th in Unflig. Yell. Yorks. should read Pye, not Page. At Reading Wren won 2, 3, and spl. in the Goldfinch class, not Smith.

OBITUARY.

The many friends of Mr. F. W. Laidlow, the popular secretary of Newcastle C.B.S., will be grieved to hear of the affliction which has befallen him in the sudden death of his little son at the age of fifteen months. Mr. Laidlow tells us that the little boy had never had a day's illness since he was born, and was playing about within ten minutes of his death. We are sure that all who know Mr. Laidlow will join us in sympathy with Mrs. Laidlow and himself in their bereavement.

Fanciers will grieve to hear of the sad blow which has befallen Mr. Holborow, the well-known Waunarlwydd fancier, whose wife died very suddenly after only a few days' illness, writes Mr. A. C. Richards, chairman. She was a true fancier and a keen judge of British birds, and Mr. Holborow often left the final decision to her. I am sure all bird lovers will join with the Swansea and District Society in their condolence to him and his daughter in their sad trial.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

SIR,—It is with the deepest regret that I write to say that we have just had word that one of our members, Pte. W. A. Skipsey, 10th Batt. K.O.Y.L.I., has been killed in action. A great lover of British, one of his great ambitions was to have a first-class team, and he was well on the way to having this when he had to join up.

W. HEARFIELD,
Sec. Darlington C.B.S.

Glasgow's Charity Show.

At the show of the City of Glasgow O.A., on Jan. 3, 4, in aid of limbless sailors and soldiers, two classes of Linnets, H.M., and F.M., will be given instead of one as in schedule. Mr. R. Heggie, Stepps, near Glasgow, writes that if exhibitors who have not received a schedule will forward entries to him, the hon. secretaries will classify.

City of Birmingham Show—Prize Money, Specials, and Claimed Birds

Will exhibitors please note, writes Mr. A. C. Shirley, general sec., that owing to Mr. J. H. de Maillett's sudden bereavement in the death of his mother, the cash for the above will be a few days late. Exhibitors will also be sorry to have learned from last week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. J. Bastock, who had consented to act as joint show sec. with Mr. de Maillett, was taken ill with influenza some days before the show, and is still confined to the house. I am sure that members and exhibitors will sympathise with both Mr. de Maillett and Mr. Bastock.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY NOTICE

The offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next, and, as we must go to press on Wednesday morning as usual, all matter for inclusion in our issue dated Dec. 30 must be in hand not later than first post on Saturday, Dec. 23. Correspondents who have any communications intended for our next issue must therefore kindly post them immediately they see this announcement, or they may be too late.

Hard lines for Miax.

Owing to the prohibition by the railway companies of the sending of live birds by rail during next week, the show of the Halifax O.S., originally fixed for Dec. 23, has had to be postponed until Dec. 30. Entries will now close Dec. 26. See advt., and letter in correspondence columns.

Martins in Cage.

During the late summer a pair of Martins built a nest beneath the eaves of a building adjoining the Pitsford Institute, and belonging to Mr. A. Roberts, of the Griffin Inn. Some boys poked a hole in the nest, and exposed a brood of callow young, whose position was extremely precarious. Mr. Roberts, seeing their predicament, took them from the nest and transferred them to a small cage, which he hung beneath the eaves near the damaged nest. The parent birds made no trouble about the change, but immediately started to feed the nestlings through the open door, apparently having no fear of the cage. The charming sight was witnessed until the birds were fully fledged and left the parental roof to fend for themselves.

Polly as a Mascot.

By Felix J. Koch, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A Tame Parrot for the Mexican War—if it Eventuates.

SIR,—Latterly, the State Militia of the various commonwealths comprising the great American Union have been gathered into camps of no mean size, here, there, and otherwhere, incidental to their mustering into the Federal service, and, eventually, dispatch to the Mexican border.

Life in camp, with very nearly the conditions that might prevail in actual warfare, is intensely interesting to the present generation of young Americans, most of whom were still mere youths when Uncle Sam had his last big conflict, to wit, the one with Spain.

"Jackie Roosa" seems to enjoy almost everything in the day's work that presents itself, and is eager for the future, but away down in his heart Jack knows that if he does go to border, and Uncle Sam should open war on Mexico, things might not all be quite so rosy as you'd like. War, Sherman said, was —— but, there, you can read of all that in connection with Europe's world-war.

At any rate, it doesn't hurt at all to safeguard; in short, to have your own or your company mascot, and not a few of the companies in these camps have their little harbinger of luck, usually a pet dog, or some similar animal.



One company, however, Company C of Cleveland, O., has taken a most attractive Green Parrot along to implore for them the protection of the war god. Polly has his perch over the mail box of the post, and gets the best the passing soldiers, or the men as they come up to drop their mail, may give him.

They've taught him to say this or that, to ask for such and such goodie, if he will, and when Polly proclaims his desires they are not long in being supplied.

The picture is of the mascot and his perch at Camp Willis, on the outskirts of Columbus, Ohio.

The Old and the New Bell Glucke

By W. H. SHEPLEY, Associate Royal of Music, Clapham.

I greatly admire the spirit and frankness shewn in Mr. Tomlinson's excellent article on this much despised tour.

We have now, all but for a solitary few, got rid of the old Bell Glucke birds, and replaced the tour with a much purer "new" Bell Glucke. Surely there is not going to be the same opposition to these birds. If so, let us take Mr. Tomlinson's advice at once, and thrash it out before they are spread broadcast.

Personally, I ought not to speak very disparagingly of the "old" Bell Glucke birds, some of which were not at all bad birds. During the two seasons I bred them they won me many valuable prizes, including five silver cups. The prejudice, though, became so strong, especially in the North, that I cleared them out. In fact, I gave away my biggest winner.

I then bought several birds, guaranteed Deep Hollow Glucke strain. One, a very fine bird, I bought from a fancier, well-known as a strong opponent of the Bell Glucke. Here comes the joke, which confirms Mr. Tomlinson's remarks that many of these gentlemen have got the new Bell Glucke and don't know it.

The bird in question had certainly a beautiful deep Glucke, but skimmering above it came a faint small silver bell-like tone of this new Bell Glucke, vibrating a pure diminished fifth above the deep glucke. I bred some youngsters from it which gave out this tour equally as good. I gave an example to the fancy as sung, suggesting it was an improved B.G., but was quickly informed it was not a Bell Glucke at all. All examples in text books I have perused also confirm that it is not. If you look up those very excellent translations and examples mentioned by Mr. Gutierrez you will find it is not given as B.G. However, that is immaterial. In case of further confusion let us have it as now known. The NEW Bell Glucke. When sung well it is a very beautiful tour, and in my opinion for beauty comes next to the deep Hollow Glucke.

Now you men of the North, let us have your reasons for your dislike of this tour. I know you to be sports. I come from your midst, and I know you will speak frankly. I beg of you though not to overlook these birds' advantages.

At the same time as you are objecting to this new B.G. you are also craving for the Koller tour. Are you aware these birds are fast approaching perfection of this valuable tour? I have myself, by judiciously blending them with deep bass strain, produced a youngster this season that has taken second prize and special for best Koller in a champion class of 87 entries.

I have heard fanciers say the Hollow Roll is fast deteriorating at the expense of this B.G. Just look up the scores this season, and you will find very many getting six points for their Hollow Roll. Some are also singing twelve tours. Surely they are too great an advance on the old Bell Gluckes to be also scrapped. This new B.G. is a full octave deeper than the old one, and you are always pleading for deep birds. The mere fact of some of you possessing this new tour and not knowing it proves it cannot be very objectionable.

When sung in its best form it occasionally passes our judges unnoticed, and receives points as a Deep Glucke, but no wonder under such hurried judging conditions as at present. I marvel often at the extreme correctness of the judging of our birds. We have, without doubt, excellent judges. Do try and make their work less laborious, and allow them the extra time asked for by Mr. Tomlinson. Also try and restrain a little of your prejudice against these Bell Gluckes until we have produced something better. I have had several applications for Koller birds which must not have the B.G. tour in their song. Now is your chance to come along and instruct us how to obtain the Koller without the assistance of the much despised B.G. birds.

A Correction.

It was at Cardiff that my birds could not be staged through my illness, writes Mr. J. Bastock. The second prize winner in Class 49 is Mr. J. A. Bowdidge.

The Avicultural Magazine, the Journal of the Avicultural Society, for December has for frontispiece a very nice reproduction of the painting, "The Wounded Soldier," by Miss Estella Canziani, showing a crippled soldier feeding the Seagulls in a London Park. The picture accompanies an article by the hon. editor, Mr. H. D. Astley, "Birds in the London Parks." Lady Wm. Cecil contributes "Notes on a Few American Warblers," which indicate how intensely interesting must be the study of bird life in Canada and the States. Mr. W. H. Workman sends an account taken from the "Zoologist" of 1844, recording the breeding of Grey Parrots in England, and there are other interesting articles, "Notes," and correspondence

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Sawdust: Its Lighter Particles.

By E. W. ALLSOPP (Cardiff).

A Little Story, not exactly on "Birdy" matters, but treating "in lighter vein" of a material in use in most birdrooms.

AT this season of the year, and even under the present awful circumstances, I offer no apology in undertaking or, at least, endeavouring, cheerfully, even perhaps humorously, to pass away a few minutes that otherwise might drag and tend to lengthen some faces as long as the proverbial fiddle.

If you don't know Cardiff, I will gamble that you can hardly realise how busy everybody is "on the make," down to the sawdust man—I beg pardon, the sawdust king! No coal magnate enjoys the last word more than he. His contracts embrace all the output of all the mills, and he dominates the retail trade down to the last bag. Truly a king of kings, and an autocrat of all autocrats; and, incidentally, the Alpha and Omega of any domestic trouble I manage to get out of.

When needing a few bags, I mentally make a note and keep my eyes skinned. Sooner or later I shall be sure to see him seated upon the shaft of his flat cart, or barrow, careering along behind his donkey.

An Odd Time Will Do.

Then I hail him with a respectful "Good morning," and if he knows he has none of my sort at the moment, he just waves his hunting crop and shouts: "Not to-day, guvnor." Even if he has a supply of nice coarse-cut stuff he will not trouble to stop, but shouts: "All right, guvnor; I'll bring a bit round. Number 40, ain't it?"

Of course, I would like to suggest a date and time, if only in deference to the wishes of the lady who shares my joys and sorrows; but, alas, I realise he will just please himself as to when he calls at my Agapemone. Once he actually called one Sunday evening, and, whilst I do not know what our neighbours thought about it, I must confess I felt that on the Sabbath an undertaker's cart would look at least a bit more classy than a donkey cart loaded with sawdust. Anyhow, I tactfully told the good wife to drop a hint, upon opportunity, that I was of a scientific turn of mind and really had to have the sawdust just then, before the chemicals gave out or the salt had lost its savour.

Unfortunately, there is no back entrance to my house, and when I hear some evening his cheery "Whoa!" to Teddy, then I know I am about to go through it. Knowing, also, however, that he has it within his power to cut off supplies and leave me, or the birds rather, on bare boards, it would not be tactful to greet him by saying "Why the devil did you not come before the missus had cleared up?" Oh, dear, no. About half of that would cut me off for ever.

Where Diplomacy Comes In.

I welcome him as a brother, and suggest I might assist him to carry in the bags. Once I nearly gave everybody in the house "an athletic fit" by asking his kingship to have a cup of tea, but, fortunately, his reply was: "No thanks, guvnor; it don't agree with me stumic," and as I covertly glanced at the bloom his nose was then carrying, I somehow felt a cup of tea would be quite a stranger within his gates, and it certainly was something stronger than tea that had pushed his waistcoat so far from his backbone.

Anyhow, he never will allow any help. Handling each bag as a new-born babe, he thumps through the hall, up the carpeted stairs, and lays it to rest in my little top back room. I know he thinks I am a "mug." At the bottom of his shallow brain he thinks I do not realise that he has to carry the bags just so, and not dump them down—the contents would collapse to about half a bag.

Some day I am going to help, and then he will realise that I know a wheeze or two about sawdust, for I shall probably express myself about his "more holey than righteous" bags; but at present, "not a word," or I shall be driven to the extremity of cutting my own sawdust. When he has finished and his lovely palm has been crossed with silver, he just says: "Any time, guvnor; just give me the word and you shall have some more."

After this is where I come in, and the act usually commences by the youngest member of the household telling mother: "Dad has made an awful mess up the stairs," when really I had not touched a bag. Really, I could say a good bit, but in practice the only way to tackle a few streamlets of sawdust up the stairs carpet is to go down on your marrow bones and collect all the fragments. Never mind any loaves or fishes. Just get your three bags full and be satisfied!

Should I omit to gather in just one granular, or any pointed fragment, I will bet one of my "chips" when going to bed in stockinged feet will find it. Then I get the wireless, in a real good healthy yell, a sort of S.O.S. message. When it happens to the "chip" that told mother "Our dad has made an awful mess," honours are easy, and as I whisper in his ear that I expect he got it because he told tales to mother, I feel indeed the victor.

Once a fragment got mysteriously into "our" bed, of all the places in the house. The first indication of trouble was an uneasy stirring, and then I realised that a minute search was being made by the aid of the candle. Presently, following a vicious puff, the light got dark again, and, desiring to learn the worst, I ventured to ask: "Did you catch him, my dear?" and received the reply: "No, I did not, for it's a piece of that blessed sawdust again!" Usually I can give the soft answer that turneth away wrath, but I defy any diplomat to make much headway in only his shirt.

Of course, I am told it is a pity I did not shake myself before turning in after messing about with that beastly sawdust. Bless my soul, as if I did anything else but shake myself this cold weather, when turning in or out.

Matter in the Wrong Place.

Really after fifteen years' experience with sawdust, I cannot say where it is not likely to get.

Once, when I had rescued from the back of my throat what I thought was a nasty bone taken with a spoonful of soup, bless me, that bone was only sawdust. You can deal with it as you will, and it will easily serve you some monkey tricks.

In this I am reminded of a patient soul who had invested in a ticket for a prize drawing, the prize being a real live donkey. Subsequently a neighbour told her how near she was to winning the prize, hers being the last ticket in the hat with the winner. "Oh, how thankful I did not win it," she said. "I really don't know how to feed him, and I could only keep him in the parlour."

Take my tip, if you have only the parlour in which to store sawdust it will pay better to invest in two live donkeys. Dead ones, of course, don't exist. The worst of it is some folks are so unreasonable about sawdust. Just because it is found where not wanted, it seems to me that these people would cut our supplies off altogether.

In conclusion, I would say that this is only the light stuff in sawdust. Some day I will tell you what it is worth in the bird room. Meanwhile I trust I have, if only for a few minutes, confirmed the old saying "Laugh and the world laughs with you; Cry and you cry alone."

Where the Grass-hopper Warbler Reels His Lay.

By "Beeni," Sonning.

A description of the haunts and habits of a somewhat rare but interesting bird.

ONE warm evening in late spring, while strolling through the country lanes of South Oxfordshire, my attention was suddenly arrested by a sound which, to ears already acquainted with it, is unmistakable. The sun had disappeared from a clear sky and the dusk was descending upon one of those rare occasions when a perfect day is succeeded by a still more perfect night.

The sound which I heard might easily have been mistaken for that caused by water running from a leaky tap, and my first thought was that a stand-pipe in a neighbouring field which supplied a cattle drinking-trough was running. But when the sound stopped suddenly and then began again I recognised at once the so-called "reel" of the Grasshopper Warbler. (Locustella nœvia.)

The Song of the Grasshopper Warbler.

Once heard, the sound can hardly ever again be mistaken, as it is unlike any other call uttered by a bird in this country. It has been described as similar to the sound made by a grasshopper, but as the chirrup of this insect is of quite short duration, while the reel of the bird is frequently sustained continuously for a full minute, it will be seen that the comparison is deceptive.

Other observers liken the call to the sound made by the ratchet of the reel of a fishing rod when the angler is reeling out his line, and this description would perhaps give the novice a better idea as to what to listen for than the supposed similarity between the reel of the Warbler and that emitted by the stridulatory organs of the grasshopper.

The bird is rare in any locality, but as it has sometimes made its appearance on the show bench and has frequently been kept as a cage bird, some details of it may be of interest to the readers of CAGE BIRDS.

The Grasshopper Warbler is generally seen in the locality of commons where furze, bramble, and long loose grass provide suitable nesting sites. Its nesting place is generally a hole in a tussock of grass, entered by a sort of tunnel under the undergrowth.

The bird runs with astonishing rapidity through the tangle of a clump of bush and, to my mind, it deserves its name more from its movements than from any supposed resemblance of its call to the amatory song of the grasshopper. It is a case of a name bestowed for some fancied resemblance becoming, by a coincidence, appropriate through an entirely different cause.

Its Artfully Concealed Nest.

Having located the bird on its appearance in our country in early summer, it is by no means easy to locate its nest. One of our great authorities on British birds, in speaking of the Grasshopper Warbler, says: "Its nest I have sought for in vain." If then a close observer of bird life, who might reasonably be expected to be up to the dodges of secretive birds, is thus unsuccessful, the novice may be pardoned if he searches without success for the elusive nursery of this Warbler.

A pair of these birds built on a common close to my house, and I was able to study them quite closely during their stay in the neighbourhood. They chose a most surprising spot for their operations. Usually the nest is concealed with all the cunning imaginable, but the pair of which I am writing showed that queer lapse from habit which other birds occasionally exhibit when, contrary to their usual custom, they build in situations so exposed as to be open to detection by the most unobservant eye.

This particular pair nested in a diminutive bramble bush, scarcely two feet high, and about two yards in circumference, and this by the edge of a much frequented track across the common. Here the hen laid four eggs and successfully hatched them. I often wondered how many people who passed within a few inches of that nest realised that their feet, injudiciously placed, might have crushed the life out of small bodies which, under certain circumstances, would easily fetch two or three pounds apiece!

However, all went well in this case, and I had the satisfaction of seeing the youngsters just as they were beginning to feather, after which, having no immediate opportunity of visiting the nest, the young were safely fledged and I saw them no more.

Another pair nested but a few yards from this spot, and although I both saw and heard the young after they had left the nest, so well had the old birds obeyed instinct and secreted their nursery, that I was unable to find it, even though I knew to within a few feet where it was. Altogether, this season, there were three pairs in this locality.

There is nothing striking about the appearance of the bird. Sobriety is the dominant tone of the plumage throughout, but the tail is fan-shaped when full spread, and slightly barred, and this feature constitutes the chief beauty of the bird.

It can be successfully caged if the diet is suitable, but the high prices commanded by well-caged specimens prohibit the bird ever finding its way into the home of the average fancier. Only those who wish for rarities for aviary or show would purchase a Grasshopper Warbler.

It is quite within the bounds of possibility that under suitable conditions as to environment a pair might be induced to breed in an aviary, but it is of shy disposition.

One of Migration's Wonders.

I have always marvelled that such diminutive birds as the Warblers should be capable of such long and sustained flights as are necessary upon migration, and my wonder is increased in the case of the Grasshopper Warbler, which, upon its arrival in this country, seems incapable of a flight of any appreciable length, preferring, as it does, to flit from bramble to bramble, or run actively through the grass at the foot of the undergrowth.

But there are strange problems in Nature, and the bird-lover becomes acquainted with many of them which his brother outside the fancy does not know of.

Correspondence.

Canary Keeping in Natal.

Where Ants and Snakes Have to be Reckoned With.

SIR,—In a previous communication I expressed the hope that your correspondence columns would continue to be a feature of your very excellent publication, and it would appear, therefore, to be up to me to do my "little bit" towards that end.

The one thing that strikes me more than anything else when reading the experiences of your contributors is how slight, after all, is the difference in feeding methods. The one feeds on egg and bread crumbs, the other egg and biscuit. One feeds twice a day, the other three times, and so on. Nearly all give green food; some in limited quantities, others in plenty.

There is then nothing new that one can say in that connection unless I confess that my own birds are kept entirely without green food, a deprivation which I have found ensures the rearing of more young birds.

I know quite well that many of your readers consider that some hens will not rear young unless kept supplied with green food, but I can assure them that any hen which has not, herself, been accustomed to green food will do so, and the young will be less liable to diarrhœa after leaving the nest.

I am never troubled with sweating hens, but some of my hens lay too quickly, with the result that I sometimes lose a nest. My experiments have convinced me that this fault can be somewhat nullified by the removal of the cuttle fish shell from the cage, after the hen has commenced to sit, but when this is done there is a risk that the next nest will be a poor one, and also that the young in the nest may be weak-limbed. So that, taking those disadvantages into consideration, it appears better to put up with the fault of fast layers, and demand a low average from each hen, rather than a large one. Many hens, on the other hand, are too slow-laying, and I am not sure that a fast layer is not preferable, especially when a large number of birds are kept. The young are seldom, if ever, plucked by a hen which lays her succeeding clutch whilst they are still safe in the nest.

I am a great believer in Hawley's and Keating's insect powders, and apply this freely to the nests during incubation. I also dust the birds at intervals, with the result that lice and red mite have no terrors for me. I am, however, troubled by ants, and last year, for a diversion, had to put up with the visits of snakes, which during the season took no fewer than 14 nests.

My bird "room" is an open-fronted shed, wired to keep out the cats, but it is practically impossible to keep out the ants. My only precaution is to stand the egg-food vessels in saucers of water, and to use paraffin if the pests become troublesome. Fortunately, the ants do not put in an appearance until late in spring, so that my breeding season is well advanced, purposely, before their presence affects me.

The disappearance of nest after nest of eggs last season caused me considerable anxiety until I, happily, remembered the possibility of snakes. In all I killed four, two of which were over 7 feet long, but the damage was done by the two smaller snakes in the dead of night. Coming home late one night I found one with his head under the hen's wings, and, of course, quickly dispatched him. The unfortunate part was that the hens thus disturbed absolutely refused to sit again.

However, I ended the season with a substantial credit balance, and can, therefore, afford to look back and to view the season as one of new experiences, and, really, there is always something new cropping up. For that reason I look upon CAGE BIRDS as indispensable to all bird lovers.

In that respect I am like the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe, whose series of articles were no doubt appreciated by your readers. I would, however, like to say to him that we in the Colonies always felt that the breeders of England considered that anything was good enough "for export," but we never expected a parson to be so brutally candid over it.

Not so long ago an acquaintance of mine was deputed to meet and to forward to Johannesburg a pair of Norwich Canaries whose cost was £8. He told me the birds quite shocked him, and that they were worth no more than some he, himself, was offering at £2. I have seen Roller Canaries costing £5 or £6 which did not excel in song others purchased through a dealer—probably one of those Mr. Jolliffe has so little love for—for less than a sovereign, and I have, myself, imported roller "cocks" which have laid eggs and reared healthy and lusty youngsters. These "cocks" were not from a dealer. If the Rev. Mr. Jolliffe desires a co-operative bird society in order that he and others may dispose of their weedy birds, incognito, "for export," then I hope his suggestion will fall flat from the start.

I note that one of your Australian correspondents, Fred King, wishes to know the best

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time of the year to import birds into Australia. We in Natal have found that the best can be got from birds sent from England as early as safely possible after their moult. They then reach us late in our breeding season, and can be brought on to lay at least one nest before falling into line with our own birds by moulting. As a rule the hens are erratic during the succeeding breeding season, but they do lay, and their eggs can be hatched out and the young reared by other hens.

I personally have found both cocks and hens most unreliable in their second season from England, but as my cock birds are polygamists I have by that time got all I wanted from them except song, and that they give freely. This plan might not suit the feather breeders, but answers admirably for those who, like myself, think more of the song than of the singer's outward appearance.

This carries me to the question of inbreeding which has been so well discussed in your columns of late, and I shall have to leave that subject for another occasion, otherwise I will exhaust not myself but your patience and space. With best wishes to CAGE BIRDS.

C. F. WINSON.

Durban, Natal.

Canaries and War Bread.

The Example of the Wild Birds.

SIR,—I quite believe with Mr. R. P. Bixter that birds will do far better on the wholemeal bread, only I fear it will require renewing more often, as I have found that the wholemeal soon gets dry.

I have often put bread in my garden for the wild birds to pick over, and the first to be eaten is the wholemeal bread; this shows that the birds know which is the best. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

No Fear of Any Relaxing Effects.

SIR,—If your correspondent, S. Smith, is correct in stating that the new flour will contain no "offal" such as thirds and bran, then our discussion is knocked on the head, but before accepting the statement I would like to ask where the extra percentage of flour is coming from. Personally, I have not classed "war bread," i.e., National Bread and wholemeal bread as one and the same article.

In answer to the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, re bran for fowls, my experience has been that if bran is given in large quantities the birds become too relaxed, but when given in moderation they seem to benefit by its use; therefore, having had this experience, my contention is that the small quantity of bran which will enter into the new flour will prove beneficial, even to so tender a bird as a Canary.

As I do a little experimenting each breeding season I will have no hesitation in giving National bread a trial during the season of 1917, although it is not my usual custom to use bread or biscuit when feeding young Canaries. In conclusion I would like to thank the Rev. C. B. Joliffe for having introduced the subject under discussion, also Messrs. Claud St. John and S. Smith for their contribution.

R. P. BIXTER.

A Blessing in Disguise.

SIR,—As far as my conviction of the harmlessness of our forthcoming war bread, or even wholemeal bread, is concerned, I can add but little to what I wrote in my last letter. But I think, possibly, the Rev. C. B. Joliffe has overlooked two little points, the observance of which would materially allay any lingering doubt he may have on the matter.

Firstly, our war bread will not be wholemeal by a long way, nor hardly the standard quality which was boomed in the Press a few years ago, and the latter quality leaves a sufficiently large margin for offal to exclude totally all coarse bran. Wholemeal flour or bread, as the name suggests, contains the whole, or 100 per cent., of the grain from which it is milled; standard flour or bread contains only 80 per cent. of the grain, thereby leaving a margin of 20 per cent. to be extracted in the shape of bran and coarse sharps, which is certainly amply sufficient to exclude all bran.

Our war bread, or, as it will probably be termed in the trade, National flour or bread, will contain an average of only 76 per cent. of the grain—the percentage of flour to be produced according to the regulations varies with the quality of the grain; in some cases it is less than 70 per cent., and in no case does it reach 80 per cent., the average from all qualities of grain being 76 per cent.—thus leaving an even greater margin than standard for the extraction of the coarser parts. Therefore, bran, even if it were harmful, is not in the least likely to form any part of our war bread, and should not do so.

Secondly, our Reverend friend is probably attaching too much importance to the term "irritant" in this connection. It would be more correct to say that its purpose in the internal economy is to excite the organs to healthy action. Highly concentrated and digestible articles of diet which are so largely assimilable as to leave little residue for expulsion are a frequent source of sluggish action of the intestine and consequent constipation, simply because there is so little residue for the peristaltic action of the intestine to work upon, and this is the reason why wholemeal bread is often advised by the medical faculty as a remedy for chronic or habitual constipation. White bread, in proportion as the grain is robbed of its coarser parts and is more completely assimilable, leaves less residue and is more productive of intestinal inactivity. Most of the waste matter in our food comes from the vegetable portion of our dietary, and it is quite easy to understand why wholemeal biscuit, in addition to white, is supplied to our troops on active service when vegetables are inaccessible.

Instead of war bread giving rise to more cases of "sweating" hens, I am inclined to think that it will tend materially to reduce this trouble. It is, indeed, as a possible preventive of this trouble that I have in the past most frequently suggested the use of wholemeal bread in the preparation of the egg food.

I quite agree that comparisons of wild birds with those in captivity are apt to be unfair. But one might also argue on these lines that the wild birds get natural foods with the full proportion of waste matters for the intestine to work upon, and are not, so far as we know, overmuch troubled with digestive and intestinal troubles, whereas our caged pets are provided with many highly concentrated, malted, or pre-digested foods deprived of as much as possible of their coarser elements and, well, they are not so free from these troubles as their wild brethren.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SIR,—Having read several letters in CAGE BIRDS on the question of feeding young birds on the new war bread, I am sending you a sample of the bread, also a sample of the flour. When I started Canary breeding a little over 30 years ago, this is about the class of bread I fed my birds on, and from one pair I bred eleven young and brought them all up successfully. If the Rev. Mr. Joliffe has as good luck now, as I had then, I do not think he will complain. If he will send his address I will send him a sample also. With the season's greetings.

F. W. C. FLINT.

Late of L. and P.O.S.

[We have to thank our correspondent for kindly sending us the sample loaf and flour mentioned. All we can say is that if this is the "National" bread which has caused so much discussion no fear need be felt of its having any detrimental effect on young Canaries. There is no trace whatever of "offal"; the flour is of a very pale creamy tinge, and the bread is certainly no darker than the home-made bread of our youthful days. It is light in texture, beautifully sweet in taste, and far in front of the best white bread we have ever eaten. We have forwarded Mr. Jolliffe's address to our correspondent, and we hope our Reverend contributor will enjoy his lunch of "war bread" and cheese as much as we have ours.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Christmas Greetings from the Fighting Line.

The Hon. Sec of Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S. to His Fellow Members.

SIR,—Will you allow me through your valuable columns to wish the Bedfordshire fanciers the greetings of the season. Last year we were amongst the hobby after a fine show, and were consoling ourselves that £3 4s. had been handed to the Blinded Soldiers' Institute. This year your secretary sits writing on some straw in a natural aviary (unfortunately, under the perches), with the enemy not far distant, but with a happy remembrance of the hobby, and the knowledge that, despite our troubles, there is still 9s. 5½d. in hand for us to go on with when these stirring times are over, and they have been so, for the chairman and secretary are both away, and the vice-chairman and treasurer are engaged on war work. Last, but not least, is the sad death of our old friend, Mr. Beanland; so, indeed, we have been hit hard as a society, but optimism will win through, and let's hope the time will soon be when our rooms are once more full of chirping youngsters, and these things are in the past.

Wishing CAGE BIRDS and its readers the compliments of the season.

PTE. ARTHUR SIMONS,

A Success in Hybrid Breeding.

Six Different Crosses in One Season.

SIR,—Mr. H. James, at our Brighton Show Dec. 13, exhibited all his crosses which he has been successful in breeding this season, and about which I wrote you some time ago. There were:—Goldfinch-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Redpoll-Canary, and Siskin Canary Mules, and a Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid, and they made a fine team for one exhibitor to stage at the same show. Is it a record?

W. H. GIBB,
Sec. Brighton and Hove C.B.A.

Exhibits at Larkhall Red Cross Show.

Return Delayed by Railway Restrictions.

SIR,—I wish to let fanciers know who were exhibiting at our show on Dec. 15 and 16, that our show committee got not a little surprise on Saturday, when they received instructions from the railway company that all birds going by rail would have to be packed and at the station in less than two hours, otherwise they would not get them away till Monday, Dec. 25. As there were about 430 birds to pack, although the work was undertaken with all speed, I am sorry to say that two cases of birds are left on our hands, as the railway could not deliver them on Saturday night. But they are in good hands and will be dispatched as soon as the railway company will take them. This new order has not tended to help our show, as many fanciers were greatly disappointed when, on arrival at hall only a few local fanciers' birds were to be seen. We extend our sympathy to those who were disappointed, and hope that everything will come out all right.

THOS. J. MCGREGOR.
Sec. and Treas.

The Perpetual Novice Question.

Wins at Sliding Scale Shows.

SIR,—In my visits to the various shows this season I have frequently heard the remark that "So-and-So" has no right to exhibit in novice classes, for he has lost his qualification twice over and ought to come out. But, says another, wins at a sliding-scale show do not count against him. I have inquired of several fanciers what the novice's position is at these shows. One says the same as at any other open show. A second says: Wins don't count, they are on the same footing as members' shows. A third says: Don't know. The shows I refer to have no price limit or fixed radius, and are open to all comers. Personally, I know of cases where exhibitors have won firsts in champion classes at these shows, and have then figured prominently amongst the novices at subsequent exhibitions. Can you, Mr. Editor, give us an official ruling on this point?

E. WILCOX.

[We quite fail to see how the allocation of the prize money can affect the question. A first prize in an open class remains a first prize, whether it carries money or not, and it can make no difference whatever whether the amount of the prize money is previously fixed or depends on the number of entries, as when the sliding scale governs the amount. At the same time, we shall be pleased to publish opinions on the subject.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Reputed Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid at Clapham.

Another Question for the National British Bird and Mule Club.

SIR,—On receiving CAGE BIRDS last week I was very pleased to see the letter from Mr. J. Bastock re my Hybrid at Clapham Show, and I quite agree with him as to the bird being a poor specimen of its cross. I was disappointed with it myself after its moult, for I had quite expected to see it moult out a much brighter colour, but of course being a hen you cannot expect it to have such good colour and markings as a cock bird. I am not saying it is a good specimen of its cross; what I want to prove is that it is a genuine Hybrid of the Goldfinch and Chaffinch cross. Mr. Robson is the only man I know of who has seen the bird that cannot see the Goldfinch parentage in it, and what I was most surprised at was that if he was so sure it was nothing but a poor specimen of a hen Chaffinch why he did not "wrong class" it.

I wrote Mr. Stephens, secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C., on Nov. 28, asking him to ask the Committee to allow me to send the bird up for inspection at the next meeting, and on December 3rd I received a reply saying he had received my letter, and would put it before the committee at their next meeting, Dec. 28. In conclusion, I should like to thank Mr. Bastock for writing his opinion of the bird, also for his pluck in staking his money to back it up. He could safely back all he's got on it being a genuine Hybrid of the cross claimed.

T. W. WREN.

An Aged Linnet.

Is this a Record Age?

SIR,—I have just lost a Linnet 16½ years old. Although so old he was singing a few weeks ago. I might say it has been fed on Capern's Finch food, with seasonable green foods.

H. KNIGHT.

New Roller Club Suggested.

SIR,—It has been suggested by several old Roller fanciers that we form a Roller Club for Colne, Nelson, and Burnley District, and that prospective members should communicate with me with a view to calling a meeting for the formation of the club. Will you kindly announce this in your columns so that the necessary arrangements can be made before the year end. Mr. Mawhood, Mr. Harrison, or myself will be pleased to answer any enquiries re same.

J. EARNSHAW.

33, Charles Road, Nelson, Lancs.

Postponement of Halifax Show.

Railway Regulations Intervene.

SIR,—It is with regret I have to announce that our open show of Canaries cannot take place on the date specified, Dec. 23, owing to all the railway companies' refusal to carry live birds between the dates of Dec. 18 to 26 inclusive, so that we have no option but to postpone our show until Saturday, Dec. 30, which is putting our society to considerably more expense. I kindly ask all to extend the fullest possible support to our show. Entries will now close Tuesday, Dec. 26.

A. SUTCLIFFE, Sec.

46, Hammond Street, Halifax.

Heavily Marked Borders and Show Cages.

The Necessity for Uniformity.

SIR,—Mr. Patterson's letter on heavily marked Borders is very good, but the question is: What is a heavy-marked? Some exhibits at a recent show to my taste and to many more were far too heavy, what I should consider foul greens. However, at the annual meeting of the Border Club I hope this question may be raised: also that of standard show cages. Going to some shows, the cages are an eye-sore, and this ought not to be. It is certainly improving in Scotland, but one cannot but notice in English exhibits a big difference in cages. They look to me home made. I do hope this may be put a stop to if there are any from down South at our New Year's Show.

Please allow me to say in conclusion that I never enjoyed your weekly CAGE BIRDS more than I am doing now.

D. MURRAY.

Haddington.

Are the Manufacturers at Fault?

SIR,—I was very pleased to see "Distinct Mark's" suggestion in CAGE BIRDS re the need of uniformity in the size of Border Show cages, as, on sending to firms for them, you do not obtain what you actually require. If the suggestion of uniformity was adopted by the manufacturing firms, I thing the "Wee Gems" would be shown more to their advantage.

W. R. WILLIAMS.

Specials at Larkhall 1915 Show

The Matter Righted.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Park's letter in CAGE BIRDS, Dec. 9th, I would like to state that my object in writing was to let fanciers know (who had heard the statement) that the fault was Mr. Park's, and not the show management that the special was not paid. I wrote in the interest of the present secretary and show committee on the eve of their Red Cross Show, and on their instruction. Since writing I have discovered that special 43 alloted to best 3rd bird in class 36, 37, 38, 39, has been marked in error in entry book as won by 1st bird in class 36, and sent to owner, Mr. Dykes. Mr. Parks won 3rd prize in class 36, and after hearing he had the special, I have now posted the special to him, although a bit late.

I trust the letter with postal order may not be like the two letters of enquiry for the special, but may reach its destination. I don't say that Mr. Park did not send these letters, but I do say they never reached Croft Place. I take this opportunity of apologising to Mr. Park for the mistake, as it was pure carelessness on my part. As to his remark about making a beginner into a finisher, had it been a beginner who made the statement I should not have been afraid of his remarks injuring our next show, and should not have troubled to write, and naturally would not have known about the mistake. However, I am very pleased to say Mr. Park has sent along a good entry for our next show, and trust he may receive a good share of tickets and specials.

ALLAN THOMSON, late sec.

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Birds Stolen on Rail.

A Reward Offered.

SIR,—In your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, during last month you published several letters referring to birds lost on railway journeys, and as I have suffered a similar loss I thought I should only be doing my duty in reporting the occurrence.

On Dec. 8, about 7.50, I sent a cock Canary by my son to Bank Top Station, Darlington, to be forwarded by the 8.8 p.m. train from there to Bedale to a friend of mine. It was sent carriage paid, but it has never arrived at Bedale, a matter of a little over 20 miles to travel. I have reported the case fully to headquarters at York, and hope they will trace the theft to the one that is guilty of such a dirty way of getting birds without paying for them. I will also give a good reward for any information that leads to the conviction of the thief.

W. E. MUDD.

20, Rockingham Street, Darlington.

Sawdust in Cage Bottoms.

British Birds Disqualified at Whitehaven

SIR.—I was greatly surprised on receiving my birds from Whitehaven show this morning, Dec. 18, to find they had been passed by the judge for having sawdust on the cage bottoms instead of plain canary seed. Now, I have heard of birds being debarred for many reasons, but never for a more paltry reason than this. I have shown birds all over the country at one time and another, and have always used sawdust, without a complaint. I should like to know who would send a valuable team of British Finches on a long journey with nothing but plain canary seed in their cages; not your humble. If such a case had occurred at our own society's show the sawdust would have been taken out and things put right. If the Whitehaven Society want the support of fanciers they will have to alter their rules.

MATT. PHILIPSON.

A Model Goldfinch Sire.

More Exemplary Finches.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Savage's query as to allowing the cock Goldfinch to stay with the hen Canary during the time she is sitting, feeding, etc., I should like to say that during this past season I have, like Mr. Savage, allowed the two birds to do as they chose in a double breeding cage. Although only having one nest from them, three in number, I consider myself very fortunate, seeing that they were the first Goldie mules I had ever bred. One was almost clear, one pied, and one dark, with grand Goldie face. Unfortunately the light one died, but the other two, a cock and a hen I have now. The Goldfinch was the property of Mr. A. Martin, the noted exhibitor of Kettering.

W. LYNHAM.

Going One Better.

SIR,—In reply to Alf. Savage, I consider the Goldie I have goes one better. In the early part of this year I purchased a Goldie from Messrs. Power and Russell, of London, and ran him to one of my hen Canaries in a three compartment breeder; they had two of the compartments, and I had another hen in the other. I separated the Goldie from the hens for a first nest of Sibs, and on the day the hen laid her third egg I took away the Sib cock, put three addled eggs in the nest, took away the slide, let in the Goldie, and kept watch from behind a screen in the bird room. The Goldie appeared to be timid of the nest at first, but soon curiosity got the better of him, and he flew on to it and tested what it was made of. After watching for a time I left the room, and when I went back in the evening all the eggs were perfect as when I put them in. I took those out, put in the three fresh eggs, and left them to the mercy of the Goldie.

He remained with the Canary the whole season, and helped to rear the following:—1st nest, four Sib Canaries; 2nd nest, three Sibs, one Mule (I let him and the Sib cock run with the hen on alternate days, and so got Canaries and a Mule from one clutch of eggs); 3rd nest, three Mules and fostered a Greenie Mule.

He fed from the start as soon as the young were hatched, and it was great fun to see a big lump of a Canary almost half as big again as the Goldie following him round the cage calling for food, and they always got it. He was better than the best cock Canary in my opinion, in this way, the hen had to come off the nest for her food because I never saw him feed her, although I watched him many a time, but for feeding the young he was "some" feeder, and when he wasn't feeding he was singing. He is the best Goldie I ever had, and I am glad to say I still have him, and with the help of thistle, plantain, knap weed, shepherd's purse, corn marigold, and bunches of grass, and anything that may be pulled with it, he has come through a grand colour, and will be on the show bench shortly, when I hope to see the "Red" one on him.

I also have another Goldie which is perfectly safe with eggs, and feeds the hen Canary, but does not feed the young, neither does he interfere with them. He also has been with the hen all the season. Another, an old breeder I have had for seven years, and the man I got him from had him two years. If I forget to run the slide between this bird and the Canary, there is a mess in the nest, and I am minus an egg. If I am not there first in the morning he will smash every egg and eat it, but after the young are out they are quite safe; he does not touch them, neither does he feed them.

The reason I say that I think the Goldie I have goes one better than Mr. Alf. Savage's is this; all my birds are in cages. I believe there are many Goldies who would be splendid feeders if they were given the chance, but one wants to be cautious in dealing with them, although not more so than with other wild birds. I have a Linnet that will eat all the eggs he can get, even if they have been sat on, and I have others that will not look at them. I have a cock Greenie that sits on the eggs when the hen is off, and who nearly killed a cock Canary he caught looking through the wires of the partition which separated them. He nearly bit the Canary's leg off. I had a hen Twite which was as good a mother as the best Canary I ever had, and reared Goldie-Twites and Canary-Twites. My advice is study the birds, test them, and then tell CAGE BIRDS, the only birdy weekly, all about it.

E. SOUTHWOOD.

The Roller Canary.

How to Increase Its Popularity.

SIR,—I hope Mr. Montague will not think me remiss in not replying to his letter published in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 2. To be brief, I cannot criticise his remarks, as I agree entirely with everything he says, that is to say, in principle. It is true I am the reporter of the British Roller C.C., but only when I write as such; otherwise I am just a private member, a free lance, so please don't make me responsible.

I think that with money to spare, a little energy, and enterprise, a good deal more might be done to popularise the Roller Canary. Every encouragement is being given by the Editor, and I see signs of success already in the increase in numbers who seriously mean to breed Rollers. Quite the latest of our new members has got his stock of four first-class birds and twelve hens, and he means business too; and this is not an isolated case. So you may take it, sir, that though the club, as it might, has not so far lent itself to a public propaganda such as Mr. Montague has in mind, and with which I am in sympathy; yet there is a bit of quiet solid work going on.

Here I might venture to suggest that it behoves leading fanciers, such as Mr. Montague and many others in the Provinces, to liven up the space the Editor so generously allots to us by letters of interest and edification on Roller breeding, song, etc., suggestions of ways and means in all things connected with the Roller Fancy. Many of those who are best qualified to do so never contribute from one year's end to the other.

All are not able to attend club meetings, many breeders belong to no club at all, breeders of good birds too. Having a musical, naturally, well trained ear, they know what good song is, but they are entirely at sea when it comes to defining or naming a tour. I could give a case in point this week even, and the correspondent asks me all sorts of questions. If the pages of CAGE BIRDS are well furnished with Roller matters, all we should have to do would be to refer him to such and such a number. Well, that will serve to build up and enlarge the fancy, and that is a way in which the much-talked-of patriotic movement can be stimulated.

The sum total to my mind is: Encourage breeding of high-class birds only; educate everyone in high-class song; never sell to a novice any bird which is not worthy to breed with; let him have it at a fair price; and, if possible, follow him up next season, and see how he gets on. The trader is looking after himself. He is watching it all, and only wants us to see that he is well supplied. He needs no "patriotic movement" to wake him up; he is quite alive to his outlets. Raise and maintain the standard above the Continental rubbish, and the British Roller Canary will be the hall marked bird.

H. W. GUTIERREZ.

A Canary that Sings to Order.

SIR,—I have often seen accounts of the doings of birds in CAGE BIRDS. I thought I should like to tell you about a Yorkshire Canary I saw the other day. A friend of mine, Mr. Piercey, of Ousegate, Selby, had often told me about a bird he has that will sing at command. The other day I was in his shop on business, and he said, "By the way, while you are here, you shall hear my bird." So he brought it out of the room, placed it on the counter, and said to it, "Sing, Dick, for the gentleman," and off it went into full song. After that he talked to it, but it never attempted to sing until he said again, "Sing, Dick," when it again burst into full song, and a third time also. I could not have credited it if I had not heard for myself. Another point is that it will not sing for any other member of his family. Try as they will, it will not budge. I think this will interest some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS. I might say I have been a reader of your valuable paper for many years.

A. PURVIN.

The Career of a Noted Border Fancy Canary.

Some Details of a Grand Record.

SIR,—In reply to the letter of M. James Hay in last week's CAGE BIRDS re my Cinnamon marked hen, I should very much like to give a good essay on her career, especially as she has added another 1st and 2nd to her list of wins since Cardiff show. But through want of time I have to curtail it very much.

She was hatched June 6th, 1908, and was bred from winners on both sides. Her sire was an uneven green marked, head and both wings, exactly the same markings as herself. He was 1st Porth, 1st Morriston, 1st Swansea, 1st Llanelly in 1908. Her dam was sister to my yellow hen that won 1st and championship diploma at Crystal Palace in 1910. She was 1st at Swansea, 1st Nantymoel, and other wins. Her great dam was 1st and special at Dulwich, 1st and special Swansea, 2nd Morecambe, and 1st at Crystal Palace, and was depicted in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL of that year, 1907. Her great sire was a yellow green cock, with about 45 per cent. Cinnamon blood. He was also second at the Palace two years in succession, and had many other wins, including 1st L.C.B.A. She has travelled a good deal in the South, as much as 940 miles in one season. Her longest journeys have been Frome, Cheltenham, and London. The last time she visited the Metropolis she was first in her class at the Great Glass House under Mr. Dewar, defeating the well-known Yellow Cinnamon mark owned by Mr. Nicholson. She has been hand-washed six or seven times in a season. She has always been a very hardy bird, and very clean in her habits, never taking cold, but I am sorry that old age is beginning to tell the tale. I think, however, with a little care she will weather another season. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

D. JENKINS.

Another Fine Record.

SIR,—It was very gratifying to read in your columns of the fine achievement of Mr. Jenkins' cinnamon marked buff hen, and it would be interesting to hear how it would compare with the record of my yellow cinnamon marked cock, which has won the following prizes, all at leading shows:—Thirty-six firsts, seven seconds (including four times defeated by my green marked yellow cock, a son of the cinnamon mark), and two thirds. The bird is now in his fifth season, and still in the pink, having won four firsts this season. These two records speak volumes for this lovely variety, and I think it is a pity our leading societies do not include a class for them, as I feel sure it would be the means of making them more popular.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

Haltwhistle.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Mr. House Quotes Blakston.

SIR,—Messrs. Stubbs tell us that the bird over which my ruling is disputed won in the marked class at Birmingham, and all agreed who saw it that it was correctly classified. This does not prove my judgment wrong. I do not say it offensively, but my experience is greater than that of Mr. Roe, whom Messrs. Stubbs quote against me. I was an All-England judge before Mr. Roe began exhibiting.

Messrs. Stubbs next proceed to lay to my charge something which I have not said, and which does not concern the point at issue. We are discussing the variegation on a certain bird; let us keep to it, and not seek to confuse the issue by talking about something which has no existence. The gibe about my 40 years' experience will not settle this matter. Let us reason it out properly, and in a gentlemanly manner. There is no need for heat or temper.

As to my having a very high opinion of myself, I admit it. My career justifies it, and I should be false to myself were it otherwise. As to many of our judges having had as much experience as myself, that is open to question. I believe I can with confidence say that no man living has judged or reported so many shows as myself, or written so much upon Canaries. As to capability, I admit many are quite as capable as myself of judging. But capability and experience are not one and the same thing.

As to certainty or uncertainty, I have no doubt whatever that my action at Aberavon was correct. Had I not thought so I should not have taken action, neither should I have explained to Messrs. Stubbs, and the stewards at Aberavon, the difference between a "Ticked" bird and a "Marked" one. The explanation I gave them is the same as I gave in my reply to their letter in CAGE BIRDS, and the same as I give now. As Messrs. Stubbs still believe I am wrong, and I am confident I am right, I will give some authorities whom Messrs. Stubbs will, perhaps, accept, seeing that they sneer at my 40 years' experience.

Speaking of variegation in Norwich Canaries, Blakston (can one give a greater authority?) says: "The most advanced form of light variegation is when the entire bird, including wings and tail, is perfectly clear with the exception of a few dark feathers interspersed here and there, or in the form of a grizzly patch on the head, neck, or back, *such feathers usually being not dark from the quill to the end of the web, but grey or grizzly*, showing a tendency to the entire fading out of the native green. These birds are known as 'Ticked' birds." These words will be found at the finish of the second paragraph on page 95 of "Canaries and Cage Birds."

Further on, on page 97, Blakston says: "It will be plain that marking is a question of *locality*, and there are but six places in which marks can possibly exist, elsewhere they are not marks." On page 96 he says such *locality* of marking is situated *in the eyes, wings, and tail*, and gives a long description of such marking.

The Yorkshire Union of Ornithological Societies say that a bird must be marked upon the eyes, wings, or tail to become a marked bird. The Yorkshire Canary Club definition is the same. All the old breeders of Lancashire and Yorkshire hold the same opinion.

I may be old fashioned, but it is my opinion that many of our judges of to-day do not pay that attention to technicalities that our judges of old did. They prefer the line of least resistance. They are not leaders of the Fancy, as were such men as Blakston, Bemrose, Bexson, Barnesby, and others whom I remember. Those giants of the past stood as champions of what was right. I remember on one occasion, in 1884, having a bird passed by the late Joseph Bexson because he detected a smoky tinge in the thigh of an otherwise clear bird. I had not seen it, but he did, and commented on it in "The Stock-keeper," saying but for this it would have won. He had to catch the bird to find it.

Judges of to-day act more like Nelson. They put the blind eye into action. They are followers of exhibitors, not leaders of the Fancy. On another occasion, in 1884 or 1885, just when the revolt against K.N. feeding was at its highest, W. A. Blakston disqualified the late J. H. Thackray and myself because he said our "natural colour" exhibits had been fed. This was at Swansea, and although the Committee told him he was wrong he stuck to his guns. Our judges in those days acted upon high principles. They knew what things should be, and they strove their best to keep exhibitors up to the mark.

Messrs. Stubbs have their own opinion, and, they say, that of all who saw the bird at Aberavon and Birmingham, the opinion of Mr. Roe, and of CAGE BIRDS reporter at Birmingham. Against that all that I can show is my own opinion, that of the late W. A. Blakston, the rulings and standards of the Yorkshire Union, and the Yorkshire Canary Club, and the articles which appeared in CAGE BIRDS about nine or ten years ago.

If such experienced judges as Messrs. T. Heath, J. Mackley, W. E. Graves, G. Gardner, J. H. Payne, C. E. Silk, and G. E. Russell would give their opinions I believe they would agree with mine. It is a matter upon which there should be no doubt, and it surprises me to find that anyone can consider a grizzle-backed bird a marked bird.

C. A. HOUSE.

[We shall be very pleased to receive and publish opinions, so long as personalities are not indulged in, upon what seems to us to be a question of general interest.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Round the Shows.

ABERDARE.

At the First Annual Show of the Aberdare C.B.S., held at Market Hall, Dec. 7, entries totalled just over 400, a very disappointing number, considering the extensive classification offered. Judging by the remarks of exhibitors present we think if the society curtailed the classification, and in lieu of the sliding scale offered half prize money under nine entries, they would receive the support they so richly deserve. The exhibits were arranged in tiers at a very convenient height, giving everyone an opportunity of seeing all birds without any inconvenience. The day turned out bitterly cold, and it was a thoughtful act of the committee to provide warm water for the birds on arrival. Still, notwithstanding all the care expended on them, some of the birds went soft, making judging most difficult. The show managers, Messrs. W. Davies and Thomas Davies, had everything in good order, and they were ably assisted by a hard working committee, Messrs. W. H. Thomas, Geo. Davies, senr., D. W. Jones, Geo. Davies, junr., J. James, A. Evans, J. Hoare, Jno. Davies, C. Morris, A. V. Prince, T. E. Morris, and J. E. Goodliffe. The chairman, Mr. T. Davies, and vice, Mr. W. H. Thomas, are both keen fanciers, and were ever willing to do all in their power for the success of the society. Of the Sec., Mr. J. M. Shelby-James, we cannot speak too highly. Although not yet a fancier we have great hopes that he will soon become one, and if he makes as keen a fancier as he does a secretary, the older hands will have to look out.

Norwich, though not large in numbers, were good in quality, the local enthusiast, Mr. W. Davies, staging a very fine team and carrying off most of the awards; novice Norwich were disappointing. Yorks., both in champion and novice classes, were very fine, the teams put down by Messrs. Dykes, Watkins, Cook, and Maidment, being much admired. Borders were splendid in quality. Mr. D. Jenkins staging some real champions, and carrying off most of the chief awards. Unfortunately Mrs. Madagan's birds did not arrive until the first three classes had been judged, which was very regrettable. Mules and British were a fine collection, the Bullfinch and F.M. Goldfinch of Mr. Ford being birds of exceptional merit, as also were the exhibits of Mr. Chick, and the brace of F.M. Linnets of Mr. Jeffries. Crests were really grand, and it seems a great pity there were so few of these charming exhibits. Messrs. Smith and King, staged some real beauties, the former winning the four classes he competed in. Unfortunately, no doubt greatly due to the climatic conditions, the gate was a poor one, still we are given to understand that a considerable number of tickets were disposed of, and we trust the show will turn out a financial success, especially as the object is such a laudable one—the wounded soldiers fund. Judges: Canaries, Mr. J. H. Payne; Mules, Brit. and For., Mr. E. J. Davies.

MR. PAYNE'S CLASSES

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, W. Davies, grand team, leader, grand head, good neck and deep chest, fine wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, grand col. and qual., fine size and shape, neat wings and tail; 3, close up, lovely qual. and col., fine shape, hardly as much subs. as leaders; 4, Jones, paler col., grand size, very shapely, good head, well braced wings; hc, Mrs. Bridgwater; c, G. Davies. BUFF (6): 1, Mrs. Bridgwater, a gem, grand head and neck, fine chest, wings, and tail, plenty of subs., lovely col., and qual.; 2, Mathews, nice col. and qual., good head, very shapely; 3, no name, splendid col. and qual., good size, shade longer; 4, vhc, G. Davies; hc, J. Davies TKD., ETC., YELL., CK. (5): 1, W. Davies, eye and wing tkd., grand col. and qual., nice round head, full cheeks, well moulded throughout, grand subs.; 2, James and Wells, lightly var., beautiful col. and qual., fine head, good deep chest, best of wings and tail; 3, G. Davies; 4, Jones; vhc, Tedstone. BUFF (9): 1, James and Wells, grizzle mkd. back, grand size, fine shape, neatly braced wings, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Jones, lightly var., another good one, fine head and neck, good back, wings and tail, nicely moulded throughout, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Lewis, cheek and wing mkd., neat head and neck, plenty of subs., shade longer, grand col. and qual.; 4, Tedstone, var., grand head, fine, shapely body, good wings and tail, lovely col., qual.; vhc, W. Davies; hc, Morgan, c, Jenkins. HEAVILY VAR. YELL. (2): 1, James and Wells, a good one, real blaze of col., fine size, grand shape, lovely col. and qual. BUFF (4): 1, W. Davies, foul green, a beauty, grand size, lovely col. and qual., fine head, good cobby shape, well braced wings and tail; 2, Morris, heavily var., fine head and neck, good deep chest, good subs., lovely col. and qual.; 3, James and Wells; 4, G. Davies. CL. YELL. HEN (7): 1, W. Davies, a gem, tip top col. and qual., nice head good, deep chest, fine size, best of wings and tail; 2, Tedstone, another good one, a blaze of col., splendid head, good chest, well moulded throughout, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, 4, hc, G. Davies, good col. and qual., very shapely, best of wings and tail; 4, fine size, good col. and qual., shade on long side. BUFF (7): 1, 3, hc, W. Davies, good ones, leader, grand exhibit, nicely rounded head, fine deep chest, good wing and tail, well cut away, lovely col. and qual.; 2, plenty of subs., good wings and tail, nice chest, shade longer; 2, Jenkins, paler col., lovely qual., grand head and neck, fine, well moulded chest, good wings; 4, Mrs. Bridgwater; vhc, Jones. TICKED, ETC., BUFF HEN (4): 1, W. Davies, nice colour and quality, well moulded throughout; 2, Jones, fine size, grand type and qual.; 3, Mrs. Bridgewater. HEAVILY VAR., BUFF HEN (1): 1, Jenkins, lovely col. and qual., very shapely, grand type. UNFLIG. YELL., CK. (7): 1, Thomas, a real beauty, grand head, fine, deep chest, well cut away, good subs., lovely col. and qual.; 2, W. Davies, cl., good size and shape, neat head, and neck, splendid wings, lovely col. and qual; 3, Ball, cl., close up, good col. and qual., splendid type, good subs; 4, No. 7, var., good col. and qual.; vhc, G. Davies; wg. cl., J. Davies. BUFF (8): 1, 2, W. Davies, grand brace of lightly var., leader fine head and neck, good, deep chest, grand flights, well cut away, behind, good subs., rol. and qual.; 2, little to choose between, perhaps a trifle less subs.; 3, Thomas, cl., nice col. and qual., fine type, beautifully moulded throughout; 4, Lewis, good col. and qual., grand body, good wings and tail, shade weak in head; vhc, Jones; hc, J. Davies; c, G. Davies. YELL. HEN (3): 1., G. Davies, good col. and qual., neat head, correct type; 2, J. Davies, cl., nice size., very shapely, hardly qual leader. BUFF (4): 1, W. Davies, lightly var., good type and qual., plenty of subs., good wings, well moulded; 2, J. Davies, var., lovely col. and qual., nice type, shade smaller; 3, G. Davies; 4, Tedstone. NOV., NOR., YELL. CK. (2): 1, J. Davies, good col. and qual., hardly as cobby as we should like. BUFF (5): 1, Morris, grand col. and qual., nice head, good chest, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Jno. Davies, both cl., paler col., nice size, very shapely, lovely qual. and cond.; wg. cl., No. 1. A.O.V., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Morris, good col. and qual., nice head, good type and size; 2, Briscoe, good col., lovely qual., nice type and cond.; 3, Maggs and Smith, shade smaller and paler col., nice qual.; 4, Hall; wg. cl., Nos. 1 and 4. BUFF (3): 1, Maggs and Smith, neck and wing mkd., fine col. and qual., neat head, very shapely, well staged; 2, Hall; 3, Thomas. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Morris, tkd., nice col. and qual., good type, neat wings and tail, fine cond.; 2, Thomas; 3, Jenkins. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Jno. Davies, neat exhibits, lovely col. and qual., nice type, good wings and tails, well put down; 3, Thomas. UNFLIG., CK. (10): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Davies, nice team, splendid type, col., and qual., grand cond., well put down; 3, Morris, lovely col. and qual., fine type, good cond.; hc, Parry; c, Coombs. HEN (3): 1, 2, Davies, neat exhibit, nicely moulded, fine wings and tail, grand cond., col., and qual.; 3, Hill. YORKS., CL. YELL., CK. (5): 1, Dykes, a gem, grand col. and qual., good head, fine length, grand wings and tail, lovely pos. and style, splendid leg; 2 Watkins, another good one, paler col., lovely type and qual., grand leg. pos., and nerve; 3, Coulson and Brennan; 4, Jones; vhc, Maidment. BUFF (4): 1, Cook, neat, good head and neck, nice, straight back, well moulded, fine leg, nerve and pos.; 2, Dykes, génr, grand col., splendid head and shoulders, good back, flights, and tail, lovely length and pos.; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks; 4, James. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Maidment, wing tkd., grand col. and qual., fine head and shoulders, good back, flights, and tail, grand legs and pos.; 2, Coulson and Brennan. BUFF (2): 1, James and Wells, tkd. both eyes, and one wing, grand col. and qual., well rounded head, good shoulders and back, sweetly moulded, fine leg, nerve, and pos.; 2, Coulson and Brennan. CL. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Dykes, a beauty, hard to find fault with, unlucky to meet no competition. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Maidment, var., a good one, lovely col. and qual., very typical, fine length and pos., splendid leg; 2, Coulson and Brennan. BUFF (3): 1, Watkins, eye tkd., grand head, good shoulders, sweetly moulded, nice wings and tail, plenty of length, fine pos. and leg; 2, Coulson and Brennan, cheek tkd., neat head, good back, flights, and tail; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Cook, cl., grand col. and qual., good head, shoulders and back, lovely length, splendid pos., nerve, and leg.; 2, 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, cl. and var., fine exhibits, splendid col. and qual., grand type, fine length, beautifully moulded; 4, Jones; vhc, Maidment. BUFF (3): 1, Dykes, cl., tip top col. and qual., nice head, grand back and shoulders, beautifully moulded; 2, Jones, var., neat head, good shoulders and back, fine wings and tail; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Dykes, tkd., good one, good head, nice straight back, best of flights and tail, grand length, fine nerve and leg; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, var., soft when we took notes; 2, Coulson and Brennan, cl., nice head, good shoulders and back, very typical, fine leg and pos.; 3, Watkins; 4, Cook. NOV., CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Mrs. Blewitt and Son, lovely col. and qual., nice head and shoulders, well moulded; 2, Davies, close up, grand col., lovely length, nice type. BUFF (2): 1, Evans, pale col., neat head, splendid type, lovely length. A.O.V., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Powell, lightly var., good col. and qual., fine head, shoulders, and back, good length, nice leg; 2, White, wing tkd., nice col. and qual., correct type, fine length, well up on leg; 3, Pavey, a blaze of col., neat, very nervy; 4, Evans; vhc, Lewis. BUFF (3): 1, Powell, lightly var., nice col. and qual., good length, very shapely, fine nerve and leg; 2, Evans. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Evans, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head, fine shoulders and back, good wings and tail, nice type, well up on leg; 2, Mrs. Blewitt and Son, cl. paler col. neat head good back nice type and pos.; 3, Bevan; 4, Thomas; vhc, Powell. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Powell, clrs., nice col. and qual., grand type, plenty of length, good backs, flights, and tail, tip top nerve and pos.; 2, vhc, Coomes, lovely length, good col. and type, trifle soft when we saw him; 3, Watkins, cl., nice head, good shoulders and back, well moulded, fine leg and pos.; hc, c, Evans. UNFLIG., CK. (12): 1, 3, Maynard, leader, wing tkd. Buff, fine shoulders, back, and flights, grand length, good leg and pos., tip top qual. and cond.; 3, another good buff, splendid length, grand type, fine nerve and leg; 2, Mrs. Blewitt and Son, cl., yell., tip top col. and qual., nice head, good shoulders and back, fine type, splendid length and nerve, good leg; 4, White, var. buff, nice col., fine nerve and pos., well up on leg, good col. and qual.; vhc, hc, Bevan; c, Pavey. HEN (4): 1, Maynard, head tkd. buff, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, good straight back, fine flights and tail, well moulded; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., tip top col. and qual., very shapely; 3, Bevan; 4, Williams. BORD., CL., OR TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Jenkins, cl., a little gem, splendid col. and qual., beautifully moulded throughout, very jaunty carr., feathered like wax; 2, Denyard, cl., very shapely, neat head, grand type, hardly as rich col.; 3, Edgington, cl., capital type, splendid carr., lovely col. and qual.; 4, Mr. Hutchinson; vhc, Davies. BUFF (4): 1, Jenkins, cl., grand type and qual., full of true Border properties, in perfect order; 2, Edgington, head tkd., rare type and qual., well packed wings grand feather; 3, Watkins and Thomas. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Jenkins, beauties, shapely heads, beautifully braced wings, superb col. and qual.; 3, Watkins and Thomas, cl., grand col. and qual., beautifully moulded; 4, Morgan, cl., fine type and style; vhc, Mrs. Hutchinson. BUFF (4): 1, Jenkins, cl., grand type, beautifully moulded throughout, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Madagan, cl., very shapely, good head, wings, and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Davies; 4, Mrs. Hutchinson. VAR. (3): 1, Denyard, eye and wing mkd., nice head and neck, well moulded, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Jenkins; 3, Edgington. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, 2, Nicholas, well-known cinn.; 3, Edgington, buff green; 4, Morgan, buff cinn. NOV. YELL. CK. (6): 1, King, head tkd., grand col. and qual., neat head, good wings, very shapely, well put down; 2, Thomas, cl., grand col., fine type, sweetly moulded; 3, 4, Myles; vhc, Pattison; hc, Sargent. BUFF (3): 1, Thomas, cl., beauty, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, lovely carr., qual., and cond.; 2, Daniels, head and wing tkd., lovely col. and 1, Daniels, cl. buff, a good one, neat head, perfect wing carr., lovely type, cond., and qual.; 2, c, Thomas, cl. buff true Border type, grand col. and qual., well put down; 3, Pattison, cl. buff, very stylish, sweetly moulded, lovely col. and qual.; 4, King, tkd., buff, neat head, good wings, fine col. and qual.; vhc, hc, Myles. CREST, CK. (5): 1, Smith, var., immense size, grand crest, good lashing, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, 3, King, var. and foul green, beauties, splendid subs., grand qual., good headgear, well radiated; 4, Walker. C.B., CK. (3): 1, Smith, var., plenty of subs., grand skull, well lashed, lovely feather; 2, King; 3, Walker and Thomas. CREST, HEN (5): 1, Smith, real gem, beautiful crest, lovely feather, well lashed; 2, 3, King, both var., immense size; 4, Walker; vhc, Watkins and Thomas. C.B., HEN (3): 1, Smith, var., good skull, fine front, well lashed, lovely feather; 2, Edwards; 3, King. BRED 1916 (4): 1, 2, King, gems, great subs., splendid lashing, grand qual. and cond.; 3, 4, Edwards.

MR. E. J. DAVIES' CLASSES.

LIGHT MULE (7): 1, Miss Davies, cl. Goldie, medium size, nice shape, good qual., pale col., looks like hen; 2, Jeffreys, cl. Goldie, medium size, good shape and qual., pale col.; 3, Evans, var. Goldie, nice col., good cond.; vhc, Bevan; hc, Jones; c, Davies. DK. (11): 1, Jones, jonque Goldie, grand col. and qual., fine blaze, nice shape and size, good cond.; 2, hc, Jeffreys, jonque Greenie, fine size, good head, very shapely, lovely col., qual., and cond.; 3, Emerson and Winstone, buff Greenie, good size and shape, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Nicholas, buff Linnet, fine size and shape, rather soft; vhc, Portman, a good jonque Goldie, had been bathing when judged; c, Bevan. HYBRID (5): 1, Ball, Goldf.-Bullf., fine size, good blaze, lovely col., qual., and cond.; 2, Jeffries, Linnet-Bullf., grand exhibit, tip top breast col., nice size, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, 4, Jones, Goldf.-Bullf. and Linnet-Bullf. GOLDF. (12): 1, Lloyd James, good col. and qual., large blaze of fine col., splendid bars and buttons, nice shape and size, good bars; 2, Edwards, fine blaze, nice tans, bars, and buttons, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Jeffreys, grand size and shape, largest face in class, but not as rich col. as leaders, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Morris, shade smaller, nice col. and qual., good blaze, bars, and buttons; vhc, Davies; hc, Paterson; c, Portman. LINNET (8): 1, Davies, fine size and shape, rich, nutty brown col., beautifully laced, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Mrs. Dalton, equal size, good col. and qual., hardly as distinctly laced; 3, Emanuel, shade smaller, nice col. and qual., well laced; 4, Jones, good size and shape, nice col., lacks pencilling; vhc, Lewis; hc, Davies; c, Winstone. BULLF. (11): 1, Ford, F.M., a real topper, fine size, grand cap and bars, lovely breast col., grand shape and qual., steady as a rock; 2, Edwards, grand shape and size, good cap and bars, hardly as rich col.; 3, Lloyd James, shade smaller, nice cap and bars, good breast col., lovely cond. and qual.; 4, Tom Davies, nice cobby shape, good cap, paler breast col.; vhc, T. Davies; hc, Jones; c, Lucas Bros. GOLDF., F.M. (9): 1, Ford, fine size, good, rich col., square cut blaze, lovely tans, bars, and buttons, wonderfully steady; 2, Lucas Bros., good col., blaze, rich tans, bars, and buttons, hardly as large; 3, Lewis, grand face, lovely tans and buttons, good shape, col., and qual.; 4, Folkes, good square cut blaze, rich tans and buttons, lovely shape and cond.; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Lloyd James; c, Edwards. LINNET, F.M. (8): 1, 2, Jeffreys, good pos., fine size and shape, lovely rich nutty brown col., beautifully pencilled, very steady; 3, Davies, shade smaller, grand shape and col., well laced; 4, Evans, fine size and col., grand shape, hardly as distinctly laced; vhc, Lloyd James; hc, Bevan; c, Emerson and Winstone; wg. cl., Nicholas. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Gregory, Siskin, rich col., good size, fine eye markings, lovely cap and bib, good col. and cond.; 2, vhc, Jeffreys, large, well laced Twite, grand col. and qual.; 3, Mrs. Dalton, bonny Redpoll, probably the best out, grand size, beautifully laced flanks; 4, Nicholas, Twite; hc, Evans; c, Winstone; No. 5, Mrs. Dalton, good Siskin, soft when judged. GREENF., ETC. (9): 1, 2, Edwards, Bramble, leading, medium size, good col. and qual., beautifully spangled, lovely cond.; 2, Greenf., nice size and shape, good col., qual., and cond.; 3, Emanuel, Bramble, nice size and shape, hardly as rich col., or as well spangled as leader; 4, Winstone, good col. Chaffinch, in splendid order; vhc, Jones; hc, Jeffreys; c, Nicholas. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Chick, Yellow Bunting, leading, grand size and shape, beautifully mkd., latter grand Corn Bunting, in splendid order. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Davies, Blue Tit, in fine order. HEN (5): 1, 3, Chick, Yellow Bunting and Hawfinch, both well known; 2, Jeffreys, Corn Bunting, fine col. and size, well mkd.; 4, Mrs. Edwards; vhc, Whale. FOR. (2): 1, Davies, yell. Budgerigars; 2, Castree, Cardinal. SELL., 20s. (5): 1, Tedstone; 2, Jones; 3, Edwards, 4, Jeffreys; vhc, Edwards. 40s. (3): 1, Jones; 2, Edwards; 3, Evans. 10s. (3): 1, Edwards; 2, Williams; 3, Maggs and Smith.

GLASGOW
(Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Eighth annual show, Victoria Halls, Crosshills, Glasgow, Dec. 2. The hall is a very comfortable one, well lighted, and free from draughts. Staging was nicely arranged round the walls of the room, which was almost square shaped, and the arrangement had its effect in leaving the entire body of the hall for the comfort of visitors, who turned out in great numbers. Entries exceeded all expectations, and at the last moment an extra judge had to be called on to assist in making the awards in the Norwich section, which was a hot one. Mr. Barron, Glasgow, stepped into the breach and rendered first aid to Mr. Simpson, Airdrie. Yorks and Borders were good, though not quite so numerous, and were well handled by Mr. G. Hislop, Stirling. Mules, British and Foreign were judged by Mr. A. W. Watson, Edinburgh. Judging was over in good time, and all arrangements were carried out in capital style by a committee second to none. Everything passed off without the slightest hitch, and the management richly deserved the success. Hon. Pres., Sir J. Ure Primrose Bart.; Hon. Vice Pres., R. Heggie; Pres., R. B. Cairns; Vices, A. Forman, A. McLellan; Sec. and Treas., A. K. Hunter. Committee; Messrs. Jeffrey, Halliday, Connelly, Fulton, McClymont, McClusky, Keeling, Lees, Thomson, Black, Hamilton, Hardy; auditors, Messrs. Stewart and Ross; show manager, Mr. W. Connelly.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Cairns, neck mkd., full size, type and quality, wins sp. best Nor. or Crest; 2, Stewart, hotter col., lovely qual. feather, shapely, neat, runs well up; 3, 4, Young, former good size, nice col., not just in hard cond.; 4th, sp, good size, nice head and neck, long in barrel, in nice order; 5, Urie; 6, McLellan. BUFF (16): 1, Kerr, short, typical, cobby, well braced, level col., fine texture of feather, in rare order; 2, Young, nice col. and type, beaten in subs. and qual.; 3, Hardie, fine type, level co., closer, better feather, runs close up; 4, Stewart, well up in size, nice feather; 5, M. Stewart; 6, Cairns. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Black, real, nice, cobby bird, fine, broad, neat front, chubby, compact, well staged; 2, Fulton, good qual., nice top end, well braced, steady; 3, Connelly, well up for size, good type, qual., loses in cond.; 4, Cairns, cobby, neat, shapely, presses; 5, Hyslop; 6, Stewart. BUFF (10): 1, 5, Young, fine size, very shapely, neatly braced, well staged; 2, Stewart, not quite so hot, lovely qual., typical and stylish, well shown; 3, sp, Cairns, nice qual., shade soft; 4, McCluskey, well staged; 6, Hardie. VAR. or GRN. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Cairns, nice qual. saddle mark, fine type, neat head, full neck, good front, correct carr.; 2, Hamilton, eye and wing mark, hot col., fine qual., shapely, well braced, close up; 3, Naismith, heavily mkd., nice qual., good head, neck, front, fails wing carr.; 4, Fulton, well up in size, nice type; 5, Lees; 6, Hunter. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Proctor, leader nice size, fine col. and qual., fine top end, cobby, well staged; 2nd, not so hot col., but broader and deeper fronted, shapely, well braced, runs tight up; 3, Hamilton, fine eyes and wings mkd., level col., neat wings, tail, typical, we liked; 4, Stewart, fine size, boxy feather, in the pink; 5, Steel; 6, Knox. VAR. or GREEN YELL. HEN (10): 1, Jeffrey, capital wing mark, cobby, neat throughout, well staged; 2, Hardie, cap and wing mkd., nice type and qual., not just the breadth of winner; 3, Stewart, nice col., good feather; 4, Cairns, light mkd., good col., fine qual., neat, cobby; 5, Proctor; 6, Hunter. BUFF: 1, sp., S.P.C. medal, best in hall, Stewart, topper all over, short, compact and neat, fine top end, grand broad deep front, capital carr. and style, staged in the pink; 2, McLuskey, broken green, nice type, staged in nice condition, but beaten here; 3, Kerr, head and neck mkd., neat, cobby build, lovely type, qual., must have pressed, our choice; 4, Connelly, nice condition, short, cobby, neat, well placed; 5, Cairns; 6, Young. NON FED CK. (9): 1, 3, Kerr, fine cl. yell., grand size, type and qual., fine full head, thick neck, cobby, thick set, top cond.; 3rd, cl. yell., nice size and feather, loses in subs.; 2, Gentle, nice qual. buff, good size and feather, well placed; 4, Hamilton, var., fine col. and qual., good top end, rather longer; 5, Livingstone; 6, Forman. CK., 1916: 1, H. Young, cl., nice size, good type and qual., well filled top end, could be shade better in wings; 2, J. Young, nice knap mkd., well up for size and qual., rather unsteady; 3, Livingstone, cap and wing mkd., good type and qual., fails cond. only. NON FED HEN (10): 1, Naismith, good var., nice type and qual., fine head and neck, good front, wing feathers just growing, lucky on to-day's form; 2, Kerr, var., rare type and qual., thick set, bull neck, good head, full deep front, best carr., we preferred, wins in cond.; 3, Steel, nice cl., cobby, well built, well staged; 4, Young, cl., fine size, nice feather; 5, Livingstone; 6, Forman. HEN, 1916 (2): 1, Gilmour, short, neat, cobby, well built, nice qual., in the pink; 2, Kerr, nice level col., fine qual., neat, stylish, beaten subs. only. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK., 1916 (10): 1, Kerr, knap mkd., lovely hot even col., typical, full of qual., neat, clean cut, in the pink; 2, Ross, well up for size, nice col., unsteady; 3, Jeffrey, fine type and qual., not just so hot col., but more steady; 4, Cairns, nice neck mkd., lovely, deep even col., nice type and qual., close up; 5, Hardie; 6, Forman. BUFF (16): 1, R. Young, nice size, good tone of col., typical, well braced, A1 cond.; 2, Cairns, shade smaller, typical, neat, shapely throughout; 3, Hardie, nicely staged, close run here; 4, 5, Hamilton, nice size, type and qual.; 6, Young. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Fulton, fine type, shapely, neat, well put down; 2, Cairns, rare col. and quality, compact, well braced, scarcely so short in feather; 3, Stewart, grizzle cap, short feather, neat carr. and style, but too fat; 4, McLellan, runs up for novice medal; 5, Knox; 6, Stewart. BUFF (15): 1, Cairns, best young bird, regular beauty, capital qual. cl. buff, short, neat, stylish. A1 carr., in full bloom; 2, 3, Stewart, former cap mkd., fine qual. and type, cobby, neat, deformed foot spoils a real good one; 3rd, lovely qual., very neat throughout, taking appearance, in the pink; 4, Hunter, fine type and qual., level lot; 5, Connelly; 6, Hyslop. VAR. or GRN. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Cairns, cap, wings mkd., deep even col., top qual., very typical, stylish, neat; 2, Black, runs close up on leader, fails feather only; 3, Kerr, nice qual. wings and eye mark, well up in size and col., just fails at front; 4, Cairns; 5, Hamilton; 6, Jeffrey. BUFF (8): 1, Holliday, nice size, short, neat, cobby, well built, compact, in fine trim; 2, Young, good size, fine qual., fails cond.; 3, Hamilton, nice size, good qual., fine head, neck, not just the girth of winner; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Gilmour; 6, Connelly. VAR. or GRN. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 6, Stewart, fine size, grand type and qual., broad, neat, shapely, fine stamp, in nice trim; 2, Young, nice size, good feather, wet when we saw it; 3, Connelly, short, neat, well built, nicely staged; 4, Black; 5, Hunter. BUFF (10): 1, Cairns, very short and cobby, neat and good, staged to win; 2, Stewart, fine size, neat, well braced, nice qual., not quite the front of leader; 3, Young, well up in size, neat wings, tail; 4, Jeffrey, nice size, good qual.; 5, Steel; 6, Fulton. NOV. YELL. (18): 1, Hardie, nice qual. cap and wing mark, well staged; 2, Urie, good style and carr., good cond.; 3, Proctor, well up for size, nice sound level col., good order; 4, Lees, good exhibit, creditably staged; 5, Mason; 6, McLellan. BUFF (21): 1, McLuskey, good var., in fine feather, stylish and typical; 2, Proctor, very nice one, well placed; 3, Hardie, nice buff ck., good size, fine type, good feather; 4, Proctor; 5, McLuskey; 6, Stewart. YELL. BRED 1916 (17): 1, McLellan; 2, Stewart; 3, Urie; 4, Hardie; 5, Robertson, 6, McLuskey. BUFF (23): 1, Hardie; 2, 5, McLuskey; 3, Cuthbert; 4, Ross; 6, Urie. CREST or C.B. (7): 1, 3, 4, 6, Hamilton, leader, green C.B., nice size and weight, fine qual., well groomed; 3rd, var. C.B., nice feather, plenty body subs., nice qual. feather; 4th, good even D.C.; 2, 5, McFadyen, var. D.C., nice size, good subs., finely radiated headgear, well laid. CREST or C.B., 1916 (3): 1, 2, McFadyen, leader massive bodied grizzle crest, plenty feather, nice top piece, finely radiated; 2nd, knap mkd C.B., in nice order; 3, Hamilton. BORD. CL. or TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Thomson, nice type, close boxy feather, neat wings, close tail, in good order; 2, 3, Livingstone, former even eye mark, deep even col., fine type and qual., not quite so close in feather; 3rd, fine type and qual., neat head, neck, fails col. only; 4, McLuskey. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Thomson, nice pair, fine type and qual., neat carr., leader excels in col.; 3, 5, Livingstone; 3rd, fine type, nice qual., neat wings, close tail, in nice order; 4, Campbell. VAR. (5): 1, Campbell, nice buff, good type and qual., fine carr.; 2, Thomson, typical neat buff, fine style and pos., fails in staging; 3, 4, Livingstone; 5, Kerr. GP. or CINN. (6): 1, Thomson, nice Cinn., sound col., nicely pencilled, typical, well braced, fine cond.; 2, 4, Livingstone, leader nice yellow green, grand grassy col., well pencilled, steady, neat; 3, 5, Campbell; 6, Young. CL. or TKD. YELL., 1916 (6): 1, Thomson, typical, neat, shapely, well braced, steady; 2, 5, Livingstone; 2nd, fine col. and type, shapely, neat carr., wings frayed at tips, well placed; 3, 6, Briggs;

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4, Campbell. BUFF: 1, 2, Briggs, leader neat, shapely, well drawn and rounded, nice carr.; 2nd not just so hot or level in col., good type and qual., neat carr.; 3, 6, Thomson; 3rd, fine type, grand qual., runs close up; 4, Campbell. VAR., GRN. or CINN. (5): 1, 4, Livingstone, leader nice yellow green, fine gravey col., good type and qual., well staged; 2, Thomson, nice even wing mark, good qual., neat body, A1 carr. and style; 3, Briggs; 5, Young. NOV. (8): 1, 6, Graham, nice cl. buff, fine cond.; 2, 4, McLuskey; 2nd, nice type, qual., just inclined to draw; 3, Kennedy, good green, well put down; 5, Campbell. NOV., 1916 (10): 1, Morris, nice qual. green, typical, good close feather, just inclined to run light under; 2, 4, McLuskey; 2nd, fair exhibit for type and qual., fails in head; 4th, nice one, might have gone up; 3, 5, Campbell; 3rd, nice order, well staged; 6, Kennedy. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL CK. (6): 1, 2, 4, 5, Heggie, leader lengthy, capital type and qual., hot, even col., well drawn, in lovely order; 2nd, red hot, lengthy and slim, not quite so well rounded; 3, McLellan, we missed; 6, Peters. BUFF (9): 1, 5, 6, Heggie, leader slim, neatly drawn, staged to win; 2, 4, Ross, nice qual., neat, clean cut, well drawn, not just so hot col.; 3, Steel, nice type, boxy feather, not quite so lengthy, but sweet. YELL. HEN 4): 1, 2, 3, Heggie, leader neat, swanky, good col. and qual., fine carr. and style; 2nd, fine length and type, inclined to lift at front; 3rd, fine length and col., unsteady; 4, McLellan. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Heggie, nice team, leader neat, shapely, fine feather, well drawn, clean cut, in full bloom; 3rd, close up for type and qual., lengthy, neat; 2, McLellan, nice one, not quite so hot as leader, steady. VAR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Heggie, fine quartette; 1st and 2nd, grand pair, fine length, type and qual., neat swanky build, shapely, clean cut, little separates; 5, Stewart; 6, McLellan. CL. or TKD. CK., 1916 (10): 1, 3, 4, Heggie, nice trio, grand cl. yell. leading, grand length, col., type and qual., neat, clean cut, well braced, full bloom; 3rd, good length, fine type and qual., might have gained another point; 2, McLellan, good qual. tkd. buff, nice col. and pos., rather rough in feather; 5, Steel; 6, Peters. HEN (8): 1, Peters, good cl. yell., lengthy, neat, well drawn, finely rounded; 2, 3, 4, 5, Heggie; 2nd, real good exhibit, beaten in col. only; 3rd, typical, fine qual., neatly braced, just inclined to crouch; 6, Steel. VAR. (5): 1, 2, 4, 5, Heggie, nice length, rare qual. feather, neat, shapely, fine pose, well braced; 2nd, neat and typical, not quite so hot, but close up; 3, Steel, good qual. and carr., but crouchy when handled. NOV. (6): 1, 2, McLellan, leader wins novice medal, fine col., nice length and shape, could be improved; 2nd, nice one, fine type and qual., not so hot, but close up; 3, 4, Stewart; 5, 6, Ross. 1916 (5): 1, 4, McLellan, leader we could not find; 2, 3, 5, Ross, former nice qual. cl. buff, shapely, clean cut, in lovely order. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Hamilton, fine team of Norwich Cinn., staged in lovely feather, and a credit to their owner. GOLDF. or LINNET MULE (6): 1, Steel, nice jonque Linnet in fine order; 2, 3, 6, Heggie; 2nd, jonque Goldie, nice size, col. and markings; 3rd, grand Linnet, best size, fine type and qual., steady, grand feather, bloom, only behind winner in col., presses, close up; 4, Jeffrey. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, 2, Heggie, well known winners, in faultless bloom. DARK (5): 1, 2, Heggie, leader good jonque Greenf. in fine order, nice size, grand col., steady; 2nd, nice Siskin, good col. and feather, steady, well shown; 3, Booth; 4, 5, Young. NOV. (8): 1, 6, Graham, nice cl. buff, fine cond.; 2, 4, McLuskey; 2nd, nice type, qual., just inclined to draw; 3, Kennedy, good green, well put down; 5, Campbell. NOV., 1916 (10): 1, Morris, nice qual. green, typical, good close feather, just inclined to run light under; 2, 4, McLuskey; 2nd, fair exhibit for type and qual., fails in head; 4th, nice one, might have gone up; 3, 5, Campbell; 3rd, nice order, well staged; 6, Kennedy. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL CK. (6): 1, 2, 4, 5, Heggie, leader lengthy, capital type and qual., hot, even col., well drawn, in lovely order; 2nd, red hot, lengthy and slim, not quite so well rounded; 3, McLellan, we missed; 6, Peters. BUFF (9): 1, 5, 6, Heggie, leader slim, neatly drawn, staged to win; 2, 4, Ross, nice qual., neat, clean cut, well drawn, not just so hot col.; 3, Steel, nice type, boxy feather, not quite so lengthy, but sweet. YELL. HEN 4): 1, 2, 3, Heggie, leader neat, swanky, good col. and qual., fine carr. and style; 2nd, fine length and type, inclined to lift at front; 3rd, fine length and col., unsteady; 4, McLellan. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Heggie, nice team, leader neat, shapely, fine feather, well drawn, clean cut, in full bloom; 3rd, close up for type and qual., lengthy, neat; 2, McLellan, nice one, not quite so hot as leader, steady. VAR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Heggie, fine quartette; 1st and 2nd, grand pair, fine length, type and qual., neat swanky build, shapely, clean cut, little separates; 5, Stewart; 6, McLellan. CL. or TKD. CK., 1916 (10): 1, 3, 4, Heggie, nice trio, grand cl. yell. leading, grand length, col., type and qual., neat, clean cut, well braced, full bloom; 3rd, good length, fine type and qual., might have gained another point; 2, McLellan, good qual. tkd. buff, nice col. and pos., rather rough in feather; 5, Steel; 6, Peters. HEN (8): 1, Peters, good cl. yell., lengthy, neat, well drawn, finely rounded; 2, 3, 4, 5, Heggie; 2nd, real good exhibit, beaten in col. only; 3rd, typical, fine qual., neatly braced, just inclined to crouch; 6, Steel. VAR. (5): 1, 2, 4, 5, Heggie, nice length, rare qual. feather, neat, shapely, fine pose, well braced; 2nd, neat and typical, not quite so hot, but close up; 3, Steel, good qual. and carr., but crouchy when handled. NOV. (6): 1, 2, McLellan, leader wins novice medal, fine col., nice length and shape, could be improved; 2nd, nice one, fine type and qual., not so hot, but close up; 3, 4, Stewart; 5, 6, Ross. 1916 (5): 1, 4, McLellan, leader we could not find; 2, 3, 5, Ross, former nice qual. cl. buff, shapely, clean cut, in lovely order. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Hamilton, fine team of Norwich Cinn., staged in lovely feather, and a credit to their owner. 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LINNET (4): 1, Heggie, fine size, col. and pencilling, steady, well shown; 2, Urie, smaller, steady, fails markings; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Knox. GOLDF. (8): 1, Connelly, nice size, steady, fine col. and markings, nice square face, good moons and tanning; 2, McLellan, well up in size and col., fails blaze only; 3, Heggie, good one, runs close up; 4, Booth; 5, Bremner; 6, Hamilton. BULLF. (5): 1, 2, McClymont, leader good H.M., nice size, col. and markings, steady, well shown; 2nd, F.M., not quite the size of leader, but all there for col. and markings; 3, 4, Booth, nice one, close up; 5, Bremner. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Connelly, nice Siskin, in good order; 2, Booth, Twite, steady, well shown. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, 3, Steel, nice pair, fine size, steady, neat, well mkd., in good feather; 2, Connelly, old warrior, in good cond.; 4, Knox; 5, Booth; 6, McClymont. GREENF., H.M. (5): 1, Knox, massive build, fine depth of col., steady, neat, good win; 2, Steel, fine col., capital feather, steady, in rare order, beaten in size; 3, Booth; 4, Jeffrey; 5, McClymont. LINNET, F.M. (6): 1, McClymont, nice size and cond., well pencilled, steady, wins; 2, Steel, not just so good for size, but for pencilling and sound ground col. runs close up; 3, Booth, smaller, unsteady, still in good feather; 4, Connelly; 5, Peters. BRAMBLE or CHAFFINCH (5): 1, 5, Connelly, good Chaffinch, nice size and col., well mkd.; 2, 3, Hyslop; 2nd, nice Bramble, sound col., distinct markings, runs close up; 4, Steel. LARGE BRIT. (2): 1, Hyslop, good Hawfinch, grand rich tanning, distinct markings, fine bib; 2, Connelly. HEN (5): 1, Hyslop, nice Bramble; 2, Connelly, Siskin; 3, Booth, Bullf.; 4, Peters; 5, Steel. F.M.: 1, Peters, nice size, steady, well shown; 2, Bremner; 3, Connelly. A.O.S. (3): 1, Booth, nice Yellowhammer, good size, distinct head lines, easy win; 2, 3, Connelly, Reed Bunting and Yellowhammer. A.O.S. (3): 1, 2, McLellan; 3, Ross. SELL. (7): 1, Livingstone; 2, 4, Smith; 3, Ross. GIFT (7): 1, Hamilton; 2, Fulton; 3, Hardie; 4, W. G. Hamilton; 5, Cairns; 6, Jeffrey.

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PORTH.

Annual show of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S. held at Llwyncelyn Hotel, Dec. 14. Entries totalled 460, an increase of a hundred on last year notwithstanding that another show was being held a few miles away on the same day. The birds were nicely arranged in tiers and looked very comfortable, their wants being well attended to by a hard-working band of stewards. The show manager, Mr. J. Bevan, worked like a Trojan and had everything well in hand. He was ably assisted by an energetic band of stewards, Messrs. T. James, W. Baker, T. Emanuel, W. Evans, and J. Davies. The secretaries, Messrs. Challenger and Legg, are very capable and obliging officials, and carried out their portion of the arrangements admirably.

Norwich were really splendid, the winning yell. and buff cocks being birds of exceptional merit, as also were the brace of var. buff cocks exhibited by Messrs. Stubbs Bros. Other notable exhibits in this section were put down by Messrs. W. Davies, G. T. Jones, and Tedstone.

Yorks were very level in qual., condition alone in many classes separating the winners, Messrs. Thomson, Powell, Bevan, and Pritchard staging good teams. Novices were not as numerous as in some of the Welsh shows; still, what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality, Messrs. Maynard, Bevan and Pritchard's exhibits being much admired.

Borders were well to the fore, Mr. D. Jenkins carrying off the premier honours in four of the champion classes with a team of real gems, including the noted cinn. mkd. hen, Mr. Hurle winning in the other class with a lovely even mark of grand type and quality. The local crack, Mr. Bevan, won the novice class with a cl. buff—a very nice model.

Mules, especially darks, were a very nice lot, Mrs. Dalton carrying off the chief awards with a nice team, the winner, a dark Linnet of wonderful quality and colour, should yet do a lot of winning. British were good, the spl. for best British being won by Mr. Robinson with a charming Waxwing, in perfect feather, the runner-up being Mr. Chick's noted Yellow Bunting—another real gem. Mr. Chick also staged a lovely brace of Corn Buntings, and the noted hen Hawfinch and a charming Wheatear. Mrs. Dalton's Lesser Redpoll again headed her class, and was much admired, as also was the winning Bullfinch staged by Mr. Jellreys, a bird of wonderful size and colour. Judges: Canaries, Mr. J. Robson; Mules and British, Mr. S. J. Nicholas.

MR. ROBSON'S CLASSES.

NOR. CL., LTC., CK. (10): 1, Morris, cl., good rich level col., grand qual. and cond., full head, neck, chest, good wings and tail, very cobby; 2, 3, 4, Davies, grand team, all beautiful col. and qual., capital size and good cobby shape, well braced wings, staged in the pink of cond.; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; hc, Broome Bros.; c, Jones and Davies. BUFF (7): 1, Stubbs Bros., cl., lovely col. and qual., good head, deep chest, well cut away behind, grand wings and tail, plenty of subs.; 2, Broome Bros., wing tkd., fine size, good head, grand cobby shape, well braced wings, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Mrs. Bridgwater, cl., good col. and qual., nice subs., hardly as beautifully moulded as leaders; 4, Walker; vhc, G. Davies; hc, Meek; c, Llewellyn. MKD. CK. (12): 1, 2, Stubbs Bros., real gems, leader grizzle mkd. back buff, grand size, good head, fine deep chest, lovely wings and tail, beautiful qual. and cond., 2nd lightly grizzle mkd. back buff, looks like the Aberavon "wrong-classed" bird; fine size, good bold head, nice cobby shape, best of wings and tail, grand qual. and cond.; 3, vhc, W. Davies, head and wing mkd., another good one, plenty of subs., good head, fine chest, good wings and tail, perhaps hardly as cobby as leaders; 4, Jones, var. buff, good head, nice cobby shape; hc, James and Wells; c, Broome Bros. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Stubbs Bros., cl., lovely col. and qual., well moulded throughout, fine size, nicely cut away; 2, Broome Bros., head mkd., splendid col. and qual., nice head, good chest, well braced wings; 3, W. Davies, cl., grand size, plenty of daylight behind, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Bailey; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Morris. BUFF (10): 1, Jones, tkd. eye and back, grand head, good chest, splendid cobby shape, grand wings and tail, best of col. and qual.; 2, C. W. Davies, cl., close up, good round head, lovely cobby shape, grand subs., tip-top col. and qual.; 3 Stubbs Bros., head tkd., fine bold head, deep chest, well cut away, good subs., qual. and col.; 4, Tedstone, cl., grand size, fine deep chest, good col. and qual., put down well; vhc, Broome Bros.; hc, Morris. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, C. W. Davies, cl. yell., grand exhibit, lovely rich col., good head, well rounded chest, nicely cut away, good wings and tail, fine subs. and cond.; 2, 3, Stubbs Bros., good cl. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, splendid cobby shape, good subs., 3rd var. buff, plenty of size, good head, deep chest, nice wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 4, James and Wells, wing tkd. buff, good head, lovely cobby shape, fine size, col. and qual.; vhc, T. H. Davies; hc, Ball. HEN (9): 1, 3, Stubbs Bros., head and wing tkd. yell leading, lovely col. and qual., neat head, well moulded throughout, good subs., 3rd cl. buff, fine size, grand shape, good wings, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Tedstone, cl. yell., grand rich col., nice head, deep chest, good subs., well cut away behind, tip-top qual. and cond.; 4, vhc, T. H. Davies, cl. buff, well rounded head, good cobby shape, nice subs and qual.; hc, W. Davies; c, Watkins and Thomas. NOV. CK. (14): 1, Hollinshead and Edwards, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand type, good subs., well put down; 2, James, grand col. and qual., nice cobby shape, good subs. and cond.; 3, hc, Hall, cl. buff, nice size, good chest and wings, hardly as good head points as leaders; 4, Williams, yell., fine col. and qual., nice size and shape; vhc, Davies; c, Briscoe. HEN (5): 1, Briscoe, cl. buff, neat head, good chest, fine cobby shape, good col. and qual.; 2, Hollinshead and Edwards, cl. buff, very shapely, nice head, good wings and tail, lovely cut and qual.; 3, James; 4, Llewellyn; vhc, Caddy. NAT. COL. (20): 1, Tedstone, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., fine head, good shapely chest, plenty of subs., best of wings and tail; 2, Morris, cl. yell., good head, wings and tail, well moulded, nice subs., cond. and qual.; 3, Davies, cl., good col. and qual., capital type, nicely cut away, shade less subs.; 4, Bond, cl. buff, nice head, good deep chest, fine wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; vhc, hc, Legg; c, Glover. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Thompson, cl., lovely col and qual., good shoulders, fine straight back, capital wings and tail, grand pos. and leg.; 2, Maidment, fine col., beautifully proportioned, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Coulson and Brennan, grand col. and qual., well made, good wings and tail, nice leg and pos.; 4, Jones, fine nerve and pos., hardly length of leaders; vhc, East; hc, Baker; abs., Ormondroyd. BUFF (11): 1, Griffiths, neat head, nice shoulders and back, beautifully moulded, grand leg and pos.; 2, Pritchard, cl., good length, shoulders and back, grand shape, nice leg; 3, Y[illegible], cl., good col. and qual., lovely type, grand length and nerve, stands well; 4, Laurence, neat head and shoulders, fine wings, good carr. and pos., well up on leg; vhc, East; hc, Turner; c, Watkins and Thomas. VAR. CK. (15): 1, Powell, yell., good head, neck and shoulders, nice straight back, fine leg and pos., lovely col. and qual.; 2, Pritchard, buff, grand col. and qual., neat head, lovely type and pos., grand nerve and leg; 3, Coulson and Brennan, yell., fine col. and qual., lovely length, grand nerve and pos., good type; 4, Turner, yell., splendid col. and qual., neat head and neck, fine back, good wings, well up on leg; vhc, Watts; hc, Baker; c, Brown. YELL. HEN (14): 1, White, head tkd., lovely col. and qual., neat head, good shoulders and back, fine wings and tail, lovely length and leg; 2, Pritchard, cl., good shoulders, nice straight back, fine wings and tail, lovely length, well on leg; 3, Watkins and Thomas, cl., lovely type and qual., well moulded throughout, good nerve, pos. and leg; 4, Thomson, var., splendid type, col. and qual., lovely back, wings and tail, nice leg; vhc, Ormondroyd; hc, Brown; c, Coulson and Brennan. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Turner, cl., grand head, shoulders and back, well balanced wings, good type and qual., fine nerve and leg; 2, Coulson and Brennan, cl., close up, fine head and shoulders, good back, neat wings, grand length, pos. and nerve; 3, Powell, cl., lovely col. and qual., correct type, fine length, good nerve and leg; 4, c, Griffiths, lovely length, nice leg, good col. and qual.; vhc, Watkins and Thomas. UNFLIG. CK. (18): 1, Bevan, cl. yell., a real good one, grand head, good shoulders and back, neat wings and tail, lovely leg, nice col. and qual.; 2, Tucker, cl. yell., capital type, good straight back, well moulded, nice pos. and nerve, splendid leg; 3, Cook, cl. yell., good col. and qual., capital wings, very shapely, fine leg and pos.; 4, East, cl. yell., neat head, lovely wings and back, well moulded, grand leg and nerve; vhc, Turner; hc, James and Wells; c, Thomson. HEN (7): 1, Ormondroyd, cl. yell., neat body, nice head and shoulders, fine straight back, neat wings and tail, good leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Cook, cl. buff, nicely built, good wings, shoulders and back, fine leg and pos.; 3, East, cl. buff, very stylish; 4, Bevan; vhc, Griffith; hc, T. Griffiths; c, Coulson and Brennan. NOV. CK. (14): 1, 4, Maynard, both cl. buffs, nice braee, good heads, shoulders and backs, splendid length, fine leg and pos.; 2, Bevan, cl. buff, capital length, good back, flights and tail, well moulded, grand qual.; 3, Hyde, cheek mkd., lovely col. and qual., neat head, good wings and tail, fine legs and pos.; vhc, Pritchard; hc, c, Pugh. HEN (9): 1, Pritchard, grand col. and qual., nice head, good shoulders and back, fine length, good leg; 2, Maynard, neck tkd., close up, fine head and shoulders, good wings, stands well on leg, good col. and qual.; 3, Pugh, cl. buff, nicely proportioned, capital length, good leg col. and qual.; 4, Chambers, eye and wing mkd., grand type and qual., splendid legs and pos.; vhc, Hall; hc, Williams; c, Bevan. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Hollinshead and Edwards, yell. green, a good one, lovely col. and qual., good head, shoulders, and back, well moulded, grand leg and pos.; 2, Watts, yell., neat head, capital shape and style, grand length, pos, and nerve; 3, Brown, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., nicely moulded throughout, good leg and nerve; 4, Brown, buff green, nice length, good leg and nerve, fine col. and qual.; vhc, Bevan; hc, Pritchard; c, Challenger. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Jenkins, cl., a little gem, capital type, good waxy feather, lovely style and pos.; 2, Williams, tkd., neat head, shapely body, good col. and qual.; 3, Owen, cl., lovely col. and qual., fine head, grand shape and style; 4, Watkins and Thomas, shade paler col., very typical, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Edgington; hc, Hollinshead and Edwards; c, Sampson. BUFF (12): 1, Jenkins, gem, beautiful col. and qual., grand head, very shapely body, clothed beautifully; 2, Bevan, cl., nice col. and qual., splendid type, good boxy feather; 3, Thomas, cl., nice size and shape, very jaunty, lovely cond. and qual.; 4, Edgington, good head, neat wings and tail, very shapely, fine order; vhc, Williams; hc, Elston; c, Hollinshead and Edwards. VAR. (5): 1, Hurle, E.M., lovely col. and qual., neat head, very stylish; 2, Elston, E.M., splendid type, grand wings, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Demyard, E.M., fine col. and qual.; 4, Padfield; vhc, Thomas. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Jenkins, cl., lovely col. and qaul., good head, very shapely body, grand wings, feathered like wax; 2, Parry, cl., nice col. and qual., good type, neat wings, very stylish; 3, Williams, cl., neat model, beautifully feathered, very stylish; 4, c, Hollinshead and Edwards, cl., nice type and qual., in splendid order; vhc, Watkins and Thomas; hc, Hocking. BUFF (14): 1, Jenkins, noted cinn. mkd., still adding further lustre to a glorious career, her 52nd win; 2, Denyard, cl., neat head, good shapely body very jaunty carr., grand col. and qual.; 3, Bevan, var., nice shape and style, lovely col. and qual., fine type; 4, Elston, cl., grand col. and qual., beautifully moulded, splendid wings, good carr.; vhc, Owens; hc, c, Padfield. NOVICE (9): 1, Bevan, cl. buff, very typical, good head, well moulded body, nicely braced wings, grand col. and qual.; 2, 3, c, Pattison, both cl. buff, neat pair, well moulded, nicely feathered, grand cond. and qual.; 4, King, cl., nice col. and qual., good type, very stylish; vhc, Coombes; hc, James. SELL. (5): 1, vhc, Bevan; 2, Jones; 3, Griffith; 4, Davies; hc, Edwards.

MR. NICHOLAS' CLASSES.

LIGHT MULE (2): 1, Mrs. Dalton, 4-pointed buff Goldie, medium size, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Bevan, var. jonque Goldie-Can., good col., hardly cond. of leader. DK. (11): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Dalton, splendid team, leader jonque Linnet-Can., not one of the largest, but beautifully proportioned, grand rich col., spendid qual. and cond., 2nd jonque Greenf.-Can., great subs., fine head, lovely col. and qual., 3rd jonque Goldf.-Can., beautiful col. and qual., grand blaze, fine shape and size, inclined to want to play, which spoils his shape; 4, Jones and Davies, jonque Goldie, good col. and qual., nice shape, hardly the subs. of leader; vhc, c, Jeffreys; hc, Emerson and Winstone. HYBRID (2): 1, Ball, Goldf.-Bullf., lovely col. and qual., fine cond.; 2, Jones and Davies, another Goldf.-Bullf., paler col. and shade smaller. GOLDF. (11): 1, Lloyd James, grand shape and qual., deep rich col. blaze, splendid bars and buttons, shows to perfection; 2, vhc, Evans, good Finch, good square blaze of rich col., lovely tans, bars and buttons, nice size; 3, Davies, nice size and shape, good blaze, bars and buttons, hardly as bold head as leaders; 4, Jones, very shapely, good qual. and cond., nice bars and tans; hc, Cozens; c, Mrs. Dalton. BULLF. (16) a fine class: 1, Jeffreys, rattler for size, wonderful head and dense black cap, fine rich breast col., grand qual. and cond.; 2, Robinson, really good one, hardly as large, but beautifully moulded, grand cap and bars, splendid breast and back col., in first-class order; 3, Mrs. Dalton, good cap and bars, rich breast col., very shapely, lovely cond. and qual.; 4, Edwards, nice size and shape, neat cap and bars, hardly as rich breast col.; vhc, Lloyd and James; hc, Evans; c, Emanuel. GREENF. (11): 1, Gregory, sen., fed jonque, neat head, good size and shape, fine col. and qual.; 2, Holborrow, col.-fed., close up, equal size, grand shape, good bars, trifle loose in feather; 3, Mrs. Dalton, non-fed buff, good bold head, lovely size and shape, good col., cond. and qual.; 4, hc, Davies, another fed one, very shapely, nice size; vhc, Edwards; c, Evans. LINNET (10): 1, Mrs. Dalton, fine size and shape, rich nutty col., lovely shape, well laced; 2, Davies, good size, beautifully laced, very shapely; 3, Jones and Davies, good head, fine shape, well pencilled, nice col. and qual., shade smaller; 4, Jeffreys, F.M., very shapely, good col., qual. and cond., nicely mkd.; vhc, Gregory; hc, c, Emanuel. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Mrs. Dalton, well-known Lesser Redpoll leading, a real gem, fine size and shape, grand flank markings, good col. and qual., latter jonque Siskin, splendid eye and thigh mkgs., grand col., qual. and cond.; 2, Sampson, charming Twite, lovely head, grand shape, nice size and col., best of lacing; 4, vhc, Jellreys, Twite, fine col., cond. and markings, loses in head and markings to 3rd; hc, Glover; c, Emanuel. A.O. HARDBILL (13) fine class: 1, 2, Chick, Yellow Bunting leading, marvellous size and shape, fine col., distinct V, a real stormer, 2nd grand Corn Bunting, fine size, col. and shape, splendidly mkd.; 3, Lucas Bros., Bramble, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., well spangled, fine head; 4, Emerson and Winstone, good rich col Chaffinch, fine size and shape; vhc, Edwards; hc, Payne; c, Evans. SOFTBILL (2): 1, spl. best Brit., Robinson, charming Waxwing, in faultless order; 2, Chick, beautiful Wheatear, grand col., qual. and cond., lovely exhibit. HEN (11): 1, 2, Chick, Hawfinch and Corn Bunting, grand pair, now well known, the former in her usual first-class order, and the latter the largest and best col. specimen we have yet seen; 3, Holborrow, Bullf., a real good one, grand size, fine cap, splendid breast col., grand size and shape; 4, Edwards, Bramble, nice size, shape, col. and spangling, hard lines to meet three such champions; vhc, Evans; hc, Davies; c, Emanuel. FOR. (4): 1, Mrs. Burgess, Australian Thrush, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Davies, neat pair Yellow Budgerigars; 3, Mrs. Williams, Green Parrot, in good order; 4, Master Castree, fine Cardinal, nicely put down.

BROMLEY & PENGE (Combined.

This year the members of Bromley F.S. and Penge combined for the purposes of a members' show at Bromley. Mr. J. W. Ford officiated ably as secretary, and his efforts, well backed up by Messrs. Wraight and Judd, of Bromley Society, brought together a very fine collection. Quality in Norwich and Yorkshires was really good, particularly in Yorks., while Borders were splendid both in numbers and quality, a sweet little bird shown by Mr. Last in the unflighted class securing cup best unflighted and Soames' cup for best Border Fancy, in addition to special. Other specials were won by Messrs. Ramsey, Ford, and Last with Canaries, while in British Mr. W. Brown's Goldfinch and Mr. Dell's Blackbird won specials. The British were very nice classes, and close competition resulted. Mr. Geo. Gardner judgd.

Nor. Hens: 1, 2, 3, res, Dell, fine quartette, sweet and typical yell. leading, closely followed by a very shapely buff of nice feather. CL. or Tkd. Nor.: 1, Paterson, chubby buff, deep rich undercol.; 2, Berrell, yell., good body, rare qual. of feather, nice head; 3, Whiffle, buff, scarcely so chubby. Mkd. or Varieg.: 1, two sps, Verrell, lovely qual., rich undercol., mkd. on wings, rattling good bird; 2, Gooding, varieg., hardly so close and fine in feather, but very useful. Hens: 1, 2, Paterson, bonny buff of the true silky dress; 2nd, equally nice yell., both shapely and good; 3, Whiffin, yell.; hardly so fine in feather; res, hc, Gooding; vhc, Verrell. Unflig. Nor.: 1, 2, Whiffin, smart buff of great promise; 2, very silky feathered, good shaped yell.; 3, Humphries, tkd. buff, very shapely, nice tone of feather; res, Paterson; vhc, Verrell. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Last, an upstanding bird of nice pose, well on leg. Hens: 1, sp, 2nd best unflig., Last, very sweet, nicely tapered, full of qual. Unflig.: 1, two sps, Last, smart upstanding bird, nice length, well on the leg. Cl. or Tkd. Nov.: 1, sp, Ramsey, nicely tapered, stands well, nervy, nice feather; 2, Humphries, typical, nice pose and action; 3, no name, not quite so rich in qual. of feather; res, c, Rowley; vhc, Westrip; hc, Gooding. Mkd. or Variegd.: 1, Westrip, very stylish, well modelled, nice feather; 2, 3, Ramsey, slashing cinn. varieg. ahead, both good ones; res, vhc, Brown; hc, Gooding. Hen: 1, Ramsey, very sweet, clean cut, close feathered, good pose; 2, 3, Gooding, similar, little to choose; vhc, Westrip; hc, Brown; c, Fryett. Unflig.: 1, res, Ramsey, buff, stands well up, nicely tapered, plenty behind leg; 2, c, Westrip, yel., nice pos. and qual.; 3, Fryett, one of those "shooters," a variegd. that are always useful in the breeding cage; vhc, Brown; hc, Humphries. Crest or C.B.: 1, sp, 2, res, Ford, very nice ones, leader excelling in headgear and shape of same; 3, Gooding; vhc, Young. Bord. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Last, yell, very neat, sweetly arranged jacket; 2, Gooding, smart little bird; 3, Westrip, good buff. Mkd. or Variegd.: 1, Mrs. Aitken, full of Border points; 2, Last, close up. Green or Cinn.: 1, sp, Last, pure col., grand shape Cinn.; 2, 3, Soames, greens, charming. Hens: 1, Last; 2, Mrs. Aitkin; 3, c, Gooding; charming trio; res, hc, Pocock; vhc, Westrip. Unflig.: 1, two cups and sp., 2, Last, leader a little gem; 3, c, Rev. Soames, another sweet little Border, a teasing class this; res, Westrip; vhc, hc, Mrs. Aitkin. Mules: 1, sp, Ramsey; 2, res, Cory; 3, Humphries; vhc, Dell; a good class, but nothing very special. Goldf.: 1, sp, Brown, rich and lustrous face, nice collar, bars and chestnut; 2, Payne, hardly so lustrous, but good; 3, Cory, smart Finch; res, Barber; vhc, hc, Dell; c, Pocock. Bullf.: 1, Cory, very good hen, well shown; 2, Gulless, ck., not quite rich enough in colour; 3, Brown; res, Dell. Linnet, Etc.: 1, Cory, Linnet, rich col., well mkd., good shape; 2, hc, Gulless; 3, Dell; res, Payne. A.O.S. Finch or Bunting: 1, Barber, well mkd. Chaffinch; 2, vhc, Mrs. Soames, good Brambling, cheap at catalogue price; 3, Pocock, Yellow Bunting; res, hc, Gulless; c, Humphries. Insectiv.: 1, sp, 2, 3, res, ——, a clean sweep, a beautiful Blackbird at the head; vhc, Barber.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NO RESULTS.

J. O. R.—There is no reason at all why the cock should not breed successfully next season, notwithstanding the fact that he failed to fertilise any eggs during the late season. Possibly he was a late hatched bird last season (1915), and in many cases the weather alone was responsible for many failures of this kind during the late spring and summer. Keep him on a plain diet for the most part through the winter, only treating him to mixed seeds and soft food about once a week each, on separate days; but you may give a little green salad when you can get it in a fit condition to use, and at other times substitute a morsel of carrot, boiled or raw, or sweet fruit three times a week. Keep him rather on the spare side, hard and active, until the beginning of next March, when a little extra feeding should quickly bring him into virile condition and ready to mate with a fair chance of success at the end of the month or the beginning of April, according to the weather prospects at the time. Please see Rule 2 at the head of these columns.

MOST SUITABLE FOR MULING.

A. Johnson.—The most suitable hen for muling would naturally depend upon the object you had in view—whether you wanted to try for singing Mules regardless of appearance, good dark show birds, or the much-sought-after Light Mules. So far as breeding Mules is concerned, any healthy Canary hen that will breed at all is a potential Mule breeder. But to try for good dark specimens, either for exhibition or song, a good-sized Norwich with plenty of rich colour would be best; a Yorkshire chosen on similar lines, but preferably of a pink-eyed strain, coming a good second. To try for light Mules you should get a genuine Sib.-bred hen—that is, a hen bred on consanguineous lines for several generations, the more the better so long as the size and stamina of the bird has not been materially affected thereby. If the Sib.-bred strain originates from a pink-eyed strain, or has a dash of Cinnamon blood in it, the chances of light Mules turning up will be materially increased.

WATERY EYES.

Jack.—See that the cage and perches are kept as clean as possible, and also take care that the bird is not exposed to direct cold draughts, especially when roosting at night. Then, get a few camomile flowers from a chemist and place a dozen or so—or about a drachm in weight—in a teacup, fill with boiling water, cover with a saucer, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour or so. Then strain off the clear liquid, add a small teaspoonful of boracic acid, stir till acid is dissolved, and when cold the liquid is ready for use. Catch the bird each evening, and bathe the eyes with the fluid for a few minutes, using a little fresh liquid and a fresh dossil of wool each time, and burning at once that which has been used. Dry the eyes carefully by squeezing the wool as dry as possible, and absorbing the moisture from the feathers with it a few times.

A MATE FOR YORKSHIRE.

Novice.—As far as colour is concerned, if you wish to breed cinnamon ticked or marked birds the best mate you could get for the clear yellow hen with pink eyes would be either a clear buff with pink eyes bred from pink-eyed or cinnamon-marked parents, or a lightly cinnamon ticked with a similar parentage. Avoid a bird with patches of colour on the back or breast, even if it is cinnamon colour, and give preference to one with eye marks or very light wing marks, but do not confuse eye marks with patches of colour on the head, crown, or upper part of neck. The bird should, of course, be selected with a view of counteracting any faults she may have in type, feather, etc. For instance, if your hen fails in length of leg you should choose a bird well up on the leg and showing plenty of thigh; or, if inclined to be crouchy or stout, see that the cock is extra slim and upstanding, or choose a very close and boxy-feathered bird, preferably bred from two buffs if your bird has any tendency to "trousers," or loose feathering around the thighs and on the flanks. These are points on which it is not possible to advise very definitely without seeing the bird or having a very full and clear description of it; hence it is only possible to give these general details about type.

PUFFY NORWICH.

M. R. W.—The bird seems to have got a little jaundiced, probably through a chill. Keep it in a rather warm place where the heat is fairly equable, and see that it is free from cold draughts or sudden extremes of heat and cold. In addition to the staple diet give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana or sweet fruit. In the drinking water, for two consecutive days, add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon-juice, and after this dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give every second day this instead of pure water for drinking. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, if necessary, but you may discontinue it sooner if the bird seems quite recovered.

CREST BREEDING.

Beginner.—It is not usual, nor even advisable, to start with "a pair of Crests," if by that term you mean two birds both having crest. It is only in exceptional cases, and for some particular object, that two crested birds are mated together. The orthodox method, and the one for a beginner to adhere to as closely as possible, is to mate a crested bird with one that is termed a Crest-bred, which is a bird having all the typical point of the Crest save and except the crest, which is lacking, but in its stead the bird has exceptionally long and broad head feather, and a particularly massive head, of a type peculiarly adapted to transmit to its progeny the best type of head to carry a dense and well-shaped crest. Both types of bird are essential to breeding the best crest, and are mated together, just as yellow and buff, in colour, are used, and from this mating of a Crested and a Crest-bred bird you get both Crests and Crest breds in the young and in the same brood. I should imagine your crested hen is rather on the small side, and not too heavily furnished on the head. In that case you should try to get a Crest-bred buff cock with a massive head and short stout beak, and plenty of long, broad feather on the head, which, when turned forward from the fore part of the head will reach to the tip of the beak. It should have also a large massive body, and stout neck, of a Bullfinch type, with profuse and dense feathering, and well braced wings. You will not get such a bird for a few shillings, but it will pay you best to start with a good type and get as near this ideal as you can. In any variety, but in none more so than this, one good bird is worth many mediocre or wastrel ones.

MARKS ON CINNAMON.

Fancier.—The marks you describe are known as pencilling, and are not a feature to be cultivated, or bred for particularly. The object of the Cinnamon breeder is to breed his birds as clear and level in colour as possible, and, as a rule, heavy pencilling means a more or less muddy or smoky ground colour, and will always tend that way in the breeding cage when heavily pencilled birds are mated together. As a mate for your bird you should get a bird with as little pencilling as possible, and that little as faint as you can get it, and see that the ground colour is a clean cinnamon tone and of a nice level colour throughout, especially on the throat and lower breast and flanks.

LIGHT MULING HEN.

Archie.—Your bird is suffering from liver trouble, and I would advise the following treatment:—Stock mixture: Canary 1 part, sound sweet rape 3 parts, teazle 1 part. See that the rape is good, both by taste and smell, as inferior seed would not assist in a cure. Give soaked seeds (same mixture), small teaspoonful daily. Offer green food and fruit whenever you can obtain it. See that the green food is quite free from frost. Occasionally give a dose of six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water. Let her have a cage large enough to exercise in, and bathe on all fine days, giving the bath early in the day.

TREATMENT OF GOLDFINCHES.

K. C. W.—Finches in the open at the present time would not be so badly off for food; there would still be many wild plants with the seeds still in the seed pods, and others scattered on the ground around them, and nearly all the wild seeds that we gather in the autumn would still be available. One must not forget that birds have very sharp eyesight, and can detect the smallest seed, many of which we should fail to locate. (2) As regards the keeping of freshly caught birds, I prefer to keep them in separate cages; one reason is that one is able to attend to their individual wants, and another is that they are apt to be quarrelsome when kept together. Your seed mixture is about right, but it should also include cracked sunflower and maw-seed, and the cracked hemp should be given separately. At first they should be carefully watched and allowed an extra quantity of any particular seed they are partial to. Don't forget soaked rape and teazel. The main thing to remember in the treatment of these birds is to get them to eat and live; afterwards their diet can be regulated. (4) Individuals differ; the steady birds usually commence first. It is impossible to state any exact time; the treatment they receive would also influence their coming into song. One can only say that they should sing some time in the spring.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BIRDS IN THE KITCHEN.

Big Query.—(1) Blue Tits can be caught at any time during the winter months. There is a slight difference in the colour of plumage between the cock and hen, the cock bird being a little more brilliant, but this you would only notice by comparison. If you particularly want a cock bird you had better catch several and keep the brightest coloured bird of the lot. (2) As regards keeping birds in a kitchen, I am quite aware that thousands of pets are kept in such rooms, with more or less success. If the kitchen is large and airy and not over heated, there is not much harm in it, but in the majority of cases the birds are kept too warm, and being well fed get over stimulated and soon go wrong. Take your own case as an example, you have a Goldfinch with a hen Canary, and by the description you send of his actions I should say he is almost fit to breed. Now, remembering that in a state of nature the Goldfinch is a late breeding species, this is far too early, and is likely to lead to trouble. I would advise you to be careful in his feeding; give sunflower seed instead of so much hemp, and plenty of green food or fruit. (3) As regards rearing young on the food you mention, I have never tried it myself, so cannot speak from experience, but I am of the opinion that hen Canaries will rear on almost any food they are fond of, and I have known them to bring up broods on food containing less nutriment than the one you name. If you decide to use it, give a liberal supply of soaked seeds as well.

LINNET BARE.

W. H.—I feel convinced you are feeding your bird wrongly, but, of course, like most others seeking advice, you fail to say what seeds you are giving him; this is most important and should always be added when sending a description of a bird's illness. First of all give him an aperient; put 8 drops of syrup of buckthorn in an ounce of water, and let him have it to drink for six hours; see that it moves him freely, if not repeat next day. Feed mostly on soaked seeds, and if he will eat soft food let him have a small teaspoonful three days a week; give very little canary seed; offer green food and fruit daily; squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon juice in his drinking water. Just smear the bare place with vaseline or fresh lard. Examine the bird for insects.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BREEDING MADAGASCAR LOVEBIRDS.

Zicka.—(1 and 2) It is not impossible to breed them in a cage, as other species of Lovebirds have been bred in a cage, though I cannot call to mind any instance of the Greyheads having done so. Much would depend upon the definition you put upon a large cage. In an aviary they have been bred as early as February and as late as December, as well as during the Spring and Summer months. (3) Add white oats and broken biscuits to your dietary when they have young to feed. (4) You had better refer this question to the Editor, as I have not read all the books that are in his list, but if you treat these birds the same as you would Budgerigars that is all that is required, excepting that they need as nesting material leaves and strips of thin bark, and dry groundsel stems, while Budgerigars do not use any nesting material. A nest-box, 9in. x 9in. x 11in., should be given them, or a small barrel 8in. or 9in. diameter and 10in. to 12in. deep; either should have an entrance hole 1½in. diameter, which should face the light.

BARE OF FEATHERS.

Ragamuffin.—Give your Cockatoo a piece of bread or cake, thinly spread with cod-liver oil emulsion, once or twice a day. The bird, without injury, can have stale bread and plain cake liberally, and a piece of either very lightly damped and then dusted with flowers of sulphur, daily, will benefit the bird; both the above to be given concurrently. Its bowels should be kept moving quite freely, yet must not be in a state of chronic watery looseness. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water will keep them properly regulated—the bird's condition to regulate the frequency of the doses. It should be washed or sprayed with a dilute solution of fir-tree oil (from most florist seedsmen) twice weekly, to eradicate any parasites there may be. Try the following seed mixture: 1 quart each canary, white millet, oats, hemp, sunflower, and safflower seeds, also 2 quarts monkey nuts, well mix and keep a continuous supply in cage. Also give ripe fruit daily if it will eat it; sweet apple is very wholesome. Keep grit and cuttlebone continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. The treatment must be persevered with, as improvement will be gradual. Report progress in five or six weeks.

AMAZON PARROTS WITH INDIGESTION.

Mrs. T. L.—While the mixture you are using is a good one, the birds will be better for a change. Get one quart each giant canary, white millet, dari, white maize, safflower, sunflower, paddy rice, and oats; well mix, and then add two quarts of monkey nuts (shelled for preference), and again mix. The above mixture will be a very wholesome one, and more reasonable in cost than the ready mixed food you are using—it must be kept in a dust-tight vessel and stored in a dry place. Do not give any more milk pudding of any kind. Let them have a liberal supply of ripe fruit daily, also such extras as crusts of household bread, biscuit, and a little plain cake sparingly. Give Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) every other day for a month, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food; continue this for a month, then report progress. Parrot grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood (for them to exercise their mandibles upon) must be continually in the cage.

BUDGERIGAR'S FEATHERS FALLING OUT.

Miss J. Bell.—It is rather a problem to find a cause for the trouble, as Budgerigars are such hardy creatures, they need no coddling, but changing continually from one room to another is certainly bad for them; for instance, moving a bird from a cool room to a hot one will frequently throw it into moult, and conversely changing from a warm room to a cool one will frequently set up the condition popularly termed "stuck in moult." In the light of your statement, diet the birds for a time on plain canary seed and note results; also it will be well to examine your cage for parasites, as it is just possible that this is the cause, and very probably so, especially as your own birds, when they come back to you from their temporary quarters, and any new ones you buy, are soon affected with this trouble; all this seems to point to the fact of some parasite trouble in the cage. Put them into temporary quarters, paint the cage with crude carbolic acid, well search all crevices, then well swill with boiling water and finally with cold; leave it in the open air, but under cover, to dry; then distemper it, and when dry it will be ready for the birds again. Before putting the birds back they should be well sprayed (use a fine sprayer) with a tepid quassia solution. Also lightly colour their drinking water with chemical food, and if there is any sign of constipation give a little fluid magnesia in the drinking water.

MEALWORMS FOR WAXBILLS.

Questions.—Mealworms will keep almost any length of time if kept in a dry warmish place, in bran; of course, you must use the large worms up first, or they will pupate and then turn to beetles, but these in their turn would lay eggs which would hatch out and supply you with some small worms for your Waxbills. If you do not keep them too warm the smaller worms among them should run for six months without pupating. Under present conditions I think you would be wise to lay in at least a three months' supply of sprays and millet seed at once, both for the sake of economy and ensuring a supply. Soft rain water is the best, of course, not stagnant rain water, but rain water pumped from a well should be quite safe, providing the well is not polluted by leaky sewage drains. The cock Orange-cheek has the orange patch under the tail, a little larger and of a more intense hue than his mate. The same applies to the Grey Waxbill, only in this case the distinction refers to the rosy patch on the under parts. In both cases the distinctions are comparative, and refer only to adult birds. It is also most difficult to tell with certainty the sex of an odd bird, though an "old hand" may make a shrewd guess.

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Y. Yeovil.—Yorkshire cock died in a fit from apoplexy. The brain vessels were very congested, and the pulmonary vessels similarly so. The cold weather is likely the exciting cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A QUESTION OF A CUP.

Crest-Bred.—It is an understood thing that death cancels contracts, and in the circumstances named we are of opinion that the son of the partnership, now that his father is dead, cannot claim any rights in respect of the two wins of the cup made in the lifetime of his father, and in partnership with him. If the survivor had carried on the business (in this case the business of showing birds) entirely on his own account, and as a continuation, then he might have had some claim on the two previous wins, but as it would appear from your letter that at the same time as he was showing at your show as a partner with his father, now dead, he was also showing elsewhere in his own name, we think he would have no legal right to claim, on winning the cup subsequently at your show in his own name, that the two previous wins of himself and his father should count as entitling him to its possession. We are giving this opinion entirely without prejudice, and if the matter is pressed to a conclusion we should advise you to take legal opinion on the subject.

GREETINGS AND THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Lidgett and Many Others.—Kindly accept our best thanks for the kind wishes expressed, with an assurance that the sentiments are heartily reciprocated. It is a sincere pleasure to feel that there is more than a business relation between the Editor of CAGE BIRDS and the readers of the paper, and it shall always be our sincere endeavour to maintain the friendly relations so happily existing. We have on our own part to thank those who have loyally helped us during more than two years of stress, and we hope that when the better times come, as come they will, our paper will at least maintain its reputation of the past.

ABOUT HOMING PIGEONS.

A. F.—Pigeon matters are a bit out of our line. If you write to the Editor, "Pigeons," Idle, Bradford, we are sure he will be able to give you the information desired.

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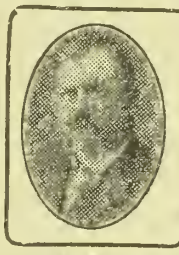
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Good Classification.

Plenty of Open Specials.

Judge, S. J. Nicholas, Esq., Swansea.

Entries close Jan. 21st.

Schedules from Sec., T. L. Evans, 10, Brook-st., Penygaig, Glam. (731)

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Members' show of hen Canaries, Dec. 7th, King Cross Band Room; 81 birds were staged. Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax, judged, and his awards met with approval..

Open, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, Walsh; 2, hc, Savile; 3, vhc, Priestley; 4, Stobart. Buff: 1, Priestley; 2, Rigg; 3, Stobart; 4, vhc, c, Sutcliffe; hc, Walsh. Unflig.: 1, Stobart; 2, 4, c, Sharpe; 3, vhc, Rigg; hc, Sutcliffe. Even, etc.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Priestley; 3, Rigg; 4, hc, Stobart; vhc, c, Sharpe. Nov., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 3, G. Mitchell; 2, hc, c, Senior; 4, Gelder; vhc, W. Mitchell. Buff: 1, G. Mitchell; 2, W. Mitchell; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc, Gill; hc, c, Senior. Unflig.: 1, 2, Gelder; 3, c, Stocks; 4, hc, W. Mitchell; vhc, Wilson. Even, etc.: 1, W. Mitchell; 2, 4, c, Senior; 3, Wild; vhc, G. Mitchell; hc, Gelder. Self or Foul Green: 1, W. Mitchell; 2, Briggs. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Shaw. Points, open section: Messrs. Priestley, Rigg and Stobart, 19 each; Sutcliffe, 16. Novice: G. Mitchell, 22; W. Mitchell, 20; Gelder, 19; Senior, 18.—A. Sutcliffe, sec.

HALIFAX O.S

Annual members' show, Dec. 16; 201 birds were benched at headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel, a record entry. Owing to Mr. H. J. Chittenden being ill, we had to call upon Mr. H. H. Mitchell to judge the Yorks. Section, and Mr. J. Pilling Yorks Greens, Norwich and British, and with daylight fading this was no easy task, the quality being so good, but their awards were well received. L. Whitham secured special for best bird with a buff Yorks. hen; S. Heap sp. most pts., 18; Burdekin Bros. 2nd with 15. Novice Section, 1, E. Benn, 17; 2, A. C. Briggs 16. Scruton and Harris best unflighted bred by exhibitor. The stewards had all well in hand, and the members tendered their appreciation to them.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, Speak; 2, hc, Burdekin Bros.; 3, vhc, Sharpe; c, Ellis. Buff: 1, vhc, Helliwell; 2, Ellis; 3, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Pilling; c, Rolfe. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Sharpe; 2, Speak; vhc, Dunn; hc, Sladdin and Baldwin; c, Ellis. Buff: 1, hc, Horsman; 2, c, Burdekin Bros.; 3, Rolfe; vhc, Helliwell. Even, Etc., Yorks: 1, Piking; 2, Ellis; 3, Horsman; vhc, Saddin and Baldwin. Hen: 1, Ellis; 2, Burdekin Bros.; 3, hc, Horsman; vhc, Speak; c, Dunn. Yorks Green or Cinn. (self or foul): 1, Helliwell; 2, Sladdin and Baldwin. Hen: 1, Helliwell; 2, Sladdin and Baldwin. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, 3, Ambler; 2, Stansfield; vhc, Hanson; hc, Whitham; c, Barnes. Buff: 1, Senior; 2, Speak; 3, Thornton; vhc, Whitham; hc, Hanson; c, Barnes. Yell. Hen: 1, Barron; 2, Speak; 3, Sykes; vhc, Ambler; hc, Whitham; c, Barnes. Buff: 1, Whitham; 2, Mitchell; 3, Speak, vhc, Thornton; hc, Barron; c, Barnes. Even, Etc.: 1, Briggs; 2, Ambler; 3, Wild; vhc Whitham; hc, Ambler; c, Senior. Hen: 1, Hartley; 2, Mitchell; 3, hc, briggs; vhc, Senior; c, Barnes. Green or Cinn.: 1, Horsman; 2, Scruton and Harris; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Briggs; hc, c, Leach. Hen: 1, Briggs; 2, 3, Horsman; vhc, Scruton and Harris; hc, Shaw; c, Mitchell. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Heap; vhc, Clegg. Buff: 1, hc, Heap; 2, c, Rolfe; 3, vhc, Clegg. Buff Hen: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Heap; vhc, Clegg. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1 Smith; 2, Benn. Buff: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, vhc, Smith; hc, Benn. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Hudson; vhc, Smith. Buff Hen: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, Smith. Goldf., Etc.: 1, 2, hc, Benn; 3, Helliwell; vhc, c, Dunn. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, c, Benn; 2, Dunn; hc, Helliwell.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

Kindly see paragraph at head of Members' Shows.—Editor

DARVEL C.B.C.

Show Dec. 16. Nor., Ck.: 1, 3, Hopkins; 2, Beaton. Hen: 1, Hopkins; 2, Morton; 3, Guthrie. Ck., 1916: 1, Allan; 2, Guthrie; 3, Beaton. Hen: 1, Guthrie; 2, Taylor, sen.; 3, Hopkins. Non-fed: 1, Hopkins; 2, 3, Guthrie. Bord., Yell.: 1, 3, Allan; 2, Duncan. Buff: 1, Morton; 2, Taylor; 3, Duncan. Yell., 1916: 1, Duncan; 2, 3, Allan. Buff: 1, Lambie; 2, Duncan; 3, Robertson. Scotch Fancy: 1, 2, 3, Ralston. A.O.V.: 1, Hopkins; 2, 3, Ralston. Light Mule or Hyb.: 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Ralston. Dark: 1, Beaton; 2, Dykes; 3, Morton. Goldf.: 1, Hopkins; 2, 3, Morton. Greenf.: 1, Hopkins; 2, Beaton; 3, Roxburgh. Linnet: 1, Morton; 2, Roxburgh; 3, Beaton. Siskins, etc.: 1, Beaton; 2, Hopkins; 3, Morton. Lesser Redpoll: 1, 2, Hopkins; 3, Alston. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, Morton; 2, Alston; 3, Dykes. Brit. Hen: 1, Morton; 2, Taylor; 3, Alston. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Anderson; 3, Alston.—J. Roxburgh, Sec. (Please see paragraph at bead of Members' Shows.—Editor.)

CHORLEY C.B.S.

Third annual members' show, Shepherd's Hall, Dec. 2. Entries totalled 79, judged hy Mr. E. Ball, Chorley, who stated that there was a great improvement in the Chorley fanciers' birds. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1 and vhc, Irving; 2, Stott; 3, Gillibrand: hc, Hatch; c, Unsworth. Buff: 1 and 2, Irving; 3 and hc, Gillibrand; vhc, Hatch; c, Stott. Yell. Hen: 1, Unsworth; 2, Gillibrand; 3, vhc, Hatch; hc, Downs. Buff: 1, sp, Hatch; 2, Unsworth; 3, Irving; vhc, Gillibrand; hc and c, Stott. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Unsworth; 2, Hastings. Buff: 1, sp and vhc, Unsworth; 2 and c, J. Langton; 3, Hatch; hc, Allen. Yell. Hen: 1, J. Langton; 2, Hatch; 3, Allen. Buff: 1 and 2, J. Langton; 3, Hatch. Mules: 1 and vhc, Butterfield; 2, Unsworth; 3, Pilkington; hc, E. Langton. For.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Unsworth; hc, J. Langton. Linnet or Twite: 1, Butterfield; 2, E. Langton; 3, vhc, Unsworth. Goldf.: 1, 2, 3, sp, L. S. Dewhurst; vhc, E. Langton; hc, c, Unsworth. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, 3, Unsworth. Redpoll: 1, Pilkington; 2, Unsworth; 3, J. Langton. Unsworth won sp most points for 1916, Hatch sp best bird in show.—R. Hatch, Sec.

LINCOLN C.B.S.

Eighth annual show, Central Hall, Dec. 9, a fine lot of birds being on view. Mr. Battye, Huddersfield, judged. The Norwich section was a great improvement on previous years, and the challenge cup winner shown by Mr. R. W. Sisson was a grand exhibit.

Class 1: 1, 2, 3, 4, cup and sp, Sisson; vhc, Speechley; hc, Mrs. Brackenbury. Class 2: 1, sp, Mrs. Brackenbury; 2, Speechley; 3, hc, Sisson; vhc, Ward. Class 3: 1, sp, Speechley; 2, hc, Sisson; 3, 4, Mrs. Brackenbury. Class 4: 1, sp, 3, Speechley; 2, Mrs. Brackenbury; 4, vhc and hc, Sisson. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2 and cup, Quincey; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pinchbeck; 4, Harris; c, Pleasance. Class 6: 1, sp, Harris; 2, 3, vhc, Jim Cordwell; 4, hc, Pleasance. Class 7: 1, sp, Quincey; 2, Harris; 3, Pinchbeck; 4 and vhc, Cordwell. Class 8: 1 and sp, Jim Cordwell; 2, Speechley; 3, Quincey; 4, Pinchbeck; vhc, Goodyear; hc, Pleasance. Class 9: 1 and sp, Quincey; 2, Seinor; 3, Harris; 4, vhc, Kettleboro. Class 10: 1, sp, Pleasance; 2, Pinchbeck. Class 11: 1, sp, Taylor; 2, Pinchbeck; 3, Pleasance; 4, Quincey; vhc, Kettleboro; hc, Harris; c, Speechley. Class 12: 1, sp, 2, Pinchbeck; 3, Jim Cordwell; 4, Speechley; vhc, Seinor. Class 13: 1, sp, Speechley; 2, Pinchbeck; 3, hc Cordwell; 4, vhc and c, Harris. Class 14: 1, sp, Mrs. Brackenbury; 2, 3, Taylor. Class 15: 1, sp, 3, Taylor; 2, Harris. Mules: 1, sp, 3, 4, hc, Sisson; 2, Pinchbeck; c, Toyne. Goldf.: 1, sp, Pinchbeck; 2, hc, Toyne; 3, Seinor; 4, R. Baines; vhc, Pleasance; c, Williams. Bullf: 1, sp, 3, 4, R. Baines; 2, E. R. Baines; vhc, c, Jim Cordwell; hc, Speechley. Greenf.: 1, sp, Toyne; 2, Mrs. Brackenbury; 3, R. Baines; 4, Jim Cordwell; vhc, Hewson; hc, Pleasance; c, Goodyear. Linnet: 1, sp, Jim Cordwell; 2, Seinor; 3, Ward; 4, Toyne; vhc, Pleasance; hc, Newton. Class 21: 1, sp, Williams; 2, Pleasance; 3, vhc, Toyne; 4, Sisson; hc and c, Cordwell. A.O.S. Brit: 1, sp and cup 3, Sisson; 2 Pleasance; 4, hc and c, Toyne; vhc, Hewson. For.: 1, sp, 3, 4, vhc, c, E. R. Baines; 2, hc, Toyne. Medal most points during year, Sisson, 330; runner up medal, Jim Cordwell, 321.—R. W. Sisson, Hon. Sec.

SHETTLESTON, CARNTYNE C.BS.

Show Dec. 2; judge, Mr. J. Young. Cup for best bird won by Mr. D. McCaskill; points cup, young birds, J. Mackay. Crests: 1, 3, Watt; 2, 4, Sneddon. C.B.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Sneddon; 2, Watt. Nor. Ck.: 1, Sheppard; 2, Watt. Hen: 1, Drummond. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Taylor. Hen: 1, 2, Strank; 3, 4, Sheppard. Bord. Ck.: 1, 2, Sheppard. Hen: 1, Sheppard; 2, Waugh. Young Ck.: 1, 2, hc, Mackay; 3, Hartley; 4, Sheppard; vhc, Armstrong. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Mackay; 4, Hartley; hc, Sheppard; vhc, Armstrong. Green or Cinn.: 1, Mackay; 2, 3, 4, Hartley; hc, Waugh; vhc, Armstrong. Varieg.: 1, 2, 3, Sheppard. Scotch Fancy Ck.: 1, 2, 3, McCaskill; 4, Mackay; vhc, Waugh. Hen: 1, McCaskill; 2, Waugh; 3, Mackay. Young Ck.: 1, 3, McCaskill; 2, 4, hc, vhc, Mackay. Hen: 1, 3, Mackay; 2, McCaskill. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Drummond; 2, Thomson. Hen: 1, Thomson; 2, Drummond. Goldf.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Craig. Linuet: 1, 2, Rice. Greenf.: 1, Craig. Redpoll, Twite or Siskin: 1, 2, Craig; 3, 4, hc, vhc, Taylor. Chaffinch, etc.: 1, Craig; 2, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, Craig. Mules: 1, Drummond; 2, Taylor; 3, Craig. Young Mules: 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor.

GARSTON B B.A.

Seventeenth annual show, Dec. 2, Rechabite Hall. The show was a grand success under present conditions, 17 members staging 170 birds, and the judge, Mr. W. Young, had no easy task with some of the classes. Quality was of the best, some excellent teams being put out by Messrs. Rothwell, Griffiths, Evans, Corkhill, Woolfinden, and Mullock in Yorkshires, Messrs. Mullock, T. Radley, Prange, and Woolfinden, and J. Mercer in Norwich, whilst in the British classes Messrs. J. Lloydd, W. Leadbetter, Lonsdale, Jones, and Bryant gave the judge some excellent birds to separate, Goldfinches being a very fine lot, and some very good birds having to take a back seat. Everything went on during the day in businesslike manner, the sec. getting through his work far more easily than last year, which wae his first venture at running an annual show. Mr. J. Lloydd and T. Radley were very energetic in their attentions on the judge, and helped considerably in the management of the show. We were favoured by a very large number of visitors, amongst whom were a good number of fanciers from Liverpool and district. Mr. A. Wilkinson, an old member, and late sec. of the Society, kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors, as follows:—Tate Cup and prize for best 6 nominated birds, Mr. J. Lloydd, 51 pts., the first member to win this trophy with British birds; runner up, W. W. Corkbill, cruet, 39 pts. Season Specials.—Yorks.: F. Rothwell, cake stand, 79 pts.; 2, T. Evans, pair of brushes, 53. Nor.: 1, T. Radley, photo frames, 46; 2, D. Griffiths and Son, jam dish, 33. Brit.: 1, J. Lloydd, photo frames, 141; 2, W. Leadbetter, vases, 88. Sectional prizes: Classes 1 to 12, F. Rothwell, 55; 13 to 24, T. Mullock, 28; 25 to 32, T. Evans, 29; 38 to 42, J. Lloydd, 29; 43 to 47, J. Lloyd, 25; 48 to 52, W. Leadbetter, 17. Best cl. Yorks., F. Rothwell; best cl. Nor., J. Prange; best green Yorks. or Nor., T. Evans; best Brit., J. Lloydd; best vhc Can., F. Rothwell; best vhc Brit., R. Lonsdale; best Greenf., J. Lloydd; vhc Greenf., J. Jones; best Mule or Hyb., J. Lloydd; best cl. Yorks., novice, W. W. Corkhill; most points novice, H. Woolfinden.

Yorks. Ck or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (4): 1 and 3, F. Rothwell; 2, Mullock; vhc, Corkhill. Buff (7): 1, sp, 2, vhc, sp, T. Rothwell; 3, W. Corkhill; hc, Mullock; c, Ireland. Var. Yell. Ck. (3): 1, J. Ireland; 2, Woolfenden; 3, Blundell. Var. Buff (3): 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Woolfenden. Yell. Hen (7): 1, sp best nov., Corkhill; 2 and hc, T. Evans; 3, vhc and c, Rothwell. Buff (5): 1, T. Evans; 2, 3 and vhc, Rothwell; hc, Mullock. Yell. Ck., 1916 (9): 1, Newbold; 2 and vhc, Mullock; 3, Rothwell; hc, Griffiths and Son; c, Woolfenden. Buff (7): 1, T. Evans; 2 vhc and hc, Mullock. Yell. Hen, 1916 (2): 1, T. Evans; 2, J. Blundell. Buff (10): 1 and vhc, Rothwell; 2, T. Evans; 3, Corkhill; hc, Woolfenden; c, Blundell. Nor. Yell. Ck. (6): 1 and sp, J. Prange; 2, T. Radley; 3, Woolfenden; vhc and hc, Mullock; c, Griffiths and Son. Buff (6): 1 and 3, Mercer; 2 and c, Griffiths and Son; hc, Mullock; hc, Prange. Var. Yell. Ck. (3): 1, Radley; 2, Mullock; 3, Woolfenden. Hen (5): 1, Mullock; 2, hc, Radley; 3, Griffiths and Son; vhc, Prange. Buff Hen (4): 1 and 3, Mercer; 2, Mullock; vhc, Radley. Buff Ck., 1916 (6): 1 and hc, Griffiths and Son; 2, Mullock; 3 and vhc, Woolfenden; c, Radley. Yell. Hen, 1916 (5): 1, Woolfenden; 2 and 3, Radley; vhc and hc, Griffiths and Son. Buff: 1, Mullock; 2, Woolfenden; 3, Griffiths and Son; vhc, Bryant. Yorks., Greens, S. or F. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, Corkhill; 2, T. Evans; 3, Woolfenden; vhc, Griffiths. Buff (2): 1, T. Evans; 2, Mullock. Yell. Hen (4): 1, sp and 2, T. Evans; 3, Woolfenden; vhc, Mullock. Buff (3): 1 and 2, Evans; 3, Griffiths and Son. Yell. Ck., 1916 (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Evans; 3, Corkhill; vhc, Corkhill, Buff (4): 1 and 2, Evans; 3, Griffiths and Son; vhc, Woolfenden. Buff Hen, 1916 (2): 1, Evans; 2, Corkhill. Mule (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. Lloydd; c, Lonsdale. 1916 (3): 1, Lloydd; 2, 3, Prange. Goldf., F.M. (4): 1 and 3, Bryant; 2, Lloyd; vhc, Mullock. Linnet, F.M. (3): 1, Lloydd; 2, Jones; 3, Leadbetter. Greenf. (5): 1, sp and 2, J. Lloydd; 3, hc, Leadbetter; vhc and sp, Jones. Bullf. (3): 1, Prange; 2, Lonsdale; 3, Lloydd. Bramble or Chaffinch (4): 1, 2, 3, Lloydd; vhc, Lonsdale. Goldf., H.M. (6): 1, Lloydd; 2 and c, Bryant; 3, Mullock; vhc, Radley; hc, Leadbetter. Linnet, H M. (2): 1, Leadbetter; 2, Newbold. Lesser Redpoll, H.M. (4): 1, Jones; 2, Leadbetter; 3 and vhc, Lonsdale. F.M. (3): 1, Lloydd; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Griffiths and Son. Siskin, etc. (5): 1, Leadbetter; 2, vhc, Lloydd; 3, Jones; hc, Lonsdale. Hen (6): 1, Leadbetter, nice Bullf.; 2, Lonsdale, Reed Bunting, not quite up to form of last year; 3, Lloydd, well known Cinn. Greenf., sex disputed of this bird many a time, and no doubt would have been higher up only on this account; vhc and sp, Lonsdale; hc, Jones; c, Leadbetter; a keen class, each bird would stand high against cocks in their own classes.—R. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec

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HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Members' show, 52 entries, headquarters, Nov. 16, for the Unflighted Cup. All unflighted and all Yorks. Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury, judged.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, Cheetham; 2, c, Sykes; 3, Smithies; vhc, Radley; hc, Skinn. Buff (8): 1, Smithies; 2, Whitehead; 3, c, Bray; vhc, Cheetham; hc, Gledhill. Mkd. (8): 1, 2, M. Radley; 3, hc, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, Bray; c, Skinn. Yell. Hen (9): 1, vhc, Cheetham; 2, Holmes and Schofield; 3, M. Radley; hc, Skinn; c, Gledhill. Buff (10): 1, hc, Bray; 2, vhc, M. Radley; 3, Holmes and Schofield; c, Smithies. Cinn. Mkd. Ck. (2): 1, A. Radley; 2, Bray. Hen (5): 1, Smithies; 2, Skinn; 3, Radley; vhc, Sykes; hc, M. Radley. F. Sykes wins Unflighted Cup with 35 points; runner-up, W. S. Skinn, 32.

Dec. 18, last table show of the season; 67 birds staged. Mr. C. Morrison, Brigbouse, judged. A. Radley won Mr. Morrison's special, most points, with 39 points.

Yell. Ck. (7): 1, 3, Bray; 2, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Morris; hc, A. Radley; c, Smithies. Class 2 (6): 1, Sykes; 2, A. Radley; 3, Smithies; vhc, M. Radley; hc, Holmes and Schofield; c, Elliott. Yell. Hen (8): 1, Gledhill; 2, A. Radley; 3, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, Wood; hc, Smithies; c, Holmes and Schofield. Buff (6): 1, A. Radley; 2, Smithies; 3, vhc, Bray; hc, Looney; c, Wood. Unfl. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, vhc, A. Radley; 2, Smithies; 3, Holmes and Schofield; hc, Cheetham; c, Sykes. Buff (8): 1, Thorpe; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Bray; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Smithies; c, M. Radley. Yell. Unfl. Hen (8): 1, Holmes and Schofield; 2, Sykes; 3, Cheetham; vhc, M. Radley; hc, Smithies; c, Gledhill. Buff (5): 1, Smithies; 2, Bray; 3, hc, M. Radley; vhc, Holmes and Schofield. Cinn. Mkd. Ck. (5): 1, Morris; 2, Wood; 3, A. Radley; vhc, Cox; hc, Elliott. Hen (6): 1, A. Radley; 2, Smithies; 3, Sykes; vhc, Buttle and Coupland; hc, Wood; c, Gledhill. F. Sykes wins cup with 167 points; A. Smithies, Mallinson and Son medal, 158—runners-up; M. Radley, 134; Buttle and Coupland, 107; A. Radley, 104; C. Bray, 90; Y. Wood, 81; Holmes and Schofield, 72; W. Gledbill, 69; R. Cheetham, 56.—A. Lawford, sec.

GLASGOW (North West) C.B.C.

Fourth annual show, Blytbeswood Halls, Nov. 18. Entries came up very well and exceeded any previous attempts, and the gate also broke all records, the hall being packed all afternoon. President Thomas is unassuming, but methodical, and sees matters carried out in proper fashion; vice-presidents Loan and Brown are courteous and obliging, while the secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. Houston, is well known in Plainhead circles, and popular amongst his fellows, carries out the duties of his position in a trustworthy manner, ably supported by a fine committee, Messrs. Manson, Pringle, Stewart Junr., Boullet, Crawford, Brown, Davidson, Cumming, Runock; auditors, M. Stewart, J. D. Brown. Judges, Messrs. Simpson, Nor.; McLean, Bord.; Heggie, Yorks.; Craig, Brit.; Blackstock and Clark, Scots Fancy. All got through their work in nice time and to the general satisfaction. A grand list of specials was offered and hot competition was the result. Cup winners: Norwich P. Houston, with a fine cl. yell. ck., of much promise. Border, W. Loan, a sweet clear buff hen; Yorks., J. Pinnock, a lovely cl. yell. ck.; British, Mr. E. Taylor's well known winning Wagtail. Most points spls., Nor, Stewart; Borders and British, Crawford; Yorks., Pinnock; Scots Fancy, Phillips; Mules, Campbell; Nov., Mule and Can., Paterson; Brit., Boullet.

YOUNG BIRDS: Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, Houston; 2, Stewart; 3, Crawford. Buff: 1, 3, 4, 7, Crawford; 2, 5, sp, Houston; 6, Stewart. A.O.V. Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, 4, Crawford; 2, Thone; 3, Stewart. Buff: 1, 2, 7, Houston; 3, 4, 5, Thom; 6, Stewart. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Stewart; 3, sp, 4, 5, Honston. Buff: 1, 2, sp, Stewart; 3, 4, 5, Houston. A.O.V. Yell.: 1, sp, 4, 6, Houston; 2, 3, 5, Stewart; 7, Thom. Buff: 1, 2, Stewart; 3, sp, 4, Houston; 5, Crawford. Border Fancy: Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Crawford; 3, Phillips; 6, Coombe; 7, Brown. Buff: 1, Paterson; 2, sp, 3, Crawford; 4, 5, Loan; 6, Stewart; 7, Brown. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Paterson; 2, 5, 6, 7, Crawford; 3, sp, 4, Loan. Buff: 1, 3, 7, Loan; 2, Paterson; 4, Coombe; 5, Phillips; 6, Ingram. Grn. or Cinn. Ck.: 1, Brown; 2, 4, Phillips; 3, Findlay; 4, Lindsay; 5, Stewart; 6, Brown. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, sp, 3, 5, 6, Crawford; 2, Stewart; 4, Paterson 7, Loan. Hen: 1, Loan; 2, sp, 3, 4, Crawford; 5, Coombe; 6, 7, Stewart. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, sp, 4, Pinnock; 3, sp, Gibb; 5, Boullet. Buff: 1, 2, Pinnock; 3, Boullet. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Pinnock. Buff: 1, sp, 2, sp, Pinnock; 3, sp, Gibb; 4, Findlay. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, sp, Pinnock. Hen: 1, Pinnock. Scots Fancy, Cl. or Foul Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, sp, 4, Phillips; 3, sp, Hannah. Buff: 1, Shannon. Cl. or Foul Yell. Hen: 1, Phillips; 2, Shannon; 3, Pringle. Buff: 1, sp, Phillips; 2, Hannah; 3, 4, sp, Young; 5, Pringle. Yell. Pied or Grn. Ck.: 1, Young. Buff: 1, sp, 2, Phillips; 3, Pringle. Buff Pied or Grn. Hen: 1, 2, sp, Phillips; 3 Shannon; 4 Pringle. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, sp, 3, McNicol; 4, Campbell. OLD BIRDS: Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, 4, sp, Stewart; 2, Houston; 3, 5, Crawford. Buff: 1, 4, Crawford; 2, Stewart; 3, Houston. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Crawford; 2, 4, Stewart; 5, Houston. Buff: 1, 2, 3, sp, Stewart; 4, 6, Crawford; 5, Houston. Non-Fed: 1 2, Stewart; 3, Paterson; 4, 7, Brown; 5, J. D. Brown; 6, Manson. Border Fancy Yell. Ck.: 1, Phillips; 2, sp, Loan. Buff: 1, Loan; 2, Paterson. Yell. Hen: 1, sp, Loan; 2, Paterson. Buff: 1, Loan; 2, Thomson. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, 5, Pinnock; 2, sp, Gibb; 3, sp, Findlay; 4, 6, Boullet; 7, Johnstone. Buff: 1, Findlay; 2, Pinnock; 3, Gibb; 4, M. Findlay. Buff: 1, 4, Pinnock, 2, Findlay; 3, Johnstone; 5, Boullet; 6, Gibb. Scots Fancy Ck.: 1, 4, Pringle; 2, 5, Stewart; 3, Shannon. Hen: 1, sp, 2, sp, 6, Stewart; 3, Shannon; 4, Hannah; 5, 7, Pringle. A.O.V.: 1, J. D. Brown; 2, Phillips. Mule or Hyb.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Campbell; 4, Findlay. Goldf.: 1, Adams; 2, sp, Brown. Bullfinch: 1, Coombe. Linnet: 1, 6, Lindsay; 2, 4, Brown; 3, Taylor; 5, sp, Manson; 7, Adams. Greenf.: 1, sp, Davidson; 2, Campbell; 3, Manson; 4, sp, Lindsay; 5, Brown; 6, J. D. Brown. Siskin, etc.: 1, Taylor; 2, Davidson; 3, Brown. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Brown; 2, 4, 5, Crawford; 3, sp, Lindsay; 6, Campbell; 7, Taylor. Chaffinch: 1, Adams; 2, Brown; 3, Davidson; Bramblef.: 1 Davidson; 2, Lindsay; 3, Manson. Bunting: 1, Davidson; 2, J. Brown; 3, A. Brown Hen, for Breeding: 1, Boullet; 2, Lindsay; 3, Campbell; 4, sp, Coombe; 5, Taylor; 6, McNicol; 7, Gibb. Small Brit.: 1, Taylor; 2, Davidson; 3, Manson. Large: 1, sp, 3, sp, 6, 7, Crawford; 2, sp, Taylor; 4, Brown; 5, sp, Adams. For: 1, sp, McNicol. Gift: 1, sp, Thom; 2, sp, P. Thom; 3, sp, Houston; 4, sp, Paterson; 5, Phillips; 6, Boullet; 7, Taylor.

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

ABERDEEN.

The Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S. held their show, Dec. 5, in the Music Hall. Like many other shows of the season, it was a War Charity Show, being held under the auspices of the Prisoners of War Bureau. Many willing helpers had everything ready as soon as daylight permitted judging. Some 500 exhibitors were present, and their being more varied than usual made the show the more interesting. Mr. H. Bennet, Bridlington, judged open Canaries, and no one could have taken more care in placing the awards. Criticism was almost nil, and we noticed him chatting with the exhibitors as if he were one of themselves. We were pleased to hear George had again got a few Norwich gathered together. Mr. Jonn Strachan judged Amateur Canaries. His work was more difficult, still, characteristic of John, he faced his duties in bulldog fashion, and with care and keen judgment gave great satisfaction. Mr. Geo. Finnie judged Mules and British, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy criticising the wild ones, for a smile frequently diffused his face.

Exhibits were sent again from long distances, even as far as Bristol. The foul-breasted Buff Nor. shown by Mr. Crawshaw, Accrington, was as last year, very much admired, and thought to be the best model in the show. All his birds excelled in type, but were not so stout as some here, and they looked none the worse for a heavy and successful show season. Geo. Mitchell's (Brechin) exhibits came in for much attention, and they were beautifully shown. The Crests belonging to Mr. J. A. Grant, Lossiemouth, came in for a lot of attention. His winning Crest is a regular eye-opener. His stud is characterised by soft, silky quality feather that, coupled as it is with size, always means reserve power.

Type and quality all round was an improvement upon last year. This was also applicable to the amateur section. It was nice to see so many amateurs trying their luck in the open section, and Mr. John Stephen made the champions feel small when he won the rose bowl for best young local bird. No one grudged John his success.

In Mules and British there were two very interesting classes. The A.V. Hybrids, and the Softbills; the latter were outstanding, and very much admired. The Grey Shrike shown by Mr. E. Taylor was short of tail or might have won the guinea special outright. Members were pleased to note that their popular secretary had taken his first notch for this special.

The work that R. J. Robertson (secretary) did cannot be spoken of too highly. Fortunate, indeed, is the society that possesses such a member. The committee did their part and all went smoothly to make one of the best exhibitions ever held here remembered. The exhibition answered to the full its purpose, namely, the education of the fanciers of the district, for there was a very large attendance.

CL. TKD. YELL. VAR. CK.: 1, Mitchell, easy win, well known, great sub., type and qual.; 2, Ironside, good col. and front, loses head and neck; 3, Hector, better head, big one, wins when judged; 4, Watson; 5, Duncan Ross; 6, Scott. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Hector, wins, short coupled, great front, fine qual. and col.; 3, Crawshaw, loses in stoutness and sheen, still, a grand exhibit; 3, Harris, hardly so stout, but very nicely balanced, nicely staged, good under-col.; 4, Strachan; 5, Sandison; 6, Morrice. VAR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, Harris, winner massive head, bold front, grand cock bird; 3rd, better qual., nice type, lacks head properties; 2, Taylor, very nice type, a little open in feather; 4, Davidson; 5, Wile; 6, Hector. BUFF (9): 1, Crawshaw, perhaps the best known Canary in Britain, and best model, foul breast, in grand cond.; 2, J. Strachan, larger, nue col., up against something to-day; 3, Wagstaff, nice col. and front, somewhat cut away behind; 4, Watter; 5, Rae; 6, Stephen. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Harris, easy win, well balanced, round head and front, good size, fine qual. and type; 2, Yeats, full, wide front, graod hen; 3, Crawshaw, straighter and smaller built, lacks bloom; 4, Wilson; 5, Hampton; 6, Wile. BUFF (8): 1, Mitchell, great subs., full wide front, fine qual.; 2, Campbell, fine head, neck, and subs.; 3, Emslie, nicely staged, little flat on sides; 4, Crawshaw, nice full type, dirty; 5, Rae; 6, Sandison. VAR. YELL. (4): 1, Mitchell, fine type, wide front, qual., and size; 2, Craigbead, good, but smaller built; 3, Scott; 4, Ironside. BUFF (9): 1, Taylor, beauty for size and front, nicely cut away, smallish head; 2, Mitchell, larger, shows more feather, not so typical; 3, Ironside, typical, feather not so soft; 4, Scott; 5, Ross; 6, Sandison. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Mitchell, cl., great subs., type and qual., wins; 2, Harris, grizzle head, very sweet, smaller every way; 3, Ironside, better balanced variey., thicker in neck; 4, Rae; 5, Cranna; 6, Baxter. BUFF (10): 1, Emslie, cl., round head, thick-set, fine col., rounded, right type; 2, Mitchell, cl., good all round; 3, Harris, good, one, deserved his place; 4, Morrice; 5, Baxter; 6, Wile. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Mitchell, a perfect model, perhaps the best young bird, fine size, excels in type and qual.; 2, Wagstaff, cl., nicely proportioned; 3, 6, Stephen, Var., nicely balanced, lacks the head and neck of a winner, won rose bowl, best local young bird; 4, Crawshaw; 5, Sandison. BUFF (9): 1, Mitchell, the Glasgow medal winner, bears the stamp mark of his many winners; 2, Sandison, beautifully frosted, nice type, will be heard of yet; 3, Yeats, cl., fine front, loose up; 4, Crawshaw, Var., coarser in head, still good one; 5, Wile; 6, Sontar. CINN. (1): Stewart and Milne, really nice Cinn. cock. NON-FED YELL. CK. (9): 1, Ewart, cl., nice wide front, good shape and feather; 2, Morrice, grizzle head, similar built, loses action and qual.; 3, Hampton, full green, straighter built, still good one; 4, Fairweather; 5, Sandison; 6, Grigor. BUFF (6): 1, Hampton, cl., wins, nice front and fine balanced; 2, Wattie, grizzle head, fine feather, good 2nd; 3, Ironside; 4, Baxter; 5, Scott; 6, Goodall. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Ironside, var., stands out from others, very sweet and typical; 2, Hampton; 3, Grigor; 4, Baxter. BUFF (6): 1, Morrice, wins, nice all round; 2, Goodall, not much separated; 3, Wile; 4, Ironside; 5, Grigor. CREST (8): 1, 4, 5, 6, Grant, leader var., one of the best seen here, small crest, very dense long veiny feather, falling gracefully over a wide skull, much admired; 4th, var., not so dense, but lovely broad feather, and wide skull, the Glasgow 4th, our choice for 2nd; 5, 6, lovely grizzle crests; 2, Donald, fine cl. body feather, lovely large round crest, with nice droop; 3, Holman, green, good front, rough behind. C.B. CK. (5): 1, 2, Grant, winner the Glasgow first, now well known, massive in every way; 2nd, cl., fine soft feather, much lashed; 3, Donald, cl., smaller, built, close body feather, wider at back of head, the length of feather was a revelation, and plenty of it, more than equalled leaders, but did not look it till handled. HEN (2): 1, 2, Grant, green and variegated, lovely birds, could hold their own in good company. BORD. (16): Fine class: 1, 3, Blackie, two nicely tapered beauties; 2, M'Donald, lovely yell. right for qual., chest somewhat pronounced; 4, Campbell; 5, Taylor; 6, Smith. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Junor, all good and deserved better competition; 5, 6, Simpson. CINN. CK. (3): 1, Wagstaff, well known buff, good subs.; 2, 3, Wilson, both yellow, naturally less subs., rich in col. and qual. HEN (1): Wilson, won sp for best Cinn., a beauty. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Burgess, Gold and Silver Lizards, well known winners, and much admired; 3, Todd, buff coppy ck., useful for Lancs. breeding, neat crest, good body. PAIRS (6): 1, 4, Strachan, yell. ck., good size, col. and qual., with rare buff hen, good head, nice round front, well matched; 2, Sandison, very similar, but hen hardly so good in front, still a sappy pair; 3, Ross; 5, Park; 6, Goodall. AMAT. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Reid, fine qual., somewhat straight; 2, Dunn, similar, opener in feather; 3, Sinclair, our choice for first, heavy var., broad head, good front and feather; 4, Fleming; 5, Riddell and Cummings; 6, W. Strachan. BUFF (12): 1, 6, Campbell, tkd. eyes, nice type and qual.; 2, Reid, heavy var., thinner built, and rougher in feather; 3, Campbell, cl., poor carr.; 4, 5, W. Strachan, 4th might have been higher, good stocker, claimed £5 5s. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Davidson, good spread, fine feather; 2, Stephen, cl., good type, fails wing carr.; 3, R. Campbell, cl., good, but more open in feather; 4, 5, Ford; 6, Robb. BUFF (9): 1, Krohn, mkd. saddle and tail, good bird, somewhat erect; 2, Walker, large swanky hen, long-sided; 3, Christie, cl., very sweet, just on small side; 4, Ford; 5, Fleming; 6, Allardyce. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Prince, non-feds, on the small side. YELL. CK., 1916 (15): 1, cup, Emslie, nice one, good rich col., and round; 2, Sinclair, var., pressed hard, lost in stoutness; 3, A. Strachan, excels in qual., on the small side; 4, Riddell and Cummings; 5, Anderson. BUFF (20): Very difficult class to judge, type so varied; 1, Reid, certainly a fine large head, too long in body and tail, poor col.; 2, Ross, cl., our choice, fine rich soft feather, rich col., well over perch, nervous at times; 3, Dunn, var., shorter, nice front and feather; 4, W. Strachan; 5, Forsyth; 6, Christie. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Krohn, var., good size, nicely moulded and fine qual.; 2, Gordon, var., equal, but hardly so fine in feather; 3, Stephen, var., very smart, too small; 4, Strachan, very taking Cinn. var.; 5, Robb; 6, Ford. BUFF (18): 1, Krohn, cl., a model, right type, nicely frosted, good size, rare qual.; 2, 3, Sinclair, var., typical, rich col., shows more feather; latter, smaller, and paler in col., two useful hens; 4, Reid; 5, Forsyth; 6, Ross. OLD SECTION, NON-FED CKS. (9): 1, 6, Noble, cl., good size, close feather; 2, Bowie, var., nice big head, and front, the right sort, claimed; 3, Fyfe, cl., typical; 4, Ross; 5, Bryson. BUFF (6): 1, Mutch, var., worth his position; 2, 5, 6, Noble, cl.; 3, Grieve; 4 Riddell and Cummings. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Noble, cl., nice round head and nice type; 2, Campbell, cl., thinner built; 3, Riddell and Cummings, varieg.; 4, Massie; 5, 6, Grieve. BUFF (10): 1, cup, Goodall, cl., good head and neck, nice wide front; 2, Noble, cl., good but fairly beaten; 3, Bowie, cl., loses in head and subs.; 4, Sinclair; 5, Campbell; 6, Grieve. GREENF. (10): 1, Bryall. Buff, nice shape, qual., and size; 2, Forsyth, yell., nice close feather; 3, Fyfe, nice buff, longish flights; 4, Gordon; 5, Bowie; 6, Prince. 1916 YELL. CK. (4): 1, W. Strachan, good cl., right type, good front and cond.; 2, Bowie, var., hardly so right in feather, wide head, and good front, claimed; 3, Knowles; 4, Noble. BUFF (3): 1, Campbell; 2, Noble; 3, Riddell and Cummings. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Noble; 4, Gordon; 5, C. Knowles. BUFF (9): 1, Sinclair, grizzle wing, very chubby and very short flights, claimed; 2, Fyfe, cl., fine texture of feather and right stamp; 3, Walker, good, lacks head of winners; 4, 6, Campbell; 5, T. Noble. GREEN (8): 1, Campbell, yell. nice feather, type and qual.; 2, A. Strachan, good rounded front, useful exhibit; 3, Krohn, yell., similar; 4, Stephen; 5, Walker; 6, Anderson.

OPEN SECTION; MULE (11): 1, Wright, good Goldf-Can., wins; 2, Fyfe, Dark Greenf., good size, lovely col.; 3, W. Fyfe, Buff Greenf., we liked, might have gone up; 4, Wright; 5, Hector; 6, Stewart and Milne. HYBRID (6): 1, 2, Cranna, Goldie-Bullies, beauties, hard to beat; 3, Holman, Goldf.-Bullf., not so rich in col. as winners; 4, Stewart and Milne; 5, Holman; 6, Kydd, unlucky, did not get in trim till afternoon. GOLDF. (5): 1, Anderson, good size, splendid blaze, wins; 2, Hector, wants size, not so rich in tanning; 3, Smith, well placed; 4, Corsar; 5, Ewart. BULLF. (1): Cranna, big, bouncing bird, well coloured, good one all over. LINNET (10): Grand class: 1, Corsar, nice nutty brown, well pencilled; 2, Campbell, good one, splendid cond., beautifully staged; 3, Anderson, big Yorkie type, largest whites we ever saw, fails in breast work; 4, Cranna; 5, Milne; 6, Anderson. GREENF. (8): 1, Fyfe, grand size, colour and condition, a winner; 2, Hector, smaller, but good one, very steady; 3, Anderson, good bird, trifle wild; 4, Stewart and Milne; 5, Park; 6, Irons. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Cranna (Siskin), little beauty, great depth of col., nicely laced; 2, Thomas, Twite, nice shade of col., well placed; 3, Ewart; 4, Campbell; 5, Jas. Fyfe. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Campbell, Yellowhammer, good head and col., steady; 2, Thomas, Chaffinch, nice exhibit, but a trifle dull; 3, Smith, Yellowhammer; 4, Curry, Reed Bunting. BRIT. HEN (8): 1, 3, Robertson, Song Thrush, clinker, comment needless; 2, Kidd, Bullf., deserves place, very nice exhibit; 4, Wright; 5, Cranna; 6, Ewart. SOFTBILL, SMALL (9): Best class of Softbills seen in Aberdeen for some time: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Robertson, splendid team, leader Gold Crest, wins best British in show, and well worthy of it, a crest like fire; 2nd, pair Long-tailed Tits, interesting exhibit, in a nice setting; 3, Mutch, Grey Wagtail, splendid cond., grandly staged, unlucky to meet above. LARGE (1): 1, F. Taylor, Great Grey Shrike, grand bird, well known, tail badly damaged. FOR. (2): 1, Anderson, yell. Budgerigars, splendid condition and size; 2, Robertson, Zebra Finches, gems. AMAT. SECTION: MULE (1): 1, Campbell, Linnet, tidy exhibit, steady. BULLF. AND GOLDF. (3): 1, Smith, Goldf., very fine, wins best in amateur section, would have stood well in open; 2, Low, Bullf., well coloured, not a big one, but sweet; 3, Strachan, Goldf., badly staged, not given a chance. GREENF. (4): 1, Anderson, fair size, easy win; 2, Smith, fails col.; 3, Stephen, better col. than No. 2, and nicely staged; 4, Low. LINNET (7): 1, Anderson, all there for size, type and col., but pencilling, on the heavy side; 2, 3, Campbell, two nice ones, not size of winner; 4, Gibson; 5, Anderson; 6, Park. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Smith, Siskin, sweet, nicely laced; 2, Anderson, Twite, good type and colour, very small; 3, W. Fyfe, Redpoll, good one, would have gone up if better staged; 4, Bowie; 5, Campbell. BRIT. HEN (3): 1, Mutch, Bullf., fine size, splendid cap, rare condition; 2, Low, Starling, well staged, little to choose; 3, Gibson, Twite, nice exhibit. A.O.V. (4): 1, Mutch, Gold Crest, wins easily; 2, Campbell, Chaffinch, good size, and col., wants polish; 3, Anderson, Yellowhammer, good colour, fails head; 4, Mutch, Redstart.

GATESHEAD.

A Record Show—Nearly 1,000 Entries.

The 17th annual show of Gateshead C.B.S. in the Rochester Street Schools, Dec. 9, had a record entry of 980, and the birds made a glorious display, giving the judges a real hard day's work. Of the management we cannot speak too highly, but they were sorely tried owing to a breakdown on the railway, which caused some of the birds to arrive late, and left judging late in being finished. Otherwise all passed off splendidly. The committee is headed by the chairman and show manager, Mr. A. Holden, who has done a lot for the society in past years, working very hard and keeping things well in order. He was well supported by a good band of workers in Messrs. H. Wellsbury, J. Maddison, E. B. Hooper, J. W. Coulthard, F. Rowan, R. Havis, G. Dobson, W. Espie, R. Tindale, J. W. Lawson. C. G. Pettersson attended to the door to see nobody paid twice, and the hall was well filled before judging was finished. We must not forget W. Curry, the genial sec., who gets through an enormous amount of work with never a grumble. Among the visitors we noticed Messrs. Farrar, Steele and Parkett, Sheffield; Carr, Middlesbrough; Lawson, Carlisle; and J. Wright, West Hartlepool.

Norwich were the finest collection seen in the North for some time; good birds were staged by W. Crawshaw, J. Thomas, J. Carr, and the section produced an average of just over 21 per class. Crests were good in quality, if not in number. Yorks. were an exceptionally good average, 18 per class. The winning Unflig. Yell. cock and Unflig. Yell. hen of R. Heggie being much admired, as was the Unflig. Buff cock of Mr. Thomas.

Borders were a tremendous entry, 40 being staged in the Novice cock class. Mules and British were also good; splendid Mules were shown by Messrs. Chick and Heggie, and Dr. M. A. Wilson, while J. Wright supported the British with 38 entries, and did well. Luncheon was provided at the hall for visitors, the arrangement proving very convenient, and being greatly appreciated.

The judges were: F. W. Laidlow (Nor. and Yorks.); T. Almond (Crests and Selling); D. Hamilton (Borders and S. Fancies); C. Waters, Mules and British. Their awards were well received, but owing to judging being late in finishing, and birds being sent away by early trains, we could not obtain notes of Mules and British.

MR. LAIDLOW'S CLASSES.

NOR. YELL. CK. (22): 1, Crawshaw, mkd., grand col., nice head and qual., good subs.; 2, Wright, cl., grand head and col., nice qual., clean cut, hardly the subs. of leader, otherwise good; 3, 4, Lawson, another good one, hardly so full in front; 4th, varieg., shade long, otherwise good; vhc, Holden; hc, Thomas; c, Smailes. BUFF (14): 1, Bates, nice head, good deep chest, nicely moulded, good wings and tail, wins; 2, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, cl., grand size and lead, fair col., grand front, hardly the qual. of leader; 3, Crawshaw, var., nice head and qual., good col., hardly so bold as leaders, otherwise good, near thing; 4, M'Kay, mkd. head, beaten in qual., but a good exhibit. HEN (17): 1, Thomas, cl. yell., tremendous size, good all through, much admired, wins well; 2, Lawson, mkd. yell., another good one, well known, not so strong in head; 3, Holden, cl. yell., nice head and col., good qual., clean cut, hardly the subs., worth her place; 4, Peart and Hutchinson, cl. buff, nice exhibit, very taking; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, Wakenshaw; c, J. Carr. YELL. 1916 (14): 1, Crawshaw, cl. nice shape and head, good col., and size, excellent qual., well braced wings, clean cut; 2, Carr, cl., bigger, grand head, neck and front, good qual. and col., flights damaged or probably would have won; 3, Holden, variegrand head and neck, good col. and qual., well carried wings, clean cut away, only beaten in size, worth its place, wins N.N.P.C. Cup; 4, Glendinning, another good one; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, F. F. Lawson; c, McGinn. BUFF UNFL. (22): 1, Carr, cl., grand head and neck, excels in qual. and type, good col., hard to find fault with; 2, McKay, good size, head and neck, grand col., hardly the finish or so clean cut; 3, Watson, not the size, otherwise very nice; 4, Wright, another good one; vhc, Thomas; hc, Crawshaw; c, Wardle. HEN UNFL. (28): A wonderful class, many winners having to stand down: 1, 4, Carr, cl., wonderful lady, grand head, neck and subs., well braced wings and tail, excels in col., her 7th successive win; 2, 3, Livingstone, tkd. wing, splendid qual. and col., good all over, hardly so bold; 3rd, another cl., nice exhibit, hardly so neat; ex 3, McGinn; vhc, Seely and Sons; hc, Williams and Gales; c, J. Thomas. NOV. CK. (32): 1, Wilson, cl. buff, good head and neck, col. and qual., grand subs., not a big one, but wins; 2, vhc, Huntley, mkd. yell., nice head, good qual., just loses in col., clean cut; 3, Wardle, cl. buff, biggest in class, not quite the finish or as clean cut as leaders; extra 3, J. Carr, unflig. cl. yell., nice head, grand subs., excels in qual. and col., not a big one, might have gone up, very taking; 4, C. Badman, another nice one, hardly so bold; hc, Clarkson; c, R. Leightley. HEN (21): 1, Twaites, cl. yell., good head and subs., nice qual. and col., well carried wings, nicely braced; 2, Toneman, buff, another nice one, not quite so good in type as leader; 3, Wardle, nice head, good col., just loses in subs. and finish; 4, Lucas, nice exhibit, bit longer in barrel; vhc, Thompson; hc, Robertson; c, Dodds. YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Crawhall, nice head, good shoulders and back, fine length, grand wings and tail, well up on leg, grand col. and qual.; 2, hc, Stewart, another good one, nice head and neck, nicely moulded throughout, nice length and pos.; 3, Tindale, grand head, fine shoulders and back, good length, very shapely pos., loses a little in qual. to-day; 4, vhc, Heggie, lovely col. and qual., fine length, c, Hairs. BUFF (14): 1, Tindale, good head and neck, grand shoulders and back, col. and qual., fine flights and tail, wins; 2, Thomas, another good one, grand length and col., fails a little in front; 3, c, Stewart, close up, neatly moulded, fine wings and tail, lovely pos.; 4, Crawhall, another good one, hardly the size of leaders; vhc, Heggie; hc, Stirk. HEN (15): 1, 3, Tindale, tkd. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand head, neck, shoulders and back, beautiful length, splendid pos., steady as a rock; 2, Crawhall, well known Buff, needs no comment, not looking her best to-day; 3rd, buff, another good one, nice head and neck, good straight back, nice wings and tail, a little open down one side, or might have gone up; 4, vhc, Heggie, very large yell., heavier than leaders, otherwise good; hc, Stirk; c, Baldwinson. UNFL. YELL. (21): 1, c, Heggie, cl., a real gem, beautiful head, neck and shoulders, grand back, well braced wings and tail, grand length and pos., best of col. and qual., much admired; 2, 4, Crawhall, another good one, Newcastle and Blaydon winner, cl., nice head and neck, good col. and qual., good pos., nice length, worth its place; 3, Tindale, cl., lovely col. and qual., nice head and neck, grand back, a little wild, wants handling; vhc, Simeson; hc, Havis. BUFF (17): 1, Thomas, cl., nice head and neck, qual. and col., fine shoulders and back, good length and pos.; 2, Heggie, cl., nice head and neck; good length, and pos., well carried wings, hardly the finish; 3, Carlisle, nice head and neck, grand length and pos., good shoulders and back, fine length, worth its place; 4, Tindale, hardly the length, otherwise very good; vhc, Coomber; c, Baldwinson. UNFLIG. HEN (23): 1, Heggie, cl. yell., a beauty, lovely head, neck, shoulders, and back, grand length, good pos., wings and tail, extra qual. and col.; 2, Crawhall, tkd. eye yell., very sweet, nice round head, grand back, splendid wing and tail, well carried, nice length, just fails a wee bit in size to winner; 3, Tindale, good cl. yell., grand head and neck, good back, well carried wings and tail, a little unsteady, will improve with a moult; 4, Mather, nice exhibit, lovely qual.; vhc, Havis; hc, Baldwinson; c, Thomas. NOV. CK. (29): 1, 2, Shield, 1st, cl. yell., grand exhibit for a novice, nice head and neck, grand shoulders and back, well carried wings and tail, splendid qual., good length and pos., could have won in champions; 2nd, cl. buff, shade smaller, but true to type, very stylish, good nerve, well worthy of its place; 3, Frost, nice exhibit, nice head and neck; extra 3, hc, Cleverley, nice head and neck, good col. and pos., not looking at its best or might have been higher; vhc, Laxton; c, Browne. HEN (20): 1, Hutchinson, grand head and neck, splendid shoulders and back, well carried wings and tail, good cond., qual. and col.; 2, Collins, good head and neck, grand shoulders and back, nice wing and tail, nice pos., qual. and col., a little soft when taking notes; 3, Stainsby, nice exhibit, good col. and qual.; 4 Reed, nice size and col.; vhc, Cleverly; hc, Leng; c, Browne. NOV. NOR. CK. (10): vhc, Holden; 2, Glendinning; 3, hc, Coulthard; 4, c, Lawson. HEN (10): 1, Glendinning; 2, c, Moore; 3, Coulthard; 4, Holden; vhc, Foster. YORKS. CK. (10): 1, 3, Crawhall; 2, 4 c, Tindale; vhc, hc, Havis. HEN (5): 1, Crawhall; 2, Tindale; 3, Mather; 4, Havis; vhc, Frost.

MR. T. ALMOND'S CLASSES.

CREST (9): 1, Dobson, crest of great size, good radiation, grand droop and centre, well known, wins; 2, Taylor, good crest, leafy feather, good size, not so massive; 3, c, Steel, fine round crest, grand opening, not quite the qual.; 4, vhc, Bewick, not quite so good crest, and a little rough; hc, Dickinson Bros. C.B. (12): 1, 2, Steele, tremendous width of skull, good feather, grand size, best up north for years; 2nd, similar to leader, not much divides them; 3, Taylor, grand head, good lash, grand size; 4, Dickinson Bros., good turnover, fails entrance; vhc, Bewick; hc, Foster; c, Tait. CREST 1916 (9): 1, 3, Steele, good size, grand leafy feather, good frontal; 2, Dobson, good size, nice feather, nice round crest, hardly so massive; 3rd, fine round crest, grand opening; 4, vhc, Bewick, rare size, nice round crest, wee bit weak in frontal; hc, Richardson; c, Mrs. T. Taylor. C.B. 1916 (10): 1, Bewick, good size, grand turnover, well shown; 2, 3, Taylor, good size, fails entrance, very good turnover; 3rd, not one of the largest, grand entrance and turnover; 4, Bewick, grand shaped head, good size, grand turnover, some preferred; vhc, Dobson; hc, c, Steele. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Wagstaff; 2, c, Conelman; vhc, Roy; hc, Clarkson; c, Kindness. PAIRS: 1, Richardson; 2, Holden; 3, hc, Hugill; vhc, Seely and Son; c, Coulthard. SELL.: 1, Wellsbury; 2, Leng; 3, Orton; 4, Duke; vhc, Lawson; hc, Dunning; c, Tapson. NOV. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, Dobson; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Taylor.

MR. D. HAMILTON'S CLASSES.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (6): 1, 2, Willisou, good size, well topped, nicely cleaned out, and good drive; 2nd, loses a little in size, well to the perch, nice top and length of side; 3, Craig, loses a little in subs. and hardly the length; 4, Little, good one, might have been higher; vhc, hc, Chapman. HEN (5): 1, 3, Chapman, one of the best, good top drive; 3rd, loses in depth; 2, 4, Willison, good top drive, and good worker; 4th, lighter built; vhc, Little. BORD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Bennet, typical, lovely carr. and style, beautifully moulded, sweet head, nicely b ced wings, in the pink; 2, Johnston, close up, beauty, nice size and style, neat head and closely packed wings, lovely quality; 3, Render, smart and stylish, neat head and wings, sound cond.; 4, vhc, Nicholson, very typical, nicely built; hc, Lowerson; c, Watson. BUFF (17): 1, Bennet, sweet head, nicely filled in back, good wings and tail, sound col., full of qual., well staged; 2, c, Lowerson, sweetly moulded, and proportioned, lovely type, grand qual.; 3, Johnston, beautiful balance, sweet head, nicely filled in back, good wings and tail, some preferred; 4, Patterson, nice exhibit, sweetly moulded; vhc, Watson; hc, Espie. YELL. HEN (22): 1, 4, Bennet, typical, nicely moulded and filled in, sweet head, good wings and tail; 2, Johnston, similar, nicely built, clean cut, nicely carried wings and tail, very sweet, we preferred; 3, Patterson, smart and jaunty, nicely proportioned, good head, capital qual; vhc, Lowerson; c, Espie. VAR. (20): 1, Johnston, neat sweet head, very typical, good in points, rare qual. of feather, A 1 cond.; 2, Nicholson, fine exhibit, neatly moulded, clean cut, capital wings and tail; 3, Patterson, neat head, wings and tail, lightly

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packed, sound qual. of feather; 4, Watson, nice head, not so good in back; vhc, Dempster; hc, Docherty; c, Foster. YELL. GREEN CK. (17): 1, 2, 3, Johnston, all well put down, leader excels in markings, very neat head, back and wings, well staged; 2nd, grand cond., nice head, well carried wings and tail; 3rd, good exhibit, well deserving of the award; 4, Middleton, neat head, hardly so good in markings as leaders, otherwise a nice exhibit; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Greenwell; c, Montgomery. BUFF (17): 1, 2, 3, Johnston, champion lacings, grand cond., wings nicely braced, on a good body; 2nd, 3rd, close up to leader, hard to separate; vhc, Middleton; hc, Espie; c, Montgomery. YELL GREEN HEN (15): 1, 3, 4, Johnston, need no comment, all in the pink, sweet in head, good wings and tails, staged to perfection; 2, Patterson, very sweet, nice head and back, good wings, grand cond.; vhc, Montgomery; c, Affleck. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, Johnston, very sweet exhibit, nice head and back, good in wings and tail, the best of cond.; 2, 3, similar, not far behind leader; 4, Middleton, good exhibit, fails a little in back, otherwise A 1; vhc, Montgomery; c, Affleck. NOV. CK. (40):; five money prizes in this class: 1, Mitchell, grand col. and qual., sweet head, good pos., neat wings and tail, could hold its own with most of the champions; 2, vhc, Lucas, sweet head, good wings and tail, hardly the finish; ex 2, Affleck, lovely cond., neat wings and tail, fine qual.; 3, Furness, good all over, grand cond. and qual., not far behind; ex 3, Beevor, very stylish and neat, grand qual. and cond.; res, Heron; vhc, Youghland; hc, Nicholson; he, Potts. HEN (24): 1, 4, Furness, good all over, hard to find fault with; 2, Lucas, another good one, presses hard; 3, Wilson, nice exhibit, not so good in back as leaders; vhc, Nicholson, hc, McDonald; c, Mitchell. SELL., 7/6: 1, Towers; 2, Pierson; 3, Montgomery; 4, Orton; vhc, Bortham; hc, Coulthard; c, Dunning. NOV. SCOTCH FANCY (4): All Chapman. BORD. CK. (14): 1, 2, 3, Johnston; 4, vhc, hc, Nicholson. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, Johnston; 4, Greenwell; vhc, hc, Chapman.

Mr. C. Waters's Classes.

SELL. 10/-: 1, Parlett; 2, Hooper; 3, Bowerbank; 4, Hetherington; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Wright; c, Stephenson. CL. MULE, ETC. (16): 1, Chick, "Perfection"; 2, vhc, c, Dr. Wilson; 3, Graham; 4, Heggie; hc, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, Maddisou; 2, Heggic; 3, 4, Dr. Wilson; vhc, Stanger; hc, Stephenson. DARK (18): 1, 4, Parlett; 2, vhc, Heggie; 3, Wright; hc, Dr. Wilson; c, Hooper. GOLD (16): 1, Heggic; 2, Wright; 3, Parlett; 4, Almond; vhc, Robson; hc, Bates; c, Stothard. BULLF. (15): 1, 4, Dr. Wilson; 2, Johnson; 3, Smurthwaite; vhc, Hooper; hc, Rutherford; c, Parlett. GREENF. (14): 1, 3, c, Johnson; 2, Dean; 4, Parlett; vhc, Wright; hc, Bearby. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (13): 1, 2, Chick. "Nottingham Star," and "Midland Champion"; 3, Hooper; 4, Towers; vhc, c, Wright; hc, Dr. Wilson. LINNET, H.M. (20): 1, vhc, Parlett; 2, Johnson; 3, Robson; 4, Wright; hc, Smurthwaite. F.M. (24): 1, Robson; 2. Bowman; 3, Wright; 4, Nelson; vhc, hc, Patterson; c, Johnson. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Wright; 2, J. Johnston; 3, Inman; 4, Parlett; vhc, R. Johnson; hc, Dean; c, Heterington. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, 3, Chick, "The King" and "Midland Champion"; 2, vhc, Dr. Wilson; 4, Wright; hc, Hooper; c, Stothard. HARDBILL. F.M. (16): 1, Smurthwaite; 2, Campbell; 3, Petterson; 4, Chick; vhc, Almond; hc, Wright; c, Raisbeck. HEN, FINCH OR BUNTING (21): 1, vhc, Wright; 2, Chick, "The Queen"; 3, Raisbeck; 4, Smurthwaite; hc, Dr. Wilsou; c, Johnson. NOV. HARDBILL (18): 1, c, Rowan; 2, Embleton; 3, Ward; 4, Raisbeck; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Potts. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Wright; 2, Montague; 3, Chick; 4, Bates; vhc, McKay; hc, Hailstone. FOR. (7): 1, 2, Petterson; 3, vhc, hc, Chick; 4, Mills; c, Lindsay. MULE (5): 1, 2, Wright; 3, Greenwell; 4, Hooper; vhc, Liddle. GOLDF., ETC. (11): 1, hc, Wright; 2, Johnston; 3, Almond; 4, Hooper; vhc, Petterson; c, Rowan. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 2, vhc, Wright; 3, 4, Johnston; hc, c, Hooper. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, 4, Wright; 2, vhc, Hooper; hc, Liddle. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Petterson; 3, Lindsay.

MANSFIELD O.S.

Second annual open show, Dec. 16, in the large club room of the Horse and Groom Hotel, Stockwell Gate. Entries came up splendidly, and each class contained some noted birds just finishing off their season's outing. Great credit is due to this hard working society, and we hope to see this open annual fixture improving each year. The room was nicely fitted up, and the birds beautifully staged so that every one could be seen at a glance, each bird having splendid attention from well known fanciers. We were sorry to see several birds thick on account of the very cold night, but they were receiving every attention. Mr. B. Gabbitas is an ideal secretary, and great credit is due to him and his committee for running such a well-managed show. Mr. J. Robson judged. When we left the room was nicely filled with fanciers from all parts.

Norwich were a fine collection, and contained many noted winners, the novice classes being keenly contested. In Yorks, although the number was not great, quality was of the best. British were quite a show in themselves, Messrs. Chick, Parlett, Blacken and Leadbeater having fine teams out, all in the best possible condition. Crests were quite a failure.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Vardy, cheek mkd., beautiful col. and shape, nice body, rare head and neck, in pink of cond., wins; 2, Vardy, variegated, lovely shape, good size, broad head, well carried wings and tail, faultless cond.; 3, Shepherd, cl., grand col., lovely head and neck, capital body and qual., rare feather, nice bloom; vhc, Thomas; hc, Day and Sturgess. BUFF (13): Grand class. 1, Vardy, head and wing mkd., lovely shape and col., nice head, rare body, capital col. and qual., fine cond. and bloom; 2, Shepherd, splendid cl., lovely feather and qual., nicely frosted, very good carr., faultless cond. and bloom, close up; 3, Vardy, cl., beautiful col. and qual., in fine cond., splendid body and shape, A1 style, good carr. and wings; vhc, Day and Sturgess; hc, Howard and Son; c, Day and Sturgess. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Thomas, very large cl., not over good qual., rare shape, fair col., nice feather and cond.; 2, Vardy, we preferred; not so large, but grand col. and shape, lovely qual., nice head, in fine cond., grand feather; 3, Priestly, very good shape and size, nice col., grand body, lovely qual., very close up; vhc, Dean; hc, Lane. BUFF (9): 1, Vardy, lovely cl., grand shape and qual., faultless cond., A1 style and shape, good head, well filled in neck, wins well; 2, Stones, not so good in qual. or col., variegated, fair head, nice shape, good body and feather, nice cond.; 3, Speechley, very good cl., nice shape and size, rare body, good head, rough at sides, rare cond.; vhc, Young; hc, Day and Sturgess; c, Dean. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Day and Sturgess, lovely cl., grand shape and qual., lovely body, nice feather and cond., A1 style, wins well; 2, Priestley, grizzle cap, grand shape, col. and qual., good head and neck, nice body and carr., well shown; 3, Vardy, smaller, but grand shape, very hot col., good head, nice carr., in the pink; vhc, Vaughan; hc, Glashy. BUFF (9): 1, Vardy, neck grizzle, grand col. and shape, hot col., beautifully frosted, A1 carr., fine cond.; 2, c, Thomas, very large cl., lovely col. and qual., nice body, good wings and tail, capital shape, feather and cond.; 3, Vaughan, rare head, grand shape and col., good feather and cond., nice head; vhc, Priestley; hc, Howard and Son. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Dykes, very hot col. cheek and wing mkd., lovely shape, beautiful length, nice pos., in faultless cond., wins well; 2, Dr. Craig, c., very long, and good col. and pos., but weak in neck, hot col., nice feather and cond., fair head; 3, vhc, Shepherd, cl., good shape and length, rare head, nice feather and qual., grand bloom, good legs and head; hc, Simpson; c, Cope. BUFF (6): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., lovely qual., grand shape and length, nice feather, A1 style, faultlessly shown; 2, Hartley, cl., rare shape and length, grand head and neck, rare body, beautiful qual., nice wings and tail, close up; 3, Dykes, grand cl., good shape; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Pygott; c, Hooton. YELL HEN (6): 1, 3, Dr. Craig, heavy var. leading, splendid length and pos., rare legs, very slim and upstanding, fit; 3rd, cinn. mkd., grand shape, beautiful feather and qual., nice head, A1 style; 2, Hartley, cl., grand body and style, beautiful pos., nice col. and shape, fine trim and feather, close up; vhc, Dykes; hc, Beardall and Walker; c, Hooton. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, very pale col., grand shape and feather, nice head, well filled in neck, in cond. and bloom; 2, Green, capital shape, splendid pos. and qual., in rare cond., nice feather, close up, good length. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Dr. Craig, cl. of great merit leading, rare good col., very nice head and neck, nice shape and qual.; 2nd, very hot col., beautiful style and pos., nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 3, Dykes, tkd., nice style, shape and pos., beautiful col. and qual., nice well braced wings, A1 cond; vhc, Green; hc, Simpson; c, Pass. BUFF (8): 1, Hartley, eye and neck mkd., grand feather and qual., nice head, well carried wings and tail, A1 style, grand bloom; 2, Dr. Craig, wings and tail, A1 style, grand bloom; 2, Dr. Craig, eye and neck mkd., very nice shape and pos., beautiful col., rare head, very slim, A1 cond.; 3, Beardall and Walker, lovely cl., grand shape, nice style and pos., very good col. and qual., well shown; vhc, Simpson; hc, Pass; c, Dykes, lovely cl., in rare order. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, Chick, well known clear Greenfinch-Can. in great form, splendid size, shape and qual., walk over; 2, Smith, Goldf.-Can., fair size, neat shape, A1 feather and qual., splendid cond.; 3, Simpson, neat Goldf.-Can. in good order, fit; vhc, Ebbotson. DARK (9): 1, 2, Hayter and Bunn, well known Greenf.-Bullf. leading, wonderful size, shape, feather and cond.; 2nd, Can.-Bullf., beautiful qual. and feather, good head, A1 shape and size, fine cond., a great pair; 3, Hartshorn, Greenf.-Can., nice shape, A1 feather and qual., capital cond.; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Simpson; c, Ebbotson. GOLDF. or BULLF. (18): Great class. 1, Blacken, Goldf., lively feather and size, splendid shape and bars, square cut blaze, nice tanning, qual. and col.; 2, Gibbons, very large, typical Bullf., nice cap and bars, A1 feather, capital cond., lovely breast and bars; 3, Leadbeater, well known Goldf., in great form, lovely col. and tanning, must have pressed hard; vhc, Rush; hc, Lilley Bros.; c, Gomersall. LINNET (14): 1, Leadbeater, very good shape, rare size and qual., beautiful feather and cond., lovely pencilling, wins in good class; 2, Morcton, very good col. and feather, nicely pencilled, rare head and shape, grand cond. and bloom, close up; 3, Leadbeater, good shape, col. and pencilling, nice body and size, A1 cond.; vhc, c, Simms; hc, Hartshorn. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Parlett, Redpoll, great size, beautiful shape and feather, good head, faultless cond.; 2, vhc, Simms, Redpoll, grand feather and shape, nice col. and qual., good body, A1 cond., close up; 3, Lilley Bros., sweet little Siskin, grand cap and bib, beautiful feather and cond.; c, Rush. BRAMBLE, ETC. (17): 1, 3, Chick, leader beautiful Bramble, lovely feather, col., qual., and marks, in faultless cond.; 3rd, grand Chaffinch, remarkable cond. and qual., nice size and shape, good head and mks., very steady; 2, c, Blacken, really fine large Greenies, in lovely form, good shape and cond.; vhc, Hayter and Bunn; hc, Parlett. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, Chick, wonderful team, well known Hawfinch leading, in great form; 2nd, Corn Bunting, in beautiful feather and cond., good size, shape and qual., followed by 3rd, Yellow Bunting, remarkable cond., grand size and mks.; vhc, Lilley Bros.; hc, Daws; c, Bousfield. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Norwood, really fine team of Dark Crests, all in grand cond., hard luck in competition. C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, Norwood, grand team in beautiful feather and cond., nicely staged; 4, Harris and Barker. NOV. YELL. NOR. (14), 1, Green, rare cl., splendid size, shape, col. and qual., well carried wings, nice head and neck, real good cond.; 2, c, Hawkins, cl., faultless cond., nice col. and qual., A1 style, very typical, neat broad head, good wings; 3, Woolley, splendid feather and cond., nice col., shape and size, A1 wings and tail; vhc, Taylor; hc, Griffiths.. BUFF (18): 1, Woolley, cl., really good shape, nicely frosted, splendid col. and qual., rare cond., well carried wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Green, cl., grand feather, A1 shape, neat broad head, nice col. and qual., faultless cond., very close up; 3, Hawkins, head mkd., nice shape, size and col., fair qual., nicely frosted, A1 cond., well shown; vhc, Wright; hc, Dean; c, Taylor. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Green, very nice trio, leader very hot col., good style and position, good head and neck, well shown; 2nd, slim and upstanding, grand col., qual. and shape, good style, A1 pos. and feather; 3, hc, Wilson, cl., rare feather and qual., must have pressed hard, grand length; c, Wall. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Green, right wing mkd., lovely feather and style, very slim, grand pos., A1 cond.; 3rd, cl., good col. and qual., nice head, well filled in neck, A1 style, feather, and cond.; 2, Wall, lovely cl., beautiful col. and qual., nice head and neck, we liked well; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Illsley. CREST (5): 1, Norwood, green D.C., very large and good feather, good crest and centre; 2, Leivers, D.C., good shape and feather, nice cond.; 3, vhc, Richardson, good col. and shape, nice head, A1 style. C.B. (6): 1, Norwood, variegated, good size and feather, rare body; 2, vhc, Fowler, green, good shape and size; 3, Leivers, green, good feather and cond.; hc, c, Richardson.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

EDINBURGH (Open) O.S.

63rd Annual Show, Nov. 18, Buccleuch St. Halls, an ideal and cosy hall for such a grand display of Scotch Fancy and Belgians. Entries were about the same as last year, and the quality was well sustained. The office-bearers are a well-known body of fanciers, had everything in good order, and all worked with a will. The Sec., Mr. Lilc, is an adept at secretarial work, and had everything in perfect order, and also did a lot in sending the birds away. The judges were Messrs. Carlow, Conway, Stewart and Paterson, who gave general satisfaction. It was very gratifying to see such a turn out of fanciers from Dundee in the North to Glasgow in the West. The cup winner was a very nice buff piebald shown by W. David, runner-up W. Allan with a hen.

Cl. Yell. (1): 1, 3, sp, Dalgleish, 1st, grand size, rare depth of shoulders, its 7th annual win, looking well; 3, not so thick set, but rare style and action; 2, Hope, grand size, rare length of side, rare action; 4, Henderson; 5, Strathearn; 6, Stewart; 7, Allan; 8, Forsyth; 9, Cook. Piebald (11): 1, sp, Menzies, grand size, rare nerve and qual., easy action; 2, Petrie, nice length of side, rare top end; 3, Muir, well up in size, stylish action; 4, David; 5, Muir; 6, Carlow; 7, Muir; 8, Cockburn; 9, Munro. Tkd. (4): 1, Hope, grand size, well set up shoulders, nice drive; 2, Strathearn, very shapely, rare top end; 3, Gray; 4, Beattie. Green (6): 1, sp, Main, grand size, rich qual., takes position well; 2, Strathearn, well up in size, rare thickness through; 3, McAdam, nice head and reach; 4, Cockburn; 5, Drysdale. Buff Cl. (12): 1, no name, grand size, well set up shoulders, full of nerves; 2, Gray, fair size, rare reach, could have won; 3, David, grand size, rare drive, nice qual.; 4, Hope; 5, Allan; 6, Baiu; 7, Thornton; 8, McNiven; 9, Hamilton. Piebald (16): 1, sp, and cup, David, grand type, teeming with qual., grand drive, wins; 2, Muir, grand size, rare top end, takes pos. well; 3, Dagleish, nice size, rare shoulders, nice size and action; 5, Allan; 6, Paterson; 7, Simpson; 8, Weston; 9, Main. Tkd. (6): 1, Brown, nice size, rare head and neck, full of nerves; 2, Dalgleish, rare type, grand depth of shoulders, rare style; 3, Main; 4, 5, Henderson. Green (8): 1, sp, Hope, grand size and shape, easy action, nice length of side; 2, Main, nice size, rare drive and action; 3, no name, nice size, easy style and action; 4, Hendry; 5, Hutchison; 6, McNiven. Yell. Cl. Hen (9): 1, sp, Dalgleish, grand size, rare model, teeming with style and qual.; 2, Muir, grand size, rare action, decided drive; 3, David, rare size, nice top end, takes pos. well; 4, Menzies; 5, McAdam; 6, Muir; 7, Simpson; 8, Curtis. Piebald (10): 1, 4, Henderson: 1st, grand size, rich col., rare style, good top end; 4th, nice size, decided style; 2, Dalgleish, grand size, rare reach, stylish action; 3, Strathearn, nice length, not so thick through, but grand style; 5, Veitch; 6, Petrie; 7, Lile; 8, Bain; 9, Brown. Tkd. (2): 1, Wilson, grand size, rare action, carries tail well; 2, Cook, nice length of side, rare top end and style. Green (3): 1, Cook, fine size, well set up back and shoulders, nice action; 2, Strathearn; 3, Wilson. Buff (13): 1, Dalgleish, grand size, rare style, full of nerves and qual.; 2, Hope, grand size, much of the same stamp, presses hard; 3, no name, nice size and qual., easy action; 4, no name; 5, Allan; 6, Lile; 7, Hutchison; 8, 9, Rigby. Piebald (13): 1, sp, best hen, Allan, grand stamp, rare size, rare length of side, full of nerves and qual.; 3, Henderson, nice size, grand shoulders and head; 4, Forsyth; 5, Munro; 6, Beattie; 7, Cook; 8, Cockburn; 9, Wilson. Tkd. (8): 1, Muir, grand size and qual., takes pos well; 2, Hope, grand size, prominent shoulders, decided drive; 3, Allan, nice length, not so thick through, but rare action; 4, McNiven; 5, West; 6, Carlow; 7, Lile; 8, Thornton. Green (3): 1, Simpson, grand size, rare action, full of style; 2, Muir, fair size and style, could be more prominent in shoulders; 3, Livingstone, fails in size, but stylish action. Pairs (9): 1, Dalgleish, grand sized yell. cock and buff pied hen, well matched pair, rather aged looking; 2, Thornton, clears, both of grand size and style, and well put up; 3, no name, clears, well matched and in rare order; 4, Paterson; 5, Hope; 6, 7, Veitch; 8, Beattie; 9, Carlow. Siel. Ck. (16): 1, Weston; 2, Hope; 3, Hendry; 4, Black; 5, Gordon; 6, Paterson; 7, Stirling; 8, Livingstone; 9, Millar. Hens (15): 1, McDougall; 2, Gibson; 3, Gordon; 4, King; 5, no name; 6, Millar; 7, 8, Black; 9, Hamilton. Belgians (4): 1, King, nice size, rare head and shoulders, easy style; 2, Baker, on the small side, but rare style and action; 3, 4, White.

WHITEHAVEN.

A capital response was given by exhibitors to the schedule issued for the third annual show of the Whitehaven Yorkshire Fanciers' C.B.S., Dec. 16. The Tangier Hall, in which the show was held, was this year taxed to its utmost capacity, no less than 300 exhibits being forwarded in the 21 classes provided. Yorks., with eight champion and three novice classes, averaged nine per class. Borders had an average of 20, and British reached 17 per class. A regrettable feature in the Border and British section was the passing by the judge, Mr. J. Ellwood, Cockermouth, of every exhibit whose cage contained anything else than plain canary seed, as stated in schedule. The section that suffered most was the British, no fewer than ten cages being debarred from competition in the A.O.V. Scedeater. Owing to the illness of the appointed judge for Yorkshires, Mr. Coulson, the Committee secured the services of Mr. Harryman, Penrith, a former south country exhibitor of Yorkshires, who gave every satisfaction in this section. The officials, Messrs. Brown, Barrie, Stewart, Walker, Buchannan, Armstrong, with Mr. Smith (chairman) and Mr. J. McLaughlin (sec.), each and all worked hard for the success of the show.

YORKS. CL. or TKD. (7): 1, 2, Stewart, leader fine length and pos., good col., qual. and cond., latter stylish, just behind in length; 3, Mrs. Coulson, close up to leaders; 4, Bradley; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Todd; c, Woodward. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Stewart, lovely qual., fine col.; 2, Woodward, shapely, fine pos.; 3, Coulson, well up, good carr. and pos.; vhc, Brown; hc, Richardson; c, Bradley. UNEVEN (11): 1, 4, Stewart, well made, fine qual.; 2, Crawhall, excellent shape, capital qual.; 3, Coulson; vhc, Seward; hc, Buchannan; c, Bradley. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Stewart, cl., excellent shape and qual., well up; 2, Bradley, variegated, cinn., fine qual. and pos.; 3, Buchannan, stylish, racy, and nicely cut away; 4, Coulson; hc, Brown. BUFF (8): 1, Crawhall, finely drawn, excellent feather and pos.; 2, Bradley, shade slimmer, good pos.; 3, Coulson, good stamp; 4, Brown; vhc Buchannan; hc, Stewart; c, Seward. 1916 YELL. CK. (10): 1, 3, Crawhall, leader fine length, clean cut all over, finely drawn, latter grand col. and cond., stylish; 2, Comber, fine pos., reachy, nicely shown; 4, Bradley; vhc, Stewart; hc, Havis; c, Tweedie. BUFF (12): 1, Miss Winder, beautiful feather, stylish and good cl.; 2, hc, Tweedie, finely drawn, better col., grand shape; 3, Comber, uneven, finely made, good carr. and pos.; 4, Coulson; vhc, Havis; c, Seward. HEN: 1, hc, Crawhall, variegated, fine length, grand pos. and qual.; 2, 3, Coulson, head tkd. yell. and cl. buff, both good upright carr., fine pos.; 4, Brown; vhc, Havis; hc, Comber; c, Wells. NOV. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Palmer, cl., nice shape, fine feather, well rounded; 2, Morgan, heavy variegated, nicely balanced properties; 3, Birkett, cl., nice shape; 4, English; vhc, hc, Barrie; c, Boundy. BUFF (10): 1, Winder, fine shape and qual.; 2, Boundy; 3, Barrie, both good pos., nice and stylish; 4, Cook and Madge; vhc, Palmer; hc, Boundy; c, Collins. HEN (6): 1, Boundy, cl., nice shape, fine qual.; 2, 3, Collins, 4 mkd. and cl., finely balanced properties, latter nice shape; 4, 5, Barrie; hc, Morgan; c, Todd. BORD. OD., TKD., or UNEVEN YELL. CK. (20): 1, Cooke and Adams, cl., nice shape, fine feather, nicely rounded, shade weak on head; 2, Dockerty, even mark, finely balanced, good type, this one had escaped the judge, in addition to being ineligible for the class it had chaff in cage bottom; 3, Smith; ex. 3, McLaughlin, both neat, shapely, and of fine qual.; 4, Higgins; vhc, c, Atkinson; hc, Nichol. BUFF (23): 1, Gill, excellent qual., fine shape, on the large side; 2, Willison, beauty for feather and type, right size; 3, Cooke and Adams, wonder for col.; fine qual. and shape; ex. 3, McFarlane, fine, shapely bird; 4, Waugh, another even-mark; vhc, Deacon; hc, Levason; c, Lancaster and Tranter. YELL. HEN (16): 1, McLaughlin, good col., not the qual. of some behind it, fair shape; 2, vhc, Lancaster and Tranter, paler col., fine waxy feather, head tkd.; 3, Cooke and Adams, eyes mkd., nice shape, neat; 4, Croft and Houlgrave; hc, Espie; c, Atkinson; No. 15 (Dixon) our choice, passed for having mixed seed in cage. BUFF (29): 1, Gill, fine qual. and pos., well rounded and well put down; 2, McFarlane, mkd. eyes and wings, shapely and good; 3, Cooke and Adams; ex. 3, Lancaster and Tranter, both shapely and good; 4, Willison, head and wing mkd. cinn., neat and stylish; vhc, Dixon; hc, Nichol; c, Atkinson. SELL. CL. (11): 1, Higgins; 2, Atkinson; 3, 4, Levason; 5, Willson Bros.; 6, 7, Moore and Son. GOLDF. (16): 1, 4, Johnstone, fine coloured blaze, well cut, good shape, cobby, fine cond., stiff hind claw; 2, vhc, Mackie and Reid, fine colours, good size, rather slimmer and not as free a shower as leader; 3, Curphy, similar stamp to winner, fine exhibit; hc, Dawson; c, Fitzsimmons. LINNET, H.M. (17): 1, Moore and Son, shapely, fine size, nice shade of col., well mkd.; 2, Curphy, close up, if anything a little sounder col. on breast; 3, Reay, well shown, good stamp; 4, Fleming; vhc, Miss Haile; hc, Seward; c, Southward and Hall. F.M. (19): 1, Seward, fine bird apparently, but soft when noting; 2, Skelton, beautiful shade of col., nice size, well laced; 3, Reay, beauty for markings and shape, neat and good; 4, Corkhill; vhc, Miss Hale; hc, Mackie and Reid; c, Fleck. SISKIN, Etc. (11): 1, 3, Mackie and Reid, finely conditioned Twite leading, good col. markings, 3 Redpoll; 2, Johnson, Siskin, nicely laced flanks, fair size, nice col.; 4 c, Marello and Son; vhc, Montague; hc, Skelton. A.O.V. SEEDEATER, SMALL (24): 1, 4, Marello and Son, house-moulted Bullie, good bright col., neatly cut and nice size; 2, Graham and Elliot, Yellowhammer, fair size, nice shape, not very clear in V; 3, Drabble, Greenf., fine shape and size, good head; ex. 3, hc, Johnson, another Bullie, similar stamp to winner; vhc, c, Lewis and Walker, several good birds in this class, passed for having sawdust, etc., in cages.

LONG EATON C.B.S.

Annual open and members' show Dec. 9, in the club room of the Blue Bell Hotel. Entries came up very fairly indeed, and the quality was very good, Mr. E. Fox showing a grand team of Norwich, and Mr. Wall staging a splendid team of Yorks. The birds were splendidly staged, and all could be seen at a glance, and were well looked after by a band of hard-working committee, who left nothing undone for the comfort of the birds. Special note should be made of the splendid display of the members' birds, which were truly a fine show. The cups were very keenly contested for. Mr. J. Turner makes a fine sec., and had things well in hand, and everything carried out A1. Mr. W. Vardy judged. There was a nice attendance.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Fox, cl., beautiful shape and cond., nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, wins easily, rare feather; 2, White, cl., smaller, but grand qual., nice broad head, good shape, lovely feather and cond.; 3, Jorden; vhc, Else. BUFF (4): 1, Fox, cl., lovely col. and qual., wins easily, A1 shape and size, neat head, good neck, nice front, A1 cond.; 2, Lidgett, cl., good shape and qual., beautiful feather and cond., faultless cond.; 3, Else; vhc, Eaton and Gregory. HEN (6): 1, Fox, cl. yell., grand shape, size and col., good broad head, nice feather and cond., rare chest, good qual.; 2, Lidgett, grand cl. buff, beautifully frosted, lovely col. and shape, pink of cond., we liked very much, close up; 3, Jorden; vhc, Twells; hc, White; c, Eaton and Gregory. VARIEG. (1): 1, Smith, buff, good col. and shape, nice feather and bloom, rare body, A1 style and size. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Morrell, cl. yell., good shape, size and qual., nice head, well filled in neck, rare cond.; 2, Eaton and Gregory. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Else, very large clears, in beautiful feather and bloom, shown to the moment; 2, Morrell, nice cl., looking ill; vhc, Smith. VARIEG. (2): 1, Twell, yell., nice shape, good col. and feather, not over large, A1 qual.; 2, White. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Wall, cl., wins, beautifully shown, lovely col., grand qual., nice head and neck, faultless feather; 2, Revill, cl., nice length and shape; 3, Twittey; vhc, Cope. BUFF (2): 1, Wall, lovely cl., nice pos. and style, good col. and shape, A1 feather and cond., faultlessly shown; 2, Cope. HEN (1): 1, Revill, cl. yell., moderate col. and qual., nice head, fair length. VARIEG. YELL. (1): 1, Revill. UNFLIG. YELL. (1): 1, Cope. BUFF (1): 1, Cope, cl., good feather and cond. VARIEG. (3): 1, Cope, best shape and length, good head, fair feather and qual.; 2, 3, Revill. CREST (1): 1, Barker, lovely D.C., in beautiful feather and cond., hard lines no competition. C.B. (1): 1, Barker, beautiful cl., in lovely cond. CREST, UNFLIG. (4): 1, Bowers, green, nice shape, fair crest, nice centre, A1 cond. and feather, well shown; 2, Barker, var., nice feather and shape, good col. and size, close up; 3, vhc, Hall. C.B. (1): 1, Bowers, variegated, grand feather and shape, nice col. and body, well shown. A.O.V. (3): 1, Lowe, very stylish and taking Lancashire coppy, in beautiful form; 2, Toone, buff Bord., very fit; 3, Bancroft, cl. yell. Bord. CAN. MULE (4): 1, vhc, Hayter and Bunn, Bullf.-Can., in usual cond., very good feather and size, grand qual.; 2, White, Goldf.; 3, Seamer. HYBRIDS (1): 1, Seamer. GOLDF. (2): 1, Twittey, grand shape and cond., nice square cut blaze, A1 feather and buttons; 2, Eaton and Gregory. BULLF. (3): 1, Gomersal, best of shape, grand cap and bars, nice breast, good size, A1 feather and cond.; 2, Rodges, smaller, good col., well shown; 3, Bousfield. GREENF. (5): 1, 2, Hayter and Bunn, good size and shape, very little between them, in pink of cond.; 2, Eaton and Gregory; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Gomersal. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Hexter, Bramble and Chaffinch, leader beautiful shape and

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size, nice feather, grand cond., lovely marks; 3, Eaton and Gregory, Bramble. LINNET (5): 1, Bowers, well pencilled, good shape and size, nice head, fine cond., wins well; 2, Simms, nice breast, good shape and size, faultless cond.; 3, Bowers, smaller; vhc, Rodgers; hc, Bousfield. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Sunnis, Twite, capital feather and shape, nice col. and shape, A1 cond., wins in good class; 2, 3, Hayter and Bunn, Redpoll and Twite, leader in lovely feather, very close up to winner, latter grand feather and bloom; vhc, Eaton and Gregory; c, Rodgers. MEMB., NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Smith; 2, Fox; 3, Lowe. BUFF (5): 1, Fox; 2, Wilcox; 3, Horwood; vhc, Smith; hc, Lowe. HEN (3): 1, Fox; 2, Smith; 3, Horwood. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, cup, Horwood; 2, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Wilcox; 2, Hexter; vhc, he, Horwood; c, Smith. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Wall; 2, Barber; 3, Lowe. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Wall; 2, hc, Barber; 3, Housley. HEN (3): 1, Barber; 2, Lowe; 3, Fox. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, rosebowl, Wilcox; 2, hc, Wall; 3, vhc, c, Barber. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Wall; 2, hc, Housley; vhc, c, Barber. CREST: 1, Barber. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Barker; 3, Barber. C.B. (2): 1, Barker; 2, Barber. BORD., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Turner. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Turner. YELL. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Bancroft, also cup best Bord.; 3, vhc, Turner. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Bancroft; 2, vhc, hc, Turner. MULE: 1, Barber. HYBRID: Cancelled. BULLF. (4): 1, Horwood; 2, Hexter; 3, Wilcox; vhc, Wilcox. GREENF. (2): 1, Hexter; 2, Housley. LINNET (3): 1, Hexter; 2, Horwood; 3, Barber. SISKIN (1): 1, Wilcox.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Ninth annual open contest, Dec 1, 2, Old Boar's Head, Manchester. Five classes were provided, with a splendid list of specials, including 3 cups in classes 1, 2 and 4; in classes 1 and 2 prizes were given down to the 9th bird. Entries reached 200, a record for the club, the judges, Mr. Oldroyd, Mr. Wareing, and Mr. Lyons having no easy task in allotting the prizes. Novice young birds hold the record of entries in one class, with 133; it must have been a trying task for Mr. Lyons, as he sat for 12 hours on the Friday and till 2 o'clock on Saturday to give every bird an equal chance. I think this is also a record for a judge to devote two days to one class. Several birds were claimed on the Saturday, including the first prize winners in classes 2 and 5, the former being claimed by 4 exhibitors at the catalogue price of £2, and finally sold for £3 5s. It speaks well for the owner, Mr. Vernon Cowpe, of Haslingden, as both his birds were claimed, the other getting hc. The new Sec. being unable to get off work, his duties were again undertaken by Mr. Kilshaw, of Bolton, who fulfilled the office to perfection. The stewards experienced some difficulties in despatching birds that were left over week-end, for several could not be got away till the Tuesday morning, owing to the railway companies being so short staffed. Mr. J. T. Johnson, Bacup, won 1st and 4th in champion young birds, the first prize winner being a splendid bird; Mr. Cowpe gained premier honour in novice young birds, Mr. R. Vernon in champion old birds, Mr. Beetson in amateur any age, and Mr. Wardleworth in £2 limit class. Mr. Lyons has the honour of winning the challenge cup and gold medal for best bird shown by a member with extra 1st in champion young birds. Several well-known visitors were present on the Saturday from all the well-known Roller centres, Wigan being represented by a small army of exhibitors, and the room was packed on the Saturday. A record entry and a good gate will make the show a big success.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (65) (judge, Mr. Oldroyd): 1, sp (cup), Johnson, HR 6, B 3, HB 4, S 3, G 3, WG 3, F 2, BR 2, GE 3, 29; ex 1, sp, Lyons, HR 6, B 3, HB 4, S 3, WG 4, F 3, BR 2, GE 3, 28; 2, sp, Wardleworth, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, F 3, S 3, WG 4, BR 2, GE 3, 28; ex 2, sp, Jack Tomlinson, HR 5, B 3, HB 3, S 4, WG 3, F 3, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 29, 1 off aufzug, 28; 3, sp, Heatherley, HR 5, B 4, HB 3, S 3, G 3, WG 4, F 2, BR 2, GE 3, 29, 1 off aufzug, 28; ex 3, sp, Hibbert, HR 6, B 3, S 3, HB 4, WG 4, F 2, BR 2, GE 3, 27; 4, sp, J. Tomlinson, HR 5, B4, HB 4, S 3, WG 3, F 3, BR 2, GE 3, 27½ ex 4, sp, Johnson, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, S 3, WG 4, F 2, BR 2, GE 3, 27; 1, vhc, and sp, Smith, HR 5, B 4, HB 3, S 3, WG 4, F 2, BR 2, G 2, GE 3, 28, 1 off sharp bell, 27; vhc, Heatherley, 27; hc, Montague, Roebuck, Hayward, Massey, Adams, Bumby, 26 points each; c, Jack Tomlinson, 27, 1 off faults, 26. NOVICE YOUNG Birds (133) (judge, James Lyons): 1, sp, cup, Cowpe, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, S 2, G 3, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, 29; ex 1, sp, J. Harrison, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 3, G 3, WG 2, F 2, DBWT 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 29, 1 off aufzug, 28; 2, sp, Mather, HR 5, B 4, HB 3, S 2, WG 2, F 2, DBWT 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 27; ex 2, sp, Hilson, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 3, G 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 3, 27; 3, sp, Stephenson, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, S 3, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 3, 27; ex 3, sp, Jackson, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, S 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 27; 4, sp, Evans, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, S 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 27; ex 4, sp, Edgerley, HB 5, B 5, HB 3, S 2, WG 2, 1st, vhc, and sp, Barnes, BR 5, B 5, HB 2, S 3, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 27; F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, 27; Mead, Macdonald, Thwaites, 27 each; hc, Hirst, Farrimond, Cowpe, 28, 1 ea off faults 27; c, Johnson, Mead, Barnshaw, Barnes, Kimpton, Routledge (2), Britton (2), Mather, Scott, Vernon, Culshaw, Macdonald. CHAMP. OLD BIRDS. (Judge, Mr. G. Wareing.): 1, Vernon, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 2, WG 2, F 3, BR 2, BT 2, GE 5, 27; 2, Beetson, HR 5, B 4, HB 3, S 3, WG 3, F2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, 26; 3, Lomax, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 3, WG 3, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, 26; 4, Mrs. Johnson, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 3, G 2, WG 2, F 1, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, 25; vhc, Roebuck, 24; hc, Watson, Routledge, Wardleworth, 24; c, Barnett, 25; 1 off faults, 24; Wardleworth, 25, 1 off, 24. AMATEUR (Judge, Mr. G. Wareing): 1, Balson, HR 4, B 3, HB 2, S 3, G 2, WG 3, F 2, BR 1, BT 2, GE 5, 27; 2, Mrs. Condliffe, HR 4, B 2 HB 2, S 3, G 2, WG 3, F 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 5, 27; 3, Barnes, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, S 3, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, 26; 4, Ashworth, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, S 3, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, 26; vhc, Smith, Barnes 25 each; hc, Jack Tomlinson, Fletcher, Greenall, Hickton, and Ollier, 24 each; c, Smith, Culshaw, Jack Tomlinson, Gradwell, Thacker, Earnshaw, Kempton. £2 LIMIT: 1, Wardleworth, 24 points; 2, Evans, 24; 3, Jobson, 23; 4, Barnes, 22; vhc, Hunter, 22; hc, Robinson, 21; c, Unsworth, 21.—J. T. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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MAESTEG C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Dec. 6, in the billiard room of the Bird and Hand Hotel, a lofty, spacious, nicely decorated room, around which the exhibits, nearly 100, were tastefully arranged, with numerous decorative plants. The show proceeded like clockwork, and the fact that some 400 tickets were sold before the show opened speaks well for the energy and enthusiasm of the sec., Mr. Owen Couzens, and his committee and members. Mr. E. W. Allsopp judged.

In the Plainheads W. Morgan won in the class for cocks with a capital all round cl. buff, and in hens class with a vareg. yell., which also captured sp for best Plainhead. Messrs. Roberts, Williams, and Griffiths won in Yorkshires, the first named being awarded sp best Yorks. and sp best Canary. In the British 1st and 2nd in Hen Goldfinches fell to Owen Couzens, both exhibits having expansive, square cut blazes, though both lack hard condition. The F.M. class was won by T. Griffiths with a promising bird, C. Huntley won in H.M. Linnets, also sp best Linnet, W. Mortimer in F.M. A capital Bullfinch won for O. Couzens, whilst C. Huntly headed the Greenfinches. W. Evans won in British hens with a Bullf. hen, and O. Couzens won 1st and sp best exhibit in show with a topping Jonque dark Linnet Mule.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

Ninth annual show, Dec. 2, in the National School, and a very creditable exhibition. Several of the members have been called to the colours, but those who remain are striving hard to keep the flag flying. In this endeavour they are receiving valuable assistance from the President (Alderman J. T. Whipp), and vice-president (Alderman W. Hardacre), who figured as opener and chairman respectively. Entries were about 40 less than last year. A number of special prizes were offered, chief amongst these being the society's challenge cup for best bird. This was awarded to Mr. L. Grainger, the 2nd to Mr. R. Calverley, and prize for best hen fell to Mr. Barnes, who also won Mr. Hargreave's special. Mr. J. Cook won Ramsden's special for hottest fed. Mr. E. Godley judged; Mr. J. Cook, show manager.

Cl., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Calverley; 2, Higson; 4, Barnes; vhc, Grainger; hc, Cook; c, Bell. Buff: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, Barnes; 3, Grainger; 4, Higson; hc, Bell. Tkd. or Uneven Mkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Cook; 2, Higson; 3, Bell; 4, Grainger. Buff: 1, 4, Grainger; 2, Barnes; 3, Cook. Yell. Hen: 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Higson; 3, hc, Grainger; vhc, c, Bell. Buff: 1, 4, Barnes; 2, hc, Grainger; 3, vhc, Cook. Yell. Hen, Unflig.: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Calverley; 4, Grainger; vhc, hc, c, Cook. Buff: 1, 4, Grainger; 2, 3, Calverley; vhc, Barnes; hc, Cook; c, Higson. Yell. Ck.: 1, vhc, Grainger; 2, Cook; 3, c, Barnes; 4, hc, Calverley. Buff: 1, Higson; 2, 3, 4, Grainger; vhc, Barnes; c, Bell. Nat. Col. Ck.: 1, Higson. Hen: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Grainger; 4, vhc, Cook; hc, Higson. Scll.: 1, Cook; 2, 3, Southworth. Brit.: 1, 2, Grainger.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.S.

Annual show, Headquarters, 2, Cheapside, Dec. 13, open to members and fanciers within the parliamentary borough. Mr. H. Norman officiated, the 16 classes drawing close on 100 birds. Quality and condition were both good, some extra fine birds being staged by well-known local fanciers. Special winners:—Silver Canary cup, medal, and diploma, Mrs. H. T. Gibb, Border Fancy, the first time a lady member has won cup; reserve medal, H. T. Gibb, Yorks.; British cup, medal, and diploma, also res., James, Goldfinch and Yellow Bunting; Mule and Hyhrid cup, medal, and club diploma, also res., James, Goldf.-Canary and Siskin-Greenfinch; best Canary entered for cup of other breed to winner, H. T. Gibb, Yorks.; best Nov. Can., Gorman; members' Yorks., H. T. Gibb; Norwich, Frost and Rogers; A.O.V. Can., Mrs. H. T. Gibb; most points Canary Section, Frost and Rogers; British, James; F.M., 1, H. T. Gibb; 2, Firth; best bird exhibited by lady, open special, Mrs. H. T. Gibb; best Canary, Frost and Rogers.

Champ. Yorks. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Frost and Rogers; 2, spl, hc, H. T. Gibb; 3, Pearson; c, Firth. Nov. (6): 1, 2, hc, c, Gorman; 3, vhc, Fellows. 1916 (17): 1, hc, c, Frost and Rogers; 2, cup, res., 2 spls., H. T. Gibb; 3, vhc, spl, Firth. Champ. Nor. (5): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Frost and Rogers; 2, hc, spl, H. T. Gibb. Nov. (2): 1, 2 spls., 2, Gorman. 1916 (4): 1, 2, 3, Frost and Rogers; vhc, spl, H. T. Gibb. A.O.V. Can. (4): 1, 3, Mrs. H. T. Gibb; 2, vhc, Brown. 1916: 1, cup, 2 spls., Mrs. H. T. Gibb. Light Mule and Hyb. (6): 1, cup res., James; 2, vhc, spl, hc, Smith; 3, Brown. Dark (10): 1, cup, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, James; hc, Miss Mantell. Goldf. or Bullf. (8): 1, cup, 2, spl, James; 3, H. T. Gibb; vhc, hc, c, Travers. Linnet, Etc. (5): 1, James; 2, H. T. Gibb; 3, vhc, hc, Travers. Greenf. or Chaffinch (2): 1, 2, James. A.O. Brit. (4): 1, cup res, spl, 3, James; 2, vhc, H. T. Gibb. F.M. (4): 1, Firth; 2, 3, H. T. Gibb.—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

EASTERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Show in aid of the Red Cross funds, Dec. 9, Art Gallery, Ipswich. Members' classes were the mainstay, and altogether it was a very nice show, with plenty of visitors, despite the weather. Several members of the newly formed East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club paid us a visit and seemed very pleased with the result of this, our first attempt at open classes. Entries in these classes did not quite come up to our expectation, but with better classification another year, I feel sure we shall meet with a very hearty support. We received the patronage of the East A.N.P. Club, for which we tender them our best thanks.

OPEN CLASSES: Nor. Yell. Cock: 1, sp, Rippon, eye mkd. Yell., good col., grand head (unflighted); 2, Harrod, eye mkd. yell., lovely feather and col., very close; 3, Shearing, cl., much larger than the 1st and 2nd, good col., little open in feather, good stock bird; 4, Shearing; vhc, Gordon Stewart; hc, Martin. Buff: 1, sp, 2, Rippon, beautiful cl. and eye and wing mkd., 1st grand col. and qual., round as an apple; 2nd, similar stamp, both unflighted; 3, Gordon-Stewart, wing tkd., good size, not quite the qual.; 4, vhc, Hurst; hc, Hall. Yell. Hen: 1, sp, Gordon-Stewart, eye and wing mkd., nice carr., typical, wins; 2, Kerr, bit rough when taking notes; 3, J. J. Smith, cap and wing mkd., typical Norwich, good wings and tail; 4, vhc, Hurst; hc, Olle. Buff: 1, sp, J. J. Smith, a bouncer, nat. col., good head and body, well braced wings, neat tail, wins; 2, 4, Shearing, variegs., good subs., a little soft just now; 4th, clear, nice feather, a little long in tail; 3, vhc, Hall, another clear, of good shape, must have pressed for 2nd; hc, Tomlinson; c, Hall. Unflig. Ck., £5 Limit: 1, spl, Rippon, cl., splendid qual. feather, nice wedge shape body, well fed; 2, Kerr, grizzle head, mkd., good feather, splendid wings; 3, J. J. Smith, larger than 1st and 2nd, clear, but not quite finished, will make a good one; 4, c, J. C. Smith, nice cl.; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Harrod. Hen, £5 Limit: 1, sp, Harrod, eye mkd., nice head and neck, good shape, clean [illegible] Tomlinson, cl., grand feather, good wedge shape body, trifle weak in head, or would have won; 3, Olle, wing mkd., beautiful feather, good shape; vhc, Gordon-Stewart; hc, Olle; c, Clarke.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: Cl., etc., Nor. Yell. (4): 1, Miss Olsen; 2, Clarke; 3, vhc, Gordon-Stewart. Buff (5): 1, sp, Gordon-Stewart; 3, Clarke; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Miss Olsen. Green or Heavy Mkd. (7): 1, sp, Cook; 2, 3, Gordon-Stewart; vhc, hc, Clarke; hc, Robinson. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 3, sp, Gordon-Stewart; 2, Miss Olsen; vhc, Clark; hc, Robinson; c, Mitchell. Buff (8): 1, sp, 3, Gordon-Stewart; 2, Mitchell; vhc, c, Clarke; hc, Robinson. Non-Fed (5): 1, sp, Gordon-Stewart; 2, 3, Miss Olsen; vhc, Clarke; hc, Cook. Unflig. Yell. (7): 1, sp, Clarke; 2, Miss Olsen; 3, Mitchell; vhc, hc, Gordon-Stewart. Buff (7): 1, sp, hc, Gordon-Stewart; 2, c, Robinson; 3, vhc, Miss Olsen. Cinn. Ck. (6): 1, sp, vhc, Bevan; 2, hc, Robinson; 3, Cook; c, Hammond. Hen (5): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Bevan; 3, hc, Cook. Unflig. (13): 1, sp, vhc, Hammond; 2, hc, c, Bevan; 3, Cook. Yorks. Yell. (5): 1, sp, hc, Buxton; 2, 3, Mitchell; vhc, Hammond. Buff (9): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Mitchell; 3, Hammond; hc, c, Buxton. A.O.V. (10): 1, sp, vhc, Miss Olsen; 2, hc, c, Gunn; 3, Bevan. Nov. Nor. (18): 1, sp, 2, Miss Olsen; 3, Buxton; vhc, Gordon-Stewart; hc, Hammond; c, Lloyd. Mule or Hyb. (3): 1, sp, 2, Cook; 3, Miss Olsen. Goldf. or Bullf. (9): 1, sp, 3, Cook; 2, hc, Andrews Bros.; vhc, Miss Olsen; c, Gunn. A.O. Brit. (9): 1, sp, vhc, Cook; 2, 3, Andrews Bros.; hc, c, Miss Olsen. For. (22): All awards, Andrews Bros.—W. Barritt, hon. sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Seventh annual members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock; 155 entries. Winners of specials and cups, Dr. Gray's Cup, Novice Cup, most points Canaries, most points Nor., and Mule, Smith. Mr. F. Barker's Cup, best Brit., specials best Brit., For., and most points For., Hartshorn. Mr. F. Barker's Cup, best British Non-fed, Lumby; Mr. F. Barker's Cup for most points, Mules or Hybrids, three shows, H. Brown. Most points, Yorks., 2nd most points Brit., Blanchon. Second most points Yorks., Truman. Nor., Evans. Most points Brit., Cowling. Most points not gaining a prize, Straw.

Yorks. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, Blanchon; 2, J. Brown; 3, Whittington. Buff (7): 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Whittington. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Truman; 2, Blanchon; 3, Sunderland. Buff (5): 1, Whittington; 2, Blanchon; 3, Truman. Varieg. (4): 1, Brown; 2, Truman; 3, Spittlehouse. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, Lumby; 2, Sunderland; 3, Truman. Buff (9): 1, Lumby; 2, Truman; 3, Blanchon. Hen (8): 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Truman. Nor. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, 3, Evans; 2, Smith. Buff (5): 1, Smith; 2, Evans; 3, Cooke. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Truman. Buff (3): 1, Smith; 2, Evans; 3, Lewis. Variegs. (4): 1, Hartshorn; 2, 3, Simpson. Unflig. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Evans. Buff (3): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Evans. Hen (7): 1, 2, 3, Smith. Goldf. or Bullf. (10): 1, Blanchon; 2, Evans; 3, Cowling. Greenf. (5): 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Cowling. Linnet (8): 1, Hartshorn; 2, Evans; 3, Kelly. Siskin, etc. (8): 1, Evans; 2, 3, Cowling. A.O. Hardbill (5): 1, 2, Cowling; 3, Truman. F.M. Hardbill (10): 1, Lumby; 2, Blanchon; 3, Fielding. Brit. Hen (7): 1, Lumby; 2, Evans; 3, Bescoby. Softbill: 1, Truman. Light Var., Mule or Hyb.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Blanchon. Dark (9): 1, Twine; 2, Brown; 3, Kelly. For. (6): 1, 2, Hartshorn; 3, Truman.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Fourth annual show, St. John's Hall, Nov. 20.; 191 birds entered. Mr. Rohson judged. The show was the best ever held by the society. Specials were numerous, Mr. Colin Brown assisting materially in that direction. Miss Squires gave 5s.; Mr. Baker, Cowes, 5s. for best Nov. Nor., won by Mr. Martin; and Dr. Weeks, of Southampton, 2s. 6d., won by Mr. Hollingsworth. Almost every member gave a spl. Mr. W. H. Phipps took Mr. Jones' special of 5s., Miss Squires' 2s. 6d., and Mr. Colin Brown's 5s. for best champ. Nor. ck. Our Wokingham friends helped us also, and Mr. Wilson has given freely, also Miss Garland. Mr. T. Harris won spl. best Yorks., a grand bird. Mr. Snow gave us a treat with his threo Hybrids. Mr. Hatton, M.R.C.V.S., also gave a spl. Our sympathies go out to Mr. Baker, of Cowes, in the sad affliction which has overtaken his wife, her eyesight grievously failing her.

Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3 spls, hc, W. H. Phipps; 2, E. Randall; 3, Wilson; vhc, Birch. Buff: 1, Mrs. Eagle; 2, hc, Dyer; 3, Wilson; vhc, J. W. Phipps; c, Birch. Yell. Hen: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Wilson; 3, Dyer; vhc, Birch; hc, Randall; c, W. H. Phipps. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, vhc, W. H. Phipps; 3, Wilson; hc, Randall; c, Hollingsworth. Yell. Unflig.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Hollingsworth; vhc, c, J. W. Phipps; hc, Birch; c, W. H. Phipps. Buff: 1, Birch; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, vhc, Hillingsworth; c, Kearey. Yell. Ck.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, hc, Harris; vhc, c, Huxley. Yorks. Buff Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, Harris; 3, c, Huxley; hc, Brown. Yell. Hen: 1, Miss Garland; 2, hc, Harris; 3, Brown; vhc, c, Huxley; c, Mrs. Eagle. Buff: 1, Miss Garland; 2, 3, hc, Harris; vhc, Mrs. Eagle; c, Kearey. Yorks. Yell. Unflig.: 1, 2, hc, Harris; 3, Brown; vhc, Miss Garland. Buff: 1, Miss Garland; 2, hc, Kearey; 3, vhc, c, Harris. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, Hollingsworth; vhc, Birch; hc, Martin; c, Gibson. Finches: 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Birch; 3, c, Foreman; vhc, Mrs. Eagle; hc, Romer. Sell.: 1, 3, vhc, Brown; 2, Birch; hc, Harris. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Snow; 3, Hollingsworth; c, Kearey. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Foreman; 3, Mrs. Ward; c, Kearey. Nor. Yell. Ck. Unflig.: 1, Martin; 2, Jones; 3, vhc, Springett; hc, c, Frith. Buff: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Springett; vhc, hc, Frith. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Frith; 2, Springett; c, Martin. Buff: 1, Martin; 2, Springett; 3, Hatch; vhc, Frith; hc, Snow; c, Miss Crawley. Yell. Unflig.: 1, Hatch; 2, Martin; 3, Frith. Buff: 1, Snow; 2, Martin; 3, c, Hatch; vhc, c, Frith. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Romer; 2, Phipps; 3, Jones. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Phipps; vhc, Chapman. Yell. Unflig.: 1, Phipps; 2, Chapman; 3, Foreman. Buff: 1, Chapman; 2, Phipps

GAINSBOROUGH.

Fifth annual members' show, Dec. 9, in Co-operative Hall. The entry was a capital one, and quality extra. Staging was neatness itself, all benches tastefully decorated. Yorks. were a nice collection, the best lot seen at this show, but Norwich took pride of place, pressed hard by a delightful assortment of British. Special winners: Best 1916, Jackson; best in show, Newbert; rose bowl, Newbert, with a very massive and grand quality cl. yell. Nor.; best Brit. and best 2nd do., Messrs. Miller and Hulatt. Judging was over in good time, and cards displayed promptly. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

Cl. Yell. Nor. (6): 1, sp, Newbert; 2, Miller and Hulatt; 3, vhc, Green; hc, King and Sergeantson; c, Crowson. Buff (5): 1, Green; 2, Conway Bros.; 3, Miller and Hulatt; vhc, Newbert; hc, Rogers. Tkd. Yell. (7): 1, King and Sergeantson; 2, Newbert; 3, vhc, hc, Conway Bros.; c, Crowson. Buff (5): 1, King and Sergeantson; 2, 3, Green; vhc, Crowson; hc, Jackson. Yell. Hen (7): 1, Newbert; 2, Rogers; 3, hc, c, Conway Bros.; vhc, Green. Buff (8): 1, hc, Conway Bros.; 2, 3, King and Sergeantson; vhc, Newbert; c, Green. Yell, 1916: 1, King and Sergeantson; 2, Miller and Hulatt; 3, vhc, Green; hc, Newbert. Buff (3): 1, Conway Bros.; 2, Newbert; 3, King and Sergeantson. Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, vhc, Conway Bros.; 2, Green; 3, King and Sergeantson. Buff (3): 1, sp, c, Jackson; 2, King and Sergeantson; 3, Green; vhc, hc, Conway Bros. Yell. Hen (8): 1, hc, Conway Bros.; 2, vhc, Green; 3, King and Sergeantson; c, Crowson. Buff (12): 1, c, King and Sergeantson; 2, hc, Conway Bros.; 3, Jackson; vhc, Green. Yell. Yorks. (6): 1, 2, Jackson; 3, vhc, Cooper; hc, Antingham. Buff (4): 1, Short; 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Antingham. Hens (6): 1, Antingham; 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Short; hc, Cooper; c, Jackson. Hen, 1916 (3): 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Jackson. Unflig. (5): 1, Jackson; 2, Conway Bros.; 3, vhc, hc, Cooper. Sell., 20s. (5): 1, Conway Bros.; 2, Miller and Hulatt; 3, Green; vhc, Jackson; hc, Newbert. 15s. (7): 1, Green; 2, Conway Bros.; 3, vhc, Jackson; hc, Crowson; c, Miller and Hulatt. 10s. (5): 1, vhc, Conway Bros.; 2, Green; 3, hc, Jackson. Goldf. (7): 1, Miller and Hulatt; 2, Jackson; 3, Farr; vhc, Clayton; hc, Green; c, Farr. Linnet (8): 1, 2, Miller and Hulatt; 3, Green; vhc, c, Rogers; hc, Clayton. A.O.V. (10): 1, hc, Miller and Hulatt; 2, Clayton; 3, Jackson; vhc, Farr; c, Green. Softbill (1): 1, Antingham. Mule (3): 1, Green; 2, 3, Antingham. Sell. (7): 1, vhc, Green; 2, hc, c, Miller and Hulatt; 3, Rogers. For. (2): 1, 2, Miller and Hulatt. Nat. Col. (3): 1, Miller and Hulatt; 2, Short; 3, Farr.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Successful members' show, Dec. 9, headquarters. The entry was good, over 250 birds being staged, and there was a distinct advance in merit, as compared with last year. In Yorks. some very fine specimens were on view, particularly the unfl. Clear Yellow of Mr. T. Ridal, which won special for best bird. Norwich were not so numerous, but quality was superb. Crested and Crestbred exhibitors came up well, and the birds included several excellent specimens. In fact, the section was almost equal to an open show. British and Foreign were a treat, and included many well-known exhibits. The keenest competition was in the unfighted classes for the cups, which were awarded as follows:—Yorks.: W. Bingham. Nor.: Irviue Hartley. Crest: J. Evans. Brit.: P. Walsh. For.: R. Colton. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

Yorks Ck.: 1, 3, Dr. Craig; 2, Dawn; vhc, Spencer; hc, Cook; c, Ridal. Hen: 1, 2, Craig; 3, Gregory; vhc, c, Spencer; hc, Cook. Unfl. Yell.: 1, Ridal; 2, vhc, Bingham; 3, hc, Spencer; c, Gregory. Buff: 1, 2, Bingham; 3, vhc, hc, Spencer; c, Gregory. Yell. Hen: 1, Bingham; 2, 3, Spencer; vhc, hc, c, Ridal. Buff: 1, vhc, Bingham; 2, Gregory; 3, hc, Spencer; c, Ridal. Variegs.: 1, vhc, Ridal; 2, Bingham; 3, hc, c, Spencer. Nov.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Humphreys; hc, Cook. Mkd. or Variegs.: 1, Cook; 2, 3, Humphreys. Nor. Ck.: 1, Waters; 2, 3, c, Gifford; vhc, hc, Ducker. Hen: 1, vhc, Hartley; 2, Waters; 3, Ducker; hc, Gifford; c, Tow. Unfl. Yell.: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Ducker. Buff: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Hartley; vhc, Tow. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Gifford; hc, c, Ducker. Buff: 1, vhc, Hartley; 2, Waters; 3, Tow; hc, Ducker, Variegs.: 1, Waters; 2, Hartley; 3, Gifford; vhc, Ducker; hc, Tow. Nov. Unfl.: 1, 3, hc, Lister; 2, vhc, c, Roberts. Variegs.: 1, 3, vhc, Lister; 2, hc, Roberts. Crest.: 1, Morne; 2, Dawn; 3, Evans; vhc, hc, Memmott; c, Peace. C.B. Ck.: 1, 2, Peace; 3, Richardson; vhc, Evans; hc, c, Memmott. Hen: 1, Peace; 2, Memmott; 3, Moore. Crest Ck.: 1, vhc, Evans; 2, Moore; 3, Memmott; hc, Peace; c, Richardson. Hen: 1, vhc, Peace; 2, hc, Evans; 3, c, Moore. C.B. Ck.: 1, 2, hc, Evans; 3, vhc, Moore; c, Dawn. Hen: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Peace; vhc, Dawn; hc, Moore; c, Memmott. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, 3, Walsh; vhc, Fletcher, hc, Green; c, Beech. Linnet: 1, 3, Walsh; 2, c, Beech; vhc, Green; hc, Fletcher. Greenf.: 1, vhc, Walsh; 2, 3, Green; hc, c, Beech. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Beech; 2, Fletcher; 3, vhc, c, Walsh; c, Green. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, vhc, Walsh; 3, Beech; hc, Green. Insectiv., Small: 1, Walsh; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Darton. Large: 1, Darton; 2, Green; 3, Walsh; vhc, Beech. Nov. Goldf., etc.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lindley; hc, Humphreys. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, Cook; 2, 3, Roberts; vhc, hc, Humphreys. In the Foreign section the honours were between G. Fletcher and R. Colton.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Seventeenth annual Show, Dec. 2, Buccleuch Street Halls. A good turnout of birds, about 270; not so many as previous years, but quality throughout was well maintained. The Norwich Cup, S.P.C. medal, Border Cup, and B.F.C.C. medal, were won by Alan Bell; Maule Cup and gold medal for best bird, W. R. Finnie. Judges: Nor., Mr. J. Holmes; Bord., Mr. J. Hamilton; Brit. and For., Mr. J. Dewar—and all gave satisfaction.

Nor. Yell. Ck. (12): 1, Hilsen; 2, 3, 7, Sturmont; 4, Bell; 5, 6, Nelson; 8, Charlton. Buff (13): 1, 2, 3, Nelson; 4, 5, 6, Stormont; 7, 8, Thomson. Varieg. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, 3, 5, Finnie; 2, Stormont; 4, Bell; 6, Charlton; 7, Craig. Green or Varieg. Buff Ck. (6): 1, 4, 6, Finnie; 2, Bell; 3, Craig; 5, Carson. Yell. Hen (14): 1, Nelson; 2, Hilson; 3, 6, Stormont; 4, Finnie; 5, Thomson; 7, 8, Charlton. Buff (13): 1, 3, 6, Finnie; 2, 4, 5, Nelson; 7, Craig; 8, Insill, Jnr. Varieg. Yell. Hen (10): 1, 2, Nelson; 3, 8, Finnie; 4, 7, Thomson; 5, Insill, Jnr.; 6, Stormont. Buff (7): 1, 5, Bell; 2, 3, Finnie; 4, Stormont; 6, Thomson; 7, Craig. Non-Fed (2): 1, Finnie; 2, Thomson. Yell. Ck., Nov. (2): 1, 2, Sclater. Crest: 1, Stevenson. C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Stevenson. Cinn. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Charlton. Nor. Ck. (Old Bird): 1, Buglass; 2, Hilson. Nor. Hen (4): 1, Nelson; 2, Hilson; 3, Buglass. Pair: 1, Stevenson. Bord. Yell. Ck (10): 1, 4, Thomson; 3, Stevenson; 2, Hook; 5 Colquhoun; 6, Dods; 7, Hutchison. Buff (12): 1 Colquhoun; 2, 4, Dods; 3, 5, 6, Bell; 7, Hook; 8, Hutchison. Green Ck. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dods; 5 Hutchison; 6, 7, Stevenson; 2, Insill, Jnr. Varieg. Ck. (9): 1, Hutchison; 2, 3, 5, Colquhoun; 4, Dods; 6, 7 Hook. Yell. Hen (10): 1, 2, 5, Dods; 3, 7, Hook; 4, 6, Bell; 8, Hutchison. Buff (9): 1, Bell; 2, Dods; 3, 4, Hutchison; 5, 6, Thomson. Green Hen (9): 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, Dods; 3, 5, Hutchison; 6, Stevenson. Cinn. Ck. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass. Cinn. Hen (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass. Variegs. Hen (11): 1, 2, 3, Hutchison; 4, 5, Dods; 6, 8, Colquhoun; 7, Hook. Yell. Nov. (4): 1, 2, 3, Cochrane; Buff (2): 1, Cochrane. Bord. Ck., Old Bird (3): 1, Hook; 2, Cochrane; 3, Stevenson. Hen: 1, Stevenson; 2, Hook. Cl. or Var. Mule (2): 1, 2, Finnie. Dark Goldf. Mule

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Scotland.

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1917.
Jan. 3-4.—City of Glasgow O.A.—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen.).

Wales.

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Jan. 9.—Llanelly C.B.S.—(H. Webster, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.)

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Twitterings.

Tring Sparrow Club has in two years killed 23,443 Sparrows.

We hear that an annual open show of the Swansea C.B.A. is fixed for the second Wednesday in November, 1917.

Mr. Jack Tomlinson, Wigan, writes that he is no relation of Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, Staffs, who judged his birds in the champion class at the recent show of the Wigan R.C.C.

Owing to the Military Authorities having taken over the Town Hall, writes Mr. J. Laidler, the show of the Paisley O.S., Jan. 2, will be held in the Boy Scouts' Hall, Thread Street.

While we were packing the birds on Saturday night, writes Mr. J. McLaughlin, hon. sec. Whitehaven Y.F.S., 37a George Street, Whitehaven, someone lifted one of Mr. Fleck's Linnets. Will the person who took it kindly return same?

I have taken over the duties of Secretary of the Maesteg and District C.B.S. in succession to Mr. O. Cozens, resigned, writes C. Williams, 247, Bridgend Road, Maesteg, Glam. Anyone requiring any information regarding the Society should apply to me at the address given.

Mr. A. Sutcliffe, hon. sec. Halifax C.B.S., writes that visitors to the open show of Dec. 30 in the King Cross Liberal Club, King Cross, Halifax, should take the first stage of the King Cross car route, and alight at Queen's Road end, from which the club is only two minutes' walk.

Mr. H. H. Mortimer writes that as he only accepted pro tem. the secretaryship of the Abertillery C.B.S., he wishes to report that at a special meeting held on Dec. 21, it was decided that the assistant sec., Mr. J. Webber, Nanty Graig, East Side, Cwmtillery, should be secretary, and that Mr. W. Scott be assistant sec.

Kindly appeal to fanciers to support us on January 4th, writes Mr. W. D. Lewis, secretary Pontypool C.B.S. Not a single entry to date. Proceeds are for charity. Plenty of open specials; good hall, well lighted, free from draught, and within 200 yards of two stations. Birds will be well looked after by capable fanciers. Please see review of schedule, and enter from the same.

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Corrections in Show Reports.

In the report of Barrow Red Cross Show, 1st in Amateur Buff Norwich should read Shorrock, not Huggins.

Prize Money Paid.

All prize money and specials for Larkhall C.B.A. Red Cross Show have been sent out. Any fancier who may have been overlooked should please communicate with the secretary, T. H. McGregor, 48, Sarahville Crescent, Larkhall.

In Aid of a Stricken Roller Canary Fancier.

In response to a letter published in our issue of Dec. 16 appealing for funds to purchase a self-propelling car for Mr. T. Simpson, of Wakefield, a well-known Roller fancier who is rendered almost helpless by spinal disease, we have received half a crown from Mr. W. N. Shepley, the author of the article on the Old and the New Bell Glucke which appeared in our last issue. This would appear to be a case where "He who gives quickly gives twice," for the need is an urgent one, and we shall be pleased to receive and acknowledge further subs. for this very worthy object.

A Tall Magpie Story.

"Gareth," whose Sporting Notions columns in the "Referee" are often enlivened by interesting birdy notes, says that he has received from the Editor a letter from a reader whose son at the front wrote him as follows:—"The following is very tall, but true as gospel. We have a retrieving Magpie here! It goes shooting with some brother officers, and gets to the victim almost before it reaches the ground; its only fault is that if you are not quick it starts to consume the 'bag.' If a bird is missed it cocks its eye at the shooter on the first occasion, on the second it will scream, and should you unfortunately miss a third it goes off to try and catch it for itself."

Why Not More Foreign Finch Hybrids?

Referring to the Alario-Greenfinch Hybrid, an account of the breeding of which was given by the owner, Mr. S. A. Reynolds, in our issue of Dec. 2, "J. G.," in the "Scotsman," says: "At the recent Clapham exhibition an interesting exhibit was staged by a Stourbridge exhibitor. This was a cross between an Alario finch cock and a British Greenfinch hen. Unfortunately, the judge marked it "wrong class," as he could not make out its parentage, and put it down as a Cinnamon Greenfinch-Canary mule. This was not surprising, as the young Hybrid is a hen, and neither of its parents possesses distinctive high colouring in their plumage. It has, however, the decidedly characteristic Alario head, without the father's cap marking. The Alario finch, although a native of the East, has none of the orthodox bright colouring usually associated with birds from that zone. Its body colour is a nice shade of brown, with a breast of grey and black cap over the head, a soft, beautiful blending, even if somewhat sombre. . . . The crossing of the foreign finches with our British birds opens up a wide field for experimenting amongst those interested in hybridising, and it is to be regretted that some of our leading ornithological societies do not offer some encouragement by providing classes for such exhibits."

A Thought for the Wild Birds.

Even in these economical times, says the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph," there are many crumbs and scraps, otherwise useless, which it is humane to save for the birds. These little minstrels are feeling the pinch of the frosty weather, as was evidenced by the eagerness with which they crowded to our bird-table one sharp morning lately.

First visitor of all was the Song-Thrush, a sensitive bird which hardly seems fitted by nature to endure the English winter. A period of cold weather invariably thins the ranks of this species, and, in such Arctic winters as that of 1894-5, the Song-Thrush has come dangerously near extinction. Those who know and love his cheery song, one of the earliest of the year, will realise that such a result would be a tragedy.

The Blackbird is a very shy and casual visitor, and the hen seems the only one to venture even when we have a visit from that species. The Blackbird seems unlucky in his plumage. It is so very conspicuous, especially in the white and leafless landscape. Nor does the striking gold of his bill help matters in this respect. Evidently the Blackbird's too conspicuous feathers have made him a marked and cautious bird.

Hunger, however, will tame a lion, and, if the frost should become prolonged, not only Blackbirds, but even shyer inhabitants of the wilds will come near to the houses.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Pontypool C.B.S.—St. James's Hall, Jan. 4. Judge, J. R. Houghton. 36 classes: Nor. 11 (3 Nor.), Yorks 12 (4 Nov.), Bord 4 (1 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mules 2, Sell. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, if 9 entries. Sliding scale if less. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Dec. 30 to W. D. Lewis, Holyoake Terrace, Abersychan.

A Freak Robin.

A Robin with a white tail is reported from Aberlour, Scotland. Excepting for its pure white tail feathers the bird is said to be of normal coloration.

The Pied Wheatear in Orkney.

In the "Scottish Naturalist" Mr. J. Bain describes the occurrence in Orkney of the Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*. The only previous record in Great Britain is of a female in the Isle of Man in 1909.

A Gentle Hint.

Will members of the Provincial Roller C.C. please note, writes, J. T. Smith, hon. sec., that the next meeting will be held at the Joiners' Arms, Bolton, on Jan. 6, the date of Bolton Show, when the Secretary hopes that more than one member will be present.

Norwich Canary Missing from Porth Show.

Kindly ask exhibitors at the recent open show of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys held Dec. 14, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, if anyone has had a Norwich Natural Colour sent by mistake. The bird was third prize in class 10, No. 13. The stewards at the show feel confident the bird was packed and sent with others in the same case, and our Secretary says the bird was ticked off in the entry book as having been packed with the others in the same case. The bird belongs to Mr. T. H. Davies, Heol Dan, Llangyfelach, Morriston, who would be glad to hear of anyone who has the bird, or it may be sent direct to me at 7, Primrose Terrace, Porth, Glam.

Nine Eggs in a Chaffinch Nest.

At the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club a discussion relating to abnormal clutches of eggs was continued. Among the unusual clutches to which reference was made were a set of fourteen eggs in one nest of a Nuthatch, and eight eggs (originally nine) in a Chaffinch's nest. In the latter case it was explained that the first two eggs had been laid, and then buried by a further lining of the nest. Then three more had been laid and the nest deserted for some time, as all these five eggs were quite stale. Then four more eggs were laid, which were quite fresh when found. All nine eggs were evidently laid by the same bird.

Among other eggs exhibited were the only two sets of six ever found by the exhibitor, a very handsome, heavily blotched set found by him near London, a set of small eggs taken by him in Sweden, and several sets of pure spotless blue and blue with cloudy lilac blotches and fine black spots.

In the same tray were five sets of Bullfinches' eggs, including a set with pure white ground and bright rust-red markings resembling some varieties of Great Tits' eggs taken by Mr. Read in Somerset. Another set were white with only faint markings, whilst a third set were pure white without any markings.

A Bird that Cannot Fly.

New Zealand is noted above any other part of the world for its flightless birds, one of which of course is the Kiwi (Apteryx), a bird which, although unable to fly, could outstrip a horse in fleetness of foot. The "Strand Magazine" for December has a most interesting account of another species, the Weka, a bird which, in spite of its handicap in not being possessed of the power of flight, is said to be the most genial and sociable bird the Dominion possesses. The article is illustrated by a drawing of a pair of these curious birds, and concludes as follows:—"Most birds have inherited a shyness of man. The Weka seems to have inherited an instinct in the opposite direction. When aware of man's arrival in its haunts it comes out to meet him, with an obvious wish to make his acquaintance. The same instinct is possessed by a few other New Zealand birds, but not by any birds introduced into the Dominion from other countries.

The Weka's tameness is beyond all reason. It cannot even learn a lesson. When we chased Wekas away from our hut on the Gouland Downs they merely ran round one side of a tussock and appeared at the other side, with an air of innocence and unconcern, and immediately tried to get inside the hut again. They refused to take "no" for an answer. Threats had no effect on them whatever.

It is this astonishing effrontery and an inexplicable fondness for human society that endear the Weka to all who go up into New Zealand's wild places, and I have discussed the Weka with shepherds, musterers, bushfellers, and miners.

These men, by the bird's thievish tricks, have lost tin pannikins, forks, spoons, and other possessions at times when such things could ill be spared; but they have assured me that, in spite of their friend's foibles and frailties, they would not be without its entertaining company, and that its presence at the camp or along the forest track is always welcomed.

It now enjoys the law's protection, and happily is at least one member of New Zealand's strange avifauna that probably never will become extinct."

A MATTER OF OPINION.

A paper read before the members of the Queen's Park (London) C.B.S., by Mr. W. G. Sanders.

In opening, I should like to tell you that I do not pose as any great authority of any branch of the fancy of which I am so fond, namely, that of bird keeping, but I think it is the duty of every member to at least try to do something to interest his fellow members, and I will endeavour to do my bit by giving you this paper in the hope that some good may accrue from it, or by the discussion that may arise out of it.

I know it is a difficult task for one like myself to give anything new to the fancy, when we have a number of famous fanciers giving their experiences week by week at some club or another.

However, I will address my remarks chiefly to the novice, and when I say novice, I mean the one who is just feeling his way in the fancy so to speak. My advice to him is to frequent at every opportunity any show or fellow member's bird room, ask his fellow member to allow him to pass his opinion on any bird he may show him, and then get him to tell him if he has made a good report on it. I think he will learn the points more quickly in this way than any other of which I know.

The One Opinion that Counts.

I should like you also to bear in mind that anything I may say does not allude to anyone in the fancy, but simply expresses a view of my own. For instance, often we get a show and see a particular bird standing first, and then we hear certain of the critics say, "The third bird should have won in my opinion," but you must always remember that the judge has passed his opinion, and that is final.

Many times I myself have thought certain birds should have stood higher in the cards, but again it has simply been my opinion versus the judge's, and of one thing I am certain, that at all the shows in which I have taken part, the judging has been done in a fair and honest way without fear or favour for anyone.

The first duty of the novice when entering the fancy is to select his variety, and he at once seeks the opinion of those better qualified to know whether he has made a successful start or not, but after a year or two in the fancy he will be better able to judge for himself. At that stage I would advise him to ask himself the question: "Is my own opinion worth considering first?" as by that time he at least ought to know what constitutes a good bird in his particular variety.

For instance, he may have bred say two or three good hens, and, finding out he needs suitable partners for them, he usually proceeds to some fellow fancier's room who has been pretty successful, to procure a mate or mates for his hens. He sees a number of good birds, and is offered some, but does he buy the bird or birds he wants? My opinion is that he buys rather what his fellow fancier wants to sell, and although he may get good value for the outlay he has made, he does not get what he went for, namely, the suitable partner.

Spurred by Success.

He probably by now has two wins to his credit, and he realises he must have something a bit better on his advance to his next section. He is quite hot with knowledge, and feels he has an opinion of his own, at least that is my experience of the majority of the novices who have favoured me with a visit to my room. But I like to have even a novice's opinion on my birds, for I feel it helps me considerably. I strongly advise anyone who has had a set-back with a bird of which he has had a good opinion, to try and meet the judge in the evening and get his opinion as to why you were outclassed, as all the judges I know are ever ready to explain why you were beaten; then you have his opinion, and your own you know.

But always remember that the judge has already passed his opinion, and that is all; the best of judges are always liable to make a slip.

Then we have, as in pairing to produce winners, methods of feeding and rearing, inbreeding, double-buffing, double-yellowing, housing and keeping our birds generally, methods which are so various that to me it all amounts to a matter of opinion as to which is the best to adopt.

My reason for choosing "A Matter of Opinion" for the title of this paper is that a deal of discussion, sometimes quite unpleasantness, has arisen out of views differing as to the merits of some exhibit. I could state many cases in point, but I have no wish to do that. If anything I have said has been of any interest, I shall feel amply repaid for the time spent in writing these few lines.

W. G. Sanders.

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 741.)

We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Witherby, the Editor of "British Birds," for permission to extract from an exhaustive article entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGE," which is appearing in the magazine, the portions which refer to such birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers are referred to the magazine mentioned for the complete account.

THE moults of the Shrikes are exceedingly puzzling, and so different that it seems inadvisable to summarise them. Those interested in the subject may consult the details given below, which are the result of a very careful examination of all the material I can find. Whether I have interpreted the moults correctly or not, other workers must decide, but in some cases, and especially in the Red-backed Shrike, it has been difficult to say exactly what takes place. Shrikes would seem to be in a transition stage with regard to their moults.

LESSER GREY SHRIKE (*Lanius minor*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in autumn. In February and March (sometimes April) there is a moult confined, so far as I can discover, to the body-feathers. The male in winter has a few grey feathers mixed with the black of the forehead, and the plumage is not so bright and clean looking as in summer. The female in winter has more grey on the forehead than the male, the ear-coverts are browner, the upper-parts are duller, and the under-parts have less pink. After the spring moult the female becomes more like the male in winter.

JUVENILE.—Forehead whitish, rest of upper-parts brown-grey (not blue-grey as adult) and the feathers barred with dark brown, the under-parts white to pale cream, with the flanks and under tail-coverts faintly barred, the wing-coverts tipped with buffish-white. Sexes apparently alike.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers are moulted in autumn, but not the wing-coverts, wing or tail-feathers, and frequently a number of juvenile body-feathers are retained. The male in first winter has only a few black feathers on the forehead (sometimes none), is brownish grey on the upper-parts, and has a creamy, instead of pinkish, tinge on the under-parts. The female is much the same, but has no black on the forehead and is browner grey on the upper-parts.

FIRST SUMMER.—In February and March a complete moult takes place, all the wing and tail-feathers being involved instead of the body-feathers only as in the adult. After this moult the birds become indistinguishable from the adults, except that the male has a few grey feathers on the forehead.

GREAT GREY SHRIKE (*Lanius e. excubitor*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from September to November, the wing and tail-feathers often commencing as early as July. From March to May (sometimes June) there is a moult confined to the body-feathers. In the male the winter and summer plumages are the same. In winter the female frequently has faint wavy brown bars on the breast, but many examples are indistinguishable from males. After the spring moult the bars on the breast are usually absent, or when present are very faint.

JUVENILE.—Upper-parts grey, washed with brown, the hind part of crown, nape, rump and upper tail-coverts usually with dark brown wavy bars, but these are sometimes absent, the under-parts are white, washed brownish, with faint brown wavy bars on the breast and flanks, and fewer on the chin and throat, the innermost secondaries and greater coverts are tipped with brownish instead of white and the median coverts are dark brown with tips of greyish-brown speckled with dark brown, instead of all black as in the adult, the lesser coverts are greyish-brown speckled with dark brown, instead of grey with black bases as in the adult. The sexes are alike.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, innermost secondaries, lesser and median wing-coverts and inner greater coverts are moulted from August to December, but occasionally a good many juvenile body-feathers are retained until the spring moult. Except for the juvenile feathers retained, the first winter bird is much like the adult, but both sexes have wavy brown bars on the breast though those on the female are stronger than those on the male.

FIRST SUMMER.—A moult takes place as in the adult, after which the birds become like the adults.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE (*Lanius c. collurio*).

ADULTS.—So far as I can ascertain the adults have only one moult. The body-feathers often commence as early as July, but the wing and tail-feathers and the rest of the body-feathers usually do not moult until December to February and the moult is sometimes not complete until March. I think this must be regarded as one moult, though it is interrupted and spread over a long period. The female has a browner and less grey crown and nape than the male, and a browner and less chestnut mantle, the rump also is brown and the under-parts are white without any pink and with the breast, flanks and sides of throat marked with black-brown crescentic bands, the tail-feathers are brown with narrow white tips and white borders to the outermost feathers, thus being very different to the black and white tail of the male.

JUVENILE.—The whole upper-parts are buff to rufous, closely barred with black crescentic bands and the under-parts cream-coloured similarly barred except the chin, middle of belly and under tail-coverts which have few bars; the tail-feathers are much like those of the adult female, but with distinct dark pen-ultimate lines, the wing-coverts and innermost secondaries have blackish crescentic bands. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER.—Most of the juvenile body-feathers and lesser and median wing-coverts are moulted from July to September, but a varying number of juvenile body-feathers and wing-coverts are retained as well as the primary-coverts, wing and tail-feathers and usually the greater coverts. In this plumage there seems to be no sexual difference, and the birds much resemble the adult female, but the crown and rump are more rufous, and most of the feathers of the upper-parts as well as the wing-coverts and innermost secondaries have black crescentic bands. As compared to the juvenile, the plumage is not nearly so much barred, and the upper-parts are darker and more rufous-brown.

FIRST SUMMER.—The first winter plumage together with the remaining juvenile feathers are completely moulted, including all the wing and tail feathers, from November to February. After this moult the male becomes indistinguishable from the adult male, but the female differs from the adult female in having a varying number of feathers of the upper-parts, wing-coverts and innermost secondaries with black concentric bands.

WAXWING (*Bombycilla garrulus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in October and November. No moult in spring and no change by abrasion. Exceptionally adult females are indistinguishable from adult males, but usually the tail-feathers have paler and narrower yellow tips and are without red tips to the shafts, the yellow borders at the tips of the primaries are paler than in the male and usually confined to the outer webs, the red waxy tips to the secondaries are smaller and frequently missing from some feathers.

JUVENILE.—The upper-parts are browner than the adult, the feathers of the crown are only slightly elongated, the chin and throat are brown instead of black as in the adult, and the lower breast and belly are slightly striated with pale buff, the tips of the tail-feathers are duller, and those of the primaries have the yellow and brown on the outer webs only and the waxy tips to the secondaries are small and frequently absent on some feathers.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, lesser, median and greater wing-coverts are moulted in early autumn, but not the wing or tail-feathers, so far as I can ascertain, but I have been able to examine only one specimen in the moult from juvenile to first winter. After this moult the birds resemble the adults except for the differences in the wing and tail-feathers already referred to under the juvenile.

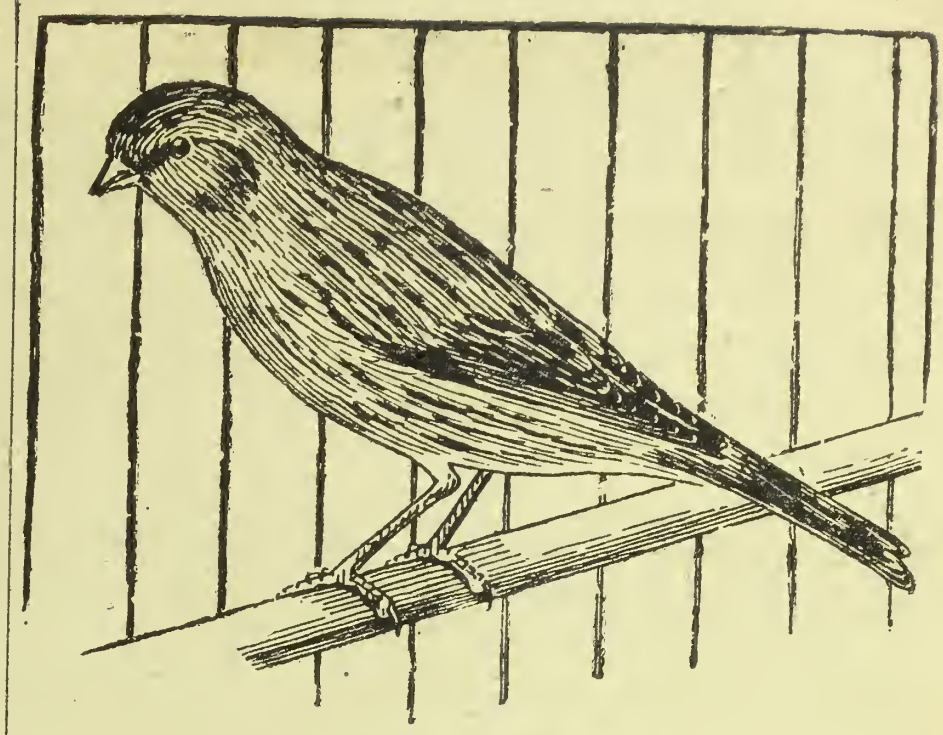
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AN EMERALD "WEE GEM."

Green Border Fancy Canary. Winner of 1st Prize at Croydon for Mr. A. W. Bacon, Redhill.

The Essentials of Aviculture.

By J. W. N.

(Continued from page 701.)

The proper method of preparing bread and milk is to pour the hot milk over the bread until it is just sodden. Any superfluous milk should be drained away, and the bread slightly squeezed. In giving bread and milk it is most important to ensure that the receptacle is washed out thoroughly each morning, and a fresh supply made.

Live insects are usually appreciated by our feathered patients, and a little finely scraped raw meat, which is perfectly fresh, given twice a week is a powerful stimulus to recuperation for such birds as will take it. For drugs, Parrish's chemical food is almost the standard remedy, but three drops of Fellow's syrup in the drinking water is equally good. As recovery takes place give plenty of green food and a liberal supply of cracked hemp to seedeaters.

To Deal With the Red Mite.

Of insect pests that trouble birds the red mite is the most prevalent. It is a source of great annoyance and discomfort, the birds very soon getting into a condition of ill-health. The treatment of the cage is discussed elsewhere, but, for the bird, quassia is the best and cheapest remedy. Obtain a quantity of quassia chips from the chemist, and make an infusion by pouring on boiling water. The correct strength can be gauged by the colour, which should be that of weak China tea. The bird may be hand-washed in this solution, and subsequent sprayings will destroy any red-mite that may be lurking amidst its plumage. This is a proved remedy for all insects that are likely to make the lives of birds a misery.

About the only disease of the nervous system that is met with in aviculture is epilepsy. Amongst good healthy stock it is rare, being mostly confined to victims of excessive in-breeding. It is brought about by injudicious feeding, and emotional causes, such as frights, but a blow in the region of the head is stated to have been the exciting cause in some cases. If too rich food is at the bottom of the evil, this should be remedied, and an aperient of Epsom salts given.

With some of the larger birds as Parrots, however, treatment is sometimes more effective. In these the disease is often the result of parasites in the intestines, such as the ordinary tapeworm. Where these are suspected grated areca nut is the remedy, as it is eaten without any difficulty, and the action is fairly certain. To make quite sure, it can be followed by two drops of castor oil given into the beak.

Parrots and Parrakeets respond to the bromide treatment in many cases. It should be preceded by a strong purge, and then two grains of potassium bromide dissolved each day in the drinking water will have a marked effect. As this drug gives the water a saline and disagreeable taste, a little sugar can also be dissolved in it with advantage. If there be any signs of a recurrence of this trouble the above remedy should be made use of. Strict attention must of course be given to diet and a liberal supply of fruit is a necessity. If, however, in spite of treatment the fits still continue at frequent intervals, it is much kinder to have the bird done away with, as life does not afford great opportunities of enjoyment to victims of this disease.

Egg-binding and the Treatment.

Egg-binding is sometimes the result of cold, and is often seen when a bird has been put in an outdoor aviary too early, or if a sharp spell of weather happens after breeding has started. The signs are unmistakable, and action should be prompt. The hen is found crouched in the bottom of the cage or aviary with her head turned away from the light. The feathers are all bunched up until she looks like a ball.

Treatment consists in removing her immediately and giving a drop of warm salad oil by the mouth and allowing another to drop on the vent. A feather or camel hair brush is the best means by which this can be done. She should then be placed in the cage and allowed to remain for an hour or two. If by this time the egg has not been passed, hold her over a jug of hot water for a few minutes, or place her on a piece of muslin stretched loosely over the top. The steam, of course, must not scald. Again place her in the cage, not in the nest, or she will most probably fall out and injure herself. This usually is quite sufficient to bring matters to a climax, but, if not, then there only remains the last remedy, which is as follows:

Lay the bird on its back in the left hand. With the thumb and forefinger of the other hand press on each side of the vent until a little white speck can just be seen appearing. An assistant with a sharp darning needle, which has previously been dipped in methylated spirit and passed through a flame to sterilise it, should carefully pierce the shell and allow the contents to escape, after which the bird will pass the remaining shell with little difficulty. This proceeding should only be employed as a last resort, for the effects of it often prove fatal, especially if the needle has not been sterilised and a slip is made.

In every case after the egg has been laid the hen should be kept quiet for a day or two, and light nourishing food, such as the bread and milk, so often advised before, used in addition to its staple food. As a preventive of this annoying trouble plenty of cuttle-fish bone should always be in the cage, and a little niger seed in the egg food of Canaries is also useful.

Although the foregoing may seem a formidable list of diseases, yet birds in captivity are not difficult to keep in health, or to care for when ill, if proper food, sufficient exercise, light and air all play their part.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

An Aged Goldfinch.

An Untimely End After All.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS correspondence columns that Mr. S. Slocombe asks if it is a record for a Goldfinch to live for 19 years on hemp seed only. I should like to say that this is not a record, for I myself have kept a Goldfinch for 22 years, during which its only food was hemp seed with a little greenstuff. The bird improved in colour every year until coming to an accidental end by breaking his leg in the wire of his cage. Right up to the time of his death he was one of the very best of songsters.

W. G. SALMON.

Lutino Parrots.

A Curiously Coloured Amazon.

SIR,—I have read with interest letters in CAGE BIRDS on Lutino Parrots, and those who are interested in this curious coloration may like to hear of a yellow Yellow-fronted Amazon in my possession.

This bird is of a good rich yellow, showing the faintest tinge of emerald green on the neck and rump. The eyes are normal, and the red markings are present on flight feathers and shoulders.

I do not know whether this bird can be called a true Lutino, but I think a Parrot coloured in this way must be curious, and it is certainly very beautiful.

E. J. BROOK.

Hoddam Castle, Ecclefechan.

A Soldier Novice Fancier Writes from Hospital.

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I was very pleased indeed to read Mr. J. Gibbons' article in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 4 on "Some show season hints," and I think it was very good of him to show the novice how to go on and what to do with his birds; it is very good advice indeed. I have cut his article out for future use for myself. I think a very good point of his worth bearing in mind is to look for the nearest show to your home, and therefore keep down railway expenses. I might say I am in the Army and at present in hospital at Malta with malarial fever, but am improving immensely. I come from Oldham district, and I still get CAGE BIRDS every week, and have had it for fourteen months on active service. I hope Mr. Gibbons and other fanciers will give more advice to the novice in the future, and I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

PTE. P. JONES.

Malta.

The Judging at Whitehaven Show.

A Complaint and Some Questions.

SIR,—We were exhibitors at Whitehaven Show, held December 16, and on looking through the birds we find on the class label attached to our cage the judge's mark "1," which obviously meant that he had originally awarded us the first prize. Finding that no prize card was affixed to our cage, we made a search for this, and found it upon a cage the tab of which had no mark at all upon it. There was no other tab in the class with the same mark as ourselves, but the tabs on the other winning cages were marked in their proper rotation. We drew the secretary's attention to the matter, and he admitted that the judge had made a few mistakes which had been rectified. We are asking why, if these mistakes had been put straight in other cases, it was not done in our case.

What we complain of more than the simple losing of the prize is the attitude of the judge himself when the mistake was pointed out to him. He simply opened his book, looked at the numbers, and walked away without even saying a word in answer to our questions. The opinion of the Border men present, and they were from all parts, was that the bird whose cage was decorated with the 1st prize card was quite the worst in the class. The very fact that there was a delay in placing the special card on the cage was evident that someone knew things were not right.

We have three questions to ask the judge and committee, with your permission. Why were some birds awarded prizes although they had other material than canary seed in their cages, while some were disqualified for the same reason? How far would anyone like to send British birds with only plain canary seed in their cages? Why was the special for best in the show altered to Whitehaven only? To conclude, the wagers offered at the show are still open.

COOK & ADAMS.

An Inexpensive Outdoor Aviary.

Discarded Carbide Drums for Walls.

SIR,—I am writing this for the benefit of those who would like an outdoor aviary but have not much spare cash. By the following means I have made a very serviceable, if not an elegant one, and the cost was not much. In place of boards I have used galvanised drums which had contained carbide of calcium. One can usually get these for the asking from users, and they are glad to get rid of them. When hammered out flat they cover a space of 3ft. 6in. by 2ft; it means a bit of trouble, but who minds that where birds are concerned?

First, I got four larch poles (other wood will do if fairly straight), made a square with these, nailing together firmly, then nailed another piece down the centre to the top and lower pole on the inside. By nailing four carbide tins securely to this framework I had a good, strong back, in one piece. This was stood in position, with the lower part let in the ground about a foot, to foil the mice.

I next started on the front portion, making this a foot shorter in height, and using two tins to cover the lower portion about half-way up; the upper portion I covered with half-inch mesh netting, with the exception of six inches in the centre. Here, with the help of grocers' boxes, I made a sliding door, worked by a string from the outside flight.

I then stood the front quite square with the back, and started to nail on the roof. In my case this was made of old boards half-inch thick, which I bought cheaply for firewood. I used the two soundest for the ends, letting them project over about three inches on each side, to keep the sides of house dry. If wood is not available, tins can be again used, but in this case I should cover it with tarred felt, or by the method I will describe, as the tin alone is very cold in winter and very hot in summer. I might say that I got my idea from a little book called "An Income from Backyard Fowls," published by "Poultry World," 154, Fleet Street. I cut open a closely-woven sack, and tacked this firmly on the roof, and about half an inch over the side (I ought to have said that the roof comes over the front wall of house about three inches), and then gave it a coat of tar, rubbing it well in, and threw a little sand all over while wet. A week afterwards I tarred it over again, and now I have a roof that will keep out any wet.

The end portions I made of tins half-way up, leaving a space for a door about three feet by two feet on one side; the top portion was made of boxes knocked to pieces, and in the end facing south I put a narrow sheet (about three inches wide and 18 inches long) of frosted glass. If one's boards are too short, by putting them end to end, and nailing another piece over the join securely, they can be made any length. The ends and front portion were let in the ground about a foot.

For the floor I put down six inches of stones and sand, watered this well, then beat it down until a fairly level surface had been obtained. I then got half a peck of cement, mixed a peck and a half of sand (sifted) with it in a dry state, then wetted it with water until quite sloppy. This I put all over the floor and levelled off with a short flat piece of board. When this had dried I had a floor that would keep out both rats and mice.

Having finished the house, I started to make an open flight. The front of this I made with four two-inch splines, with another nailed in the middle (upright) to strengthen. This is a foot less in height than the front of the house, as I still wanted to keep a sloping roof. The advantage of this is, that during snow or very wet weather a sheet or two of the galvanised tins can be laid over. I covered the whole front with half-inch netting.

For the roof of the flight I nailed four more splines together, put another piece down the middle, and a foot from each end I put another spline. These end portions I covered with biscuit tins straightened out, the middle portion being half-inch netting. This roof rested on two splines at the back, which had been nailed to the front of the house, the front being nailed to the all-netted portion, and resting on it. The end portions were made similar to the ends of house, with a door at one end.

The floor is of earth, and can be planted if desired. I painted the two fronts white; all the rest is tarred. Any small holes, or parts not fitting closely, are covered with small pieces of tin. The birds always go inside to sleep, and the sliding door is dropped at night.

H. HOOD.

The Bell Glucke and Other Tours.

A Time Limit Suggested.

SIR,—I see that Leeds Roller C.C. is now on the right way of getting more fanciers for the contest Roller. I think, as they say, every one will agree that it is time something was done to get judges into the same way of thinking as to the different tours the birds sing. At some shows Bell Glucke is not recognised, yet you cannot mistake a good Bell Glucke. Some judges give it as a Glucke Roll; compare your judging sheets of the different shows and see if they are the same. I should like to see the B.R.C.C. take up the Federation control, fix show dates, and appoint judges, that is, judges with the same ideas of the tours, also a time limit for judging each bird, say three-quarters of an hour; if a bird does not sing in that time, "no song." With such large classes it would give judges more time, and put every exhibitor on the same footing. I feel sure if this was done we should have more birds on the show bench, and I hope more fanciers will take this matter up.

A. E. WORTON.

British Birds Scarce in the Markets.

The Value of Shepherds' Purse.

SIR,—On reading the letters on the "Famine in Canaries," I was wondering how many fanciers have found that there is a British Finch famine as well, although in this case the birds are already around us. Furthermore, the advertising dealers are ready to pay a fair price; in fact, some who may have sold you fresh-caught birds in former years have now the cash waiting to pay the same price for a similar article and take them by the dozen. I have lately spoken to several who advertise in CAGE BIRDS, and all say that they have hard work to keep pace with their orders.

This fact is due to more causes than one, I will admit, but it speaks well for the honesty of the trader, and the popularity of the only paper devoted to birds, and the question of not having enough to go round must be taken in hand if we are to keep up the fancy until things get back into their old stride.

It is my opinion that there is a very strong masonic feeling among bird men, and it is our time now above all others to make things "as they were," with the fixed resolve to have no further trading with our country's enemies. But the advanced price of everything will have an effect; it will make some shift for themselves. I speak from experience, as I have other pets besides birdy ones, and the cost of their keep is increasing daily.

Still, they keep down the cost of my birds' food, for, like all other children, they like to pick the wild flowers when they go out, and always bring back groundsel and plantain, and they have been specially told the usefulness of shepherds'-purse. I am afraid the value of this plant to breeders who keep Linnets is not well enough known, and those who use it do not get the full benefit of it, as just a small spray is generally threaded through the wires, and this is not sufficient.

To those who do not know the plant I may explain that it grows about nine inches high with leaves something like dandelion, but placed up the stem. Stems growing seed pods are thrown up, and these pods are heart-shaped, held by the point to the stem carrying them; at the present season it is topped by a tiny white flower. It has a long season, just coming to an end, and you will find it on almost any field lying fallow that has been this year grown with wheat or potatoes. You will find plenty around the edges, if you are not afraid of the notice "All trespassers will be prosecuted."

Having got your plants, or rather the stems carrying the seed, put it through a sieve or a coarse colander, and feed it to your Linnet on the cage bottom if you have nothing else. When you look at his seed box still full of dry seed, don't think he has lost his appetite and is going to die; he is doing well, and if he does not breed he will be one in a hundred.

This reminds me of an experience I had some years ago. I halted outside a house once to look at a rather sick-looking hen Canary, and the proprietor quickly was on the step. "Ah!" he sighed, "I would give a pound to have her young again. I have bred with her for years with Linnets, Mules, Larks, and everything." He must have noticed how surprised I was at his success, for he quickly said, "I only want two bob for her." He was an aged man, and no match for me, or I should have asked how he thought it would go with a Magpie. Of course, this is only one of the dodges of ignorant sharps which give the Fancy a bad name in some quarters.

Talking of bad names, "bird-catcher" is one by which some people would not like to be styled; but what should we do without them? I do not wish to pat myself on the back because I "do some"; I should like a few more to take it on. I would sooner have one day's catching for holiday than a week at the seaside.

Further, there is no time like the present; most wild birds have moulted clean of their nest feathers by now, and the cocks can be picked from the hens when in adult plumage. In most counties there has been a spell of dry weather, and the birds are on dry seed. After the first frost or two they will be more dead than alive, and if examined will be found to be thin, and when the thaw sets in the seed will be soaked and you will have the trouble to get them on hard seed again. By the time you have done this and got them tame your chance of trying them in their first season is over. I mention this because some fanciers have the idea that British birds must be house-moulted before they will breed; but field-moulted birds will breed just as well if treated in the manner suited to their species.

Satisfactory methods of catching having been gone into recently in CAGE BIRDS, there is no need to trouble you further with them, but Finch fanciers and Mule breeders must not allow wild seeds to ripen in vain and then complain that they are unsuccessful. If I can help anyone I will do so with the greatest pleasure.

ARTHUR BURROWS.

How to Catch Bullfinches.

Further Information Desired.

SIR,—I was much interested in reading Stoker F. W. Stone's excellent article on the above subject, together with his practical advice regarding the treatment of newly caught birds, which, as another Bullfinch catcher, I heartily endorse. I write from Scotland, where trapping by nets has never been engaged in to any great extent, partly, I think, owing to the land being so uneven that the working of large nets is practically impossible in the majority of our fields. Thanks to the courtesy of one of your leading advertisers of bird nets, however, I have been able through correspondence both to set and use large clap nets effectively in the south-west of Scotland.

I have never netted Bullfinches, and before trying I would like to ask Stoker Stone, for the benefit of the uninitiated, to explain what a "side net" is, what length of staff or pole is required to work it, and if the net is used as a single net only. Personally I have found difficulty in effectively using a small single net, even when working very quickly, for Chaffinches, as Mr. Chaffinch invariably manages to get clear in time to escape capture.

Regarding the food plants of the Bullfinch, these must, of course, vary according to locality, and it may surprise English readers to know that privet berries are practically non-existent in this upland locality, which is also too high above sea level to permit anything but an occasional bramble to ripen, and hedges are entirely absent, being replaced by stone dykes built of rough unhewn boulders.

The autumn foods of the Bullie here are wild raspberries, rowans, i.e., the fruit of the mountain ash, queen of the meadow (also called meadow sweet), seed of the common stinging nettle, seeds of the silver birch, seed of the common heather, and I have frequently observed them feeding on larch trees, but too high for me to see exactly whether the cones or buds of the larch were being eaten. I fancy it was the buds, as the cones would be difficult to manipulate. In winter, during hard, frosty weather, I have observed as many as fifty Bullfinches in a single flock feeding on the heather alone on the edge of a moor adjoining a large pine wood.

There is one place near here where Bullies abound during the autumn months, but I have never been very successful in securing more than an occasional bird, and perhaps Stoker Stone could assist as to the proper tactics to pursue. Picture to yourself a steep bank overgrown with sloe and thorn bushes, with a dense undergrowth of queen of the meadow, wild raspberries, and nettles. The bank extends for, say, two acres, and stretches down to one of Scotland's most famous rivers, and is bounded at the bottom next the river by a fringe of birch and elder trees. The top is a hayfield, and viewed from there the little bosky glen is a very pretty spot indeed, and a favourite nesting place of both the Bullie and the Long-tailed Tit.

The trouble is to get the wild Bullfinches, who make this their feeding pitch for months on end, to take any notice of a call bird; they simply refuse to leave their native thicket to light on limed twigs, and I don't blame them, either. Perhaps Stoker Stone's plan with three call birds would do the trick, and when time permits I'll try. Again thanking Mr. Stone for his able and clearly expressed article.

Kilmanos, Ayrshire. MAC.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 790).

A Hull Soldier Re-started.

Sir,—I received the birds from Mr. Jeffries, Richmond, Yorks, and I can assure you I am very pleased with them. They are two fine birds, and I hope I shall have the best of luck with them. I wrote to Mr. Jeffries telling him I received them.

Pte. F. Brown.

Hull.

The Sensational Greenfinch Mule at Leicester Show.

Is the Finch Responsible for Light Mules?

Sir,—I have had a further communication from the breeder of the wonderful Mule I wrote you about after Leicester Show. The breeder tells me that though he had been described as a boy, he is 24 years of age, and has been a reader of Cage Birds for nine years. The Mule in question was bred from a variegated yellow hen, the Finch being a buff. He also paired to this Finch a Buff hen, from which he reared four, all nearly clear. Here is proof for those who hold the idea that the Finch has something to do with Light Mules. The breeder tells me that he thinks of putting a Cinnamon hen with the Finch this coming season, but my advice would be to stick to the ship that carried him through, and if he makes any alteration let it be a good yellow hen in place of the buff. No Cinnamon Mule he may breed will be of the same value as a clear or nearly clear.

[When I first wrote on the above I said it was a clear, and the best Mule of any kind ever bred. You evidently thought this too tall an order, so you let it down by saying with your reporter that it was nearly clear, and that I said it was the best Greenfinch Mule ever bred. I also stated that it was "said to have been bred" by a boy; this was showroom gossip, so I safeguarded myself, but as printed it appears that I said it was bred by a boy. See the difference? J. Bastock.

Border Canaries at Hamilton Show.

An Alleged Mistake in Judging.

Sir,—Kindly permit me space in your correspondence columns to make a correction in connection with Buff Green Border Hen Class at Hamilton Show.

As reported in Cage Birds of Dec. 23, Mr. Graham is credited with being 1st in this class, but this was owing to an unfortunate mistake made by the judge in marking the cages when he had finished judging. He marked the second bird 1st, third bird 2nd, and so on, with the result that my bird (which went to the top of the table at the first handling, and remained there throughout the judging of the whole class) was left out of the tickets altogether. I met the judge some two hours afterwards, and I asked him his reasons for placing my bird at the top of the table, comparing it so often with the other birds, and still leaving it out of the tickets. He at once said "I am afraid I have made a mistake." We proceeded to examine the birds together, when he admitted in front of other exhibitors that my hen was his first bird and apologised for his mistake.

I at once accepted his apology, saying that I was quite prepared to forfeit the prize-money, especially seeing it was a novice who was so lucky in getting the red ticket, but added that I should claim the credit of the win, which I was justly entitled to. On arriving home I at once wrote to your reporter asking him to make a note of this incident in his report, also to the judge, asking him to oblige by writing the reporter substantiating my statement, but received no acknowledgment to my letters from either of these gentlemen, and was rather disappointed on reading over the show report and seeing no mention made of this matter. I think I acted the part of the sportsman in accepting the apology and forfeiting the prize-money, and now claim the honour of the win which is certainly due to me, and with which I think other fanciers will agree.

James Lumsden.

[The letter to our reporter states the case substantially the same as above, and the judge, Mr. T. Ritchie, in reply to the letter of Mr. Lumsden, sent our reporter a letter as follows:—"I enclose Mr. Lumsden's letter in regards the awards of the Buff Green Border Hens at Hamilton Show. I fail to see how Mr. Lumsden can claim the honour of the win. Quite possibly I made a mistake in placing the awards, and after Mr. Lumsden drew my attention to the placing of the awards I said I was sorry if I had made a mistake. I do not remember admitting that I gave Mr. Lumsden the honour of the win."

(Signed) Thomas Ritchie.]



A NOVICE'S NORWICH CANARY.

Winner of 1st Prize at the Show of the Clapham C.B.A. for Mr. Bailey, Hornsey.

What Constitutes a Novice?

A Suggested Grading According to Monetary Means.

Sir,—Having been a reader of Cage Birds since its infancy, and having read from time to time articles on the novice question, I would like to give my opinion on the subject. I think there are two sides to the question. On the one side, is the person who can afford to pay for high-class stock to commence with; and on the other, those who can only afford a few shillings. If you read the rules in most schedules of open shows you find it stated that a novice is one who has not won three first prizes in open novice competition.

Taking my own case for instance, I am at work from 8 a.m. till 10.30 p.m., Saturday till 12 p.m., and every Sunday throughout the year on a limited salary, so that I do not get very much time to attend to my birds. I get an interval in the afternoon ranging from 1½ to 3½ hours, which often has to include dinner as well as tea time. If I want any fresh stock I have to think about it some time before hand, so as to save a shilling when I can manage it for that purpose. On the other hand, we will take the non-fancier who is already in very good circumstances, and through the chance meeting of a friend who makes a hobby of keeping prize birds is invited round to view them. He tells his friend he thinks he will go in for the hobby, and having money at his command, he is recommended to buy some birds which are bred from champion cup winners. The consequence, perhaps, is that at his first attempt at breeding he rears two or three extra good ones, and then comes a heading in the paper, "A novice's fine achievement," because under the present existing rules he is allowed to compete as a novice, although with champion stock.

That is where the question comes in; what chance has the working man got when the odds are 100 to 1 against him? None at all. To my idea the exhibiting of birds, especially Canaries, should be divided into three grades, viz., Champion, Novice, and Amateur, Amateur to mean one who can afford not more than a fixed price for his stock.

No doubt there are plenty of working men who keep Linnets, Goldfinches, etc., for a hobby who have never heard of their local societies, and who perchance have some fine exhibition specimens which would realise a good turnover for them if they only knew it. Under the present stress all societies naturally wish to keep as many fanciers together as possible, and I think it would do them no harm if they were to have a prominent notice in their local paper of their next two or three meeting nights, with the announcement: "Special; short lecture for the benefit of any working man fancier not a member of a society who likes to attend." By this means we might have the pleasure of seeing brought to light some beautiful specimens at present hidden.

Another point we have to consider is about the washing of a bird. How many of the ordinary bird keepers have ever heard of a bird being washed with soap and water? Very few. As a member of Clapham C.B.A., I exhibit at their shows, but have never had the opportunity of witnessing a washing exhibition, so therefore I have to go by what I read on the subject, which I do not consider so good as seeing the thing done in front of one's eyes. I think that if the working man is catered for so that he stands a chance of reaping a little reward for the hard-earned money he lays out, we shall see and hear a lot more of them. The present system puts me in remind of the Army before the war. The young man with money could start as a commissioned officer, the one without had to be satisfied by being a private.

F. C. Henry.

The Hobby of Bird Keeping.

A Hobby that Pays Its Way.

Sir,—We have seen it discussed in the fancy papers at different times about cage birds paying, or losing money. I maintain if a person has a hobby of any description, and that hobby pays its way, and he has all the pleasure derived from it without being out of pocket, he should be well satisfied, and I know of no hobby that does this better than bird keeping, whether the birds are kept in aviaries or cages.

Ever since I can remember I have had a hobby of one sort or another, but anything that grew feathers always stood prominent with me. I have kept pigeons, but not many, and none with any class about it, and I have also kept several different varieties of poultry, and have bred birds that have won prizes at all the principal shows round my district. I always had a wish to keep a cage bird or two, but was not allowed to do so by my parents.

When I got married and had a home of my own I thought I could do as I liked in that respect, and I started with a pair of common Canaries. Since then I have had scores of birds (I still have several), including British, Foreign, and good class Canaries, and I know my birds have given me more pleasure than any of my other hobbies, and I always manage to sell enough every year to pay the food bill.

I was very proud when I bred and reared my first nest of common Canaries, and since then I have bred some good class Yorkshires, and several species of foreign birds, Mules, and Hybrids, including a Goldie-Bullie this season. I have exhibited at some good shows, including the London C.B.A., Norwich, etc., and generally manage to get into the money. When one is exhibiting, and pays a visit to the show, one is sure to meet other birdy men, and make some new friends. I know I have done so.

Anyone taking up bird keeping has a good choice of birds to select from, and if he thinks he would like a change or addition to what he already has, he can do so. We have British (Hardbill or Softbill), Foreign (Parrots, Parakeets, Finches, or Softbill) Canaries (varieties of all colours, shapes, and sizes), and when one has had a little experience they can try their hand at the fascinating branch of Hybrid breding. I am sure the person who tires of that would be hard to please, as every bird a person manages to breed is something different to any of the others bred before.

In conclusion, I would add that, where convenient, birds are best kept in outdoor aviaries; it takes less time to attend to their wants, and if one is busy (which all ought to be at the present time) one has a little more time left to watch them and admire their beauty. Besides this, the birds themselves are more in their natural element, and are therefore happy and healthy. S. J. G.

Canaries and War Bread.

A Miller Explains Its Composition.

Sir,—As your correspondent, Mr. Bixter, would like to know where the extra percentage of flour is to come from, I will try to enlighten him a little. In the first place out of 100 lbs. of wheat before the "War Bread" was made, in ordinary milling 71 or 72 per cent. was made, now it has to be made up to 78 per cent., that is, leaving 22 per cent. of offal, which is made up of the following:—Bran, pollards, coarse middlings, middlings, and germ.

To get the extra percentage you will have to go to the middlings which are the first run from the flour. These are very white, and will simply make the flour a little greyer as the term is called in the milling, and therefore you will not see much difference in the flour. There are many people eating the new bread without knowing it, for there has not been any white flour made since Nov. 25.

I do not think fanciers need fear any trouble with the new bread. I see some think that wholemeal will do good, and I am of that opinion myself, for I have used it myself in the spring before pairing up and after, with a little salt butter in it with the egg, and have never had a hen egg-bound or any other ill effects from it, so I think we can get on with our hobby without any fear. I am sending you samples of white flour, "War Flour" and "Standard" for your inspection. Wishing Cage Birds success in the coming year. J. Crow.

[The samples kindly sent confirm precisely our note at the foot of Mr. Flint's letter of last week. The "War Flour" is scarcely to be distinguished from the White Flour.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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What is a Ticked Bird?

Mr. Silk Agrees with Mr. House.

SIR,—As my name is mentioned by Mr. House, I may say that I consider he was justified in what he did, as a bird without a technical mark is not a "marked," no matter how heavy the ticking, and the butts mark that Messrs. Stubbs mention is not a mark proper.

C. E. SILK.

No Rule Governing Norwich Canaries.

SIR,—With reference to this question, I am perfectly satisfied from the description that has been given to me of Messrs. Stubbs' bird that Mr. House is right in his judgment.

The Norwich Club has no rule upon the matter, with the result that judges invariably wink the other eye when meeting a bird like the one in question, but where a judge accepts and carries out the only cage bird law upon this matter, then he must act as Mr. House has done.

What is wanted is a Norwich Club law dealing on this point for all judges taking Norwich classes to carry out. Wake the Club up, Mr. Cole, and let's have it.

F. J. MARTIN.

Views of Other Judges Solicited.

SIR,—The particular question as to whether Messrs. Stubbs' bird was wrongly disqualified still requires an answer, and it is to be hoped that some judges may give their views, although only one infallible authority, Mr. House has modestly given us his name.

I certainly had the utmost faith in Mr. House, but if he has reached an age when he has nothing more to learn my faith in him has been shaken. He says, "Who is the man who shall decide whether my judgment is right or wrong?" In such circumstances I do not know why he condescends to quote Blakston and others. He is unlike all other sages. Hitherto the wise men have found that as their knowledge increased so did their claim to infallibility decrease. As an Oxford professor once said, "We are none of us infallible; not even the youngest of us."

Professor Blackie added a prayer to the Litany: "From the three infallibles—the Pope at Rome, the Editor of a party newspaper, and a woman when she is in the wrong—good Lord deliver us." Even Professor Blackie shows his ignorance—he had never heard of Mr. C. A. House

H. GARLAND WELLS.

A New Society for Blackpool.

SIR,—As there is not now any bird fanciers' club in Blackpool (when there was it was only for Canaries), will you kindly allow me space in CAGE BIRDS to bring to the notice of fanciers in Blackpool and district, my intention of forming a society at Blackpool as early as possible for fanciers of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Fanciers interested and intending to become members will oblige by sending me their names and addresses, or call and see me, and I will do my best to get a meeting together at the earliest possible date. I will let each fancier know date, place, and time if they will kindly let me have their names and addresses.

H. KAY.

21, Portland Road, Blackpool.

Blackbirds and Thrushes Fourteen Years Old.

SIR,—I have been very interested in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS, especially when anyone has written about Softbills. Mr. A. Gregory says he has a Nightingale and a Skylark in full song, and if you would kindly give me his address in Manchester I should like to give him a call and see the birds. I have four Thrushes and three Blackbirds, all in perfect feather; three of the birds are 14 years old, and the other four are this year's hand-reared birds. I have two young Thrushes ringing the neighbourhood with song at this minute, and they can be seen at my place. They are out day and night, and I should be pleased to show anyone round.

C. SWETTENHAM.

1, Portland Grove,
Fallowfield, Manchester.

[We have furnished our correspondent with the address required.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

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Fresh Start for Wounded Soldiers.

Generous Gift from King's Lynn C.B.C

SIR,—With the greatest pleasure I thank you for the kind consideration you gave my application to the CAGE BIRDS Wounded Soldiers' Schemo of some time ago.

On Friday last I received from the King's Lynn and District C.B.C. a pair of first-class young Norwich Canaries. The birds are really handsome, and I am at a loss to find words sufficient to express how grateful I am to the above club for their kindness. In addition, Mr. Chapman, the secretary, kindly sent me a very neat carrier, and also an amount of valuable information. I consider I have received a very good start, and with a little perseverance and the necessary care I am looking forward to success in the coming breeding season. Again I must thank you and send you my best wishes.

A. MCEWAN.

Glasgow.

Chicken Meal as a Substitute for Egg Food.

A Canadian Reader Asks for More Information.

SIR,—I notice among the interesting letters in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 11, a letter signed "Tom Tit" in reply to "Saxon's" enquiries, and I would ask for further enlightenment on this most valuable question if our Mr. "Tom Tit" will be so good as to furnish me with the information I require.

I do not know just what "chicken meal" consists of, or what it looks like. What proportions do we mix with water? Do we give about the same quantity as of ordinary egg food? Do we feed it as soon as the chicks are hatched? I will be greatly obliged if our friend will answer theso questions soon, for I would like to try his scheme myself this breeding season.

I do not know what eggs are selling at in England, but over here it is almost a State secret if one can buy them at less than 30 cents. a dozen, so if Mr. "Tom Tit" has discovered this cheap food for raising young birds, and has obtained such success he should be presented with a medal; he is "some" Tom.

With hen fruit at the price it is here it almost makes one feel like taking off his hat when he sees an egg, and pretty soon eggs will be as great a luxury as Christmas turkey.

The time has passed when a crust of stale bread was thrown to the hens, and they have reached the stage when they can dictate terms to the farmer, and will soon be demanding their meals served on a silver tray.

These valuable producers of eggs strut around the farm these days with their noses in the air, and pretty soon they will be allowed the privilage of laying eggs in the parlour.

It's up to some one to invent a hen capable of laying a dozen eggs a day; we need the eggs.

I hope Mr "Tom Tit" will help me out by answering soon, and I also wish to thank CAGE BIRDS for the space this letter will take up. I'm sure we all are getting a goodly share of interesting material in the weekly letters.

I am enclosing some "birdy" material I have taken from some of our Toronto papers, and hope it will be of some interest to your readers.

WALLACE C. JONES.

Toronto.

[We shall take an early opportunity of publishing the extracts kindly sent by our correspondent.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

Capturing the German Bird Trade.

Gramophone Records for Teaching Bullfinches.

SIR,—When this matter was discussed in your columns some time ago, although I think I read all the correspondence on the subject, I was surprised that no one alluded to the German system of training Bullfinches to pipe tunes, or suggested that this might be taken up here, where there was always a ready sale for them at high prices, more especially as it seemed to me that it might be a kind of side line which disabled soldiers could combine with some other light employment.

These birds, I understood, were trained in Germany, where they were kept singly in quiet rooms, where the cages were kept covered while a boy was kept grirding out the tune from a hand organ, the covering, of course, being removed to allow the birds sufficient time for feeding and exercise.

Now that gramophones are so good and in so many homes these might be used for the purpose of training the birds, and I thought that if I could get a suitable record I might try my hand at training one or two myself during these long, dark evenings, when there is little inducement to go outside. I therefore applied to several dealers to see if I could get a record of a short, simple air without any harmony, but was told nothing of the kind could be got. One of these gentlemen, however, gave me the name and address of a London manufacturing firm which he thought would be most likely to have anything of the kind, or if not would tell me the cost of producing it. I accordingly wrote the following letter to this firm:—"I have applied to several dealers in gramophones recently to ascertain if they could get me a record of a short, simple, well-known tune, such as 'God Save the King,' as played on a piccolo or some such instrument. I want it for the purpose of trying to teach a Bullfinch to pipe the tune in the manner the Germans have been in the habit of training these birds. The tune must be a simple air played without any harmony, and repeated on the record as often as possible with one winding up of the gramophone. If you have nothing of the kind in stock would you be good enough to give me some idea of the cost of preparing one?" To this letter I received the following reply:—"There is no record issued so far as we know of any simple air which could be used for the purpose you mention. The cost of preparing such a record would be £5 5s., and this would entitle you to one copy of the record, further copies being supplied at 2s. 6d. apiece."

I am not prepared to go the length of paying £5 5s. for the preparation of such a record, but if among your numerous readers there should be 20 willing to send you 5s. for the purpose I will be pleased to send you a similar sum, or, better still, if 40 would contribute 2s. 6d. it would pay for the first record, and each would get a record for an additional 2s. 6d. If you would agree to receive the money I would suggest that it should be sent to you, and that you might kindly arrange with the manufacturers for the preparation and distribution of the records when you have received a sufficient number of subscriptions. If you agree to the suggestion I will send you my 5s. on receipt of your issue containing this letter, and would advise all who have any sympathy with this idea to do the same, sending to you at once either 2s. 6d. or 5s. I have to add that on further consideration I think the record should be taken from a flute rather than a piccolo, which is not so shrill an instrument, and I have the impression that the best piper I ever had was trained from that instrument. Besides, it would suit better for a Starling or Blackbird, the former of which is a very clever pupil.

AYRSHIRE LADDIE.

[Those of our readers who are prepared to subscribe towards the cost of a record, and afterwards to buy copies at 2s. 6d. each, should send us their promises only, not the money. If we receive sufficient names, then we will call on the writers to send on the subscriptions accordingly. It would seem to us, however, that it would be necessary to have three simple tunes on the one record, for the best of the trained piping Bullfinches could always pipe three tunes perfectly.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Scotch Fancy Canary and Why it is Not More Popular.

A Better Future Predicted.

SIR,—I was pleased when I opened CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 25, and saw a letter concerning the Scotch fancy. In answer to "Bird Fancier's Son" I have proved by experience all I said. I have kept the Belgian, the Scotch Fancy, and the Yorkshire, and have won first prizes with them all, and I prefer the Scotch Fancy. But I allow every other man his fancy, and I condemn no one for his honest opinion, and if "Bird Fancier's Son" thinks that breeding a few Yorkshires as songsters is the best paying, and that he gets more pleasure from them and less expense, he is right to breed the variety.

I am only a working man myself, and my wages do not exceed the amount mentioned but where there is a will there is a way, and I would say that it is for exhibiting purposes that I keep my birds, not for selling as songsters. I would also say it is not for money making that I keep them; it is for the love of the birds, but if I lost money by them I could not afford it, and I would have to quit the fancy. I have always been able to make them pay their way.

"Bird Fancier's Son" is a lucky man if he can buy winning Yorkshires at 20s. each. I could never do it, for I have paid over 40s. for ones that could not get a card on the show bench, and I have often been asked five pounds and more for ones that could win. Of course, I may have got a Yorkshire from a personal friend for about the half he would have charged a stranger, but that is no rule, and may be that is how "Bird Fancier's Son" can get prize winners so cheap. I can assure readers of CAGE BIRDS that the Scotch Fancy is as cheap and as good as any other variety of the Canary. You will often see in show reports Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries claimed at catalogue price, ten, and sometimes fifteen pounds, and I knew a man that paid fifteen pounds for a Yorkshire.

If "Bird Fancier's Son" ever starts with Scotch Fancies I can assure him he will not regret it, and I will do anything I can to assist him. I cannot speak of forty years ago, I had not said goodbye to the cradle at that time, but I have exhibited the Scotch Fancy for over twenty years, and I can endorse every word that Messrs. J. J. Penaluna and Son say. They don't get fair play, but let breeders be up and doing, and give support to all shows that give classes for the Scotch Fancy, and let all clubs give lectures on the Scotch Fancy, and you will soon see many young fanciers joining the ranks. I believe that day is not far distant, and I am surprised at the breeders of the "Bird O'Circle" being so quiet. Come forward and express your views. CAGE BIRDS pages are open to you to express your views, and the Editor always welcomes a discussion so long as it is done in a friendly spirit. Now, Sir, I will draw to a close, with thanks to you for past favours, and a wish that you may be long spared as editor of such a paper as CAGE BIRDS. What would the fancy do to-day without it?

W. MCKIE DUNLOP.

CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS.

By J. NORTH.

(Continued from page 757.)

Helpful Hints on Management, Pairing, Breeding and Rearing, which should make the Hobby of Canary Keeping easy of pursuit by the amateur, and containing information of interest to older hands.

THE seeds can be collected without much trouble and in considerable quantities, and are simply invaluable for Goldfinch and Goldfinch Canary Mules. They should be well dried before being stored away, by being spread out on paper, or in trays, in a warm or sunny window.

Be very careful during frosty weather to avoid giving your birds any frost-bitten greenmeat; if it is at all suspicious looking, steep it for a few minutes in warm water, then shake out all the moisture, wrap in a dry cloth, and then discard any transparent pieces. Nothing is more likely to give both old and young birds serious inflammation of the bowels than frost bitten green leaves.

We have not thought it necessary to say anything particular about lettuce, because it is extensively used for human use as a salad, and it would occur to everybody, without special mention, that it is equally available for Canaries and cage birds generally.

It is really wonderful what a quantity of large fleshy lettuce leaves a pair of birds will consume in a day, when feeding a nest of youngsters ten to thirty days old.

It would be well for us now, perhaps, to speak about the sex and colour differences, and to explain some of the technical terms used by fanciers.

By the time that birds of the year attain their adult plumage, that is, at from six to eight months of age, there should be no difficulty in distinguishing the sexes, especially if the cage or flight contains several birds of both sexes, because then the various distinguishing features could be compared and made plain.

Points of colour, shape, size, all lend themselves by comparison to the identification of the sexes. Yellows and Buffs are the two colours, to one or the other of which every Canary belongs, but the subject of variegation is apt to confuse matters, unless we bear in mind a few elementary rules.

Besides the confusion likely to arise through heavy variegation, the practice of frequently mating buff with buff, or "double buffing" as it is called, or of pairing a yellow bird to another yellow bird, tends in the former case to the production of washy-coloured coarse-textured plumage, which is far removed from the quality of the best buff birds which are to be seen in the Norwich classes.

Sexual differences also have their corresponding colour differences, for it is very seldom that a yellow hen is anything like as pure in solid yellow colour down the poll

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CANARY KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

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and back as a cock. This is appreciable to some extent in Norwich Canaries, but more so in Yorkshires and so on through these, such as Scotch Fancies and Lancashires, where colour points are not cultivated to any extent.

The yellow colour should be as solid and level as possible, and free from any white edging to the tips of the feathers. The quality, or texture of feather of a yellow bird is also quite different from that of a buff; the yellow bird is more silky, and the individual feathers, when compared with those of a Buff bird of the same family, are shorter and thinner.

To put it concisely the yellow feather is all "quality." The buff feather differs from the yellow in having its edge frosted with white, which, being distributed over the whole body of the bird, gives it a bloom or mealy appearance. Hence buff birds are also called "Mealies." This "meal" would seem to be an addition not only to the colour but to the length and substance of the feather, for birds of this colour are generally larger than their yellow brothers or sisters.

Cock Canaries are also almost invariably larger than their sisters. One could not say that "yellows are always smaller than buffs," because yellows of varieties that are bred for size, such as Lancashires, would be larger than the buff of a variety that was cultivated for colour-properties before size, such as Norwich or Cinnamons.

The double buffing, having a tendency to increase size, has been practised for all it was worth with the modern Dark Crests, and also probably to a very considerable extent with the forbears of the present-day Lancashires. It cannot be said of the breeders of the latter variety that they have neglected the maintenance of the "yellows," because as a matter of fact they are almost as numerous as the "buffs," and taking into consideration the difficulty of yellow-coppy-breeding, the way they have held their position is very creditable.

Now the ground colour of either a yellow or a buff may be variegated by dark coloured feathers occurring in small patches, spots, or splashes, when it is called "ticked." If in larger portions it would be said to be "variegated," or the dark colour might extend from one end to the other, and to the exclusion of any clear yellow or buff feathers anywhere, when the bird would be said to be "self-coloured."

These self-coloured birds might be either Green or Cinnamon, still the mealy edging to the feathers would be discernible if they were "buffs," but if they were "yellows" the richness would be more apparent. A very heavily marked or nearly green bird is said to be a "broken green," or "just off the greens."

It having been shown that the yellow birds represent quality, and the buffs or mealies mean quantity, it will be readily perceived that a consistent matching of the two colours would tend to a correct balance of all the properties being maintained, and not one quality being sacrificed for another.

The different ways or proportions in which the points of size, colour, shape and style are combined have been the root cause of the branching of the common Canary stock into "varieties," but the high degree of excellence which has been attained, and which may be witnessed at any good show, is the result of many years' work by ardent fanciers, and nearly each year means a generation, a step up the ladder.

(To be continued.)

Club Reports.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Dec. 20. President, Mr. R. B. Cairns, chair, and a large attendance. The chairman said that the annual show, held on the 2nd Dec. was the finest effort of the club that had ever taken place. Each successive year the entries had gradually been going up, till this year they had reached the high mark of over 520; 54 of the club's 70 members had exhibited, so that the entries showed an average of 14 entries per exhibitor. This, for a confined show, was truly a great effort, and showed the high standard of efficiency in which the club stood. The catalogue also was a fine piece of work, being an award-marked one, and on sale 30 minutes after the show opened, showing the club's officials had not been idle. He thanked the committee for the energetic way in which they had carried out the work allotted to them, also the show manager, Mr. W. Connelly, for the enterprising way he conducted the affairs of his post, also the sec. for the successful way he had conducted the affairs in general. New members proposed: G. S. Robertson, Jas. C. Brown, Geo. Lea, and Allan Robertson. Notice of motion for next meeting, by Messrs. Kerr and Black: That four new trophies be got for the club. Specials won at annual show were handed out. Chairman read letter from Sec. re notice of resignation. Next meeting, annual general meeting, will be held Jan. 31, in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, at 7.30. As there is some very important business to come up for discussion, it is imperative that every member should make a special effort to be present.—A. K. Hunter, Sec. and Treas.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Dec. 12, Cock and Lion Hotel, Wigmore Street, Mr. F. E. Fisher chair. This was the last of the season at which birds were a special feature in being brought for edification in the song. Some very fine specimens were present, notably bass, hollow roll, and a fine schocked pointed cut and dilated upon by the chairman. We had a full meeting. The club is now getting occupied over show matters.—Hy. W. Gutierrez.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, Minto Hotel, Lochgelly, Mr. Smith, President, in the chair. Balance sheet for year was passed. Office bearers were appointed: Pres., Mr. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mr. Storrar; Sec. and Treas., Mr. Sneddon; Auditors, Messrs. Storrar and Baxter. Next meeting, Coaltoun of Wemyss, Feb. 3, at 6. After the meeting Mr. Smith, in an able speech, presented the cup to Coaltoun of Wemyss, whose President suitably replied. Specials were handed over to the winners. Songs were rendered by members of the various societies, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the evening to a close. The Sec. extends the compliments of the season to all members in the League.—J. Sneddon, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready)

Meeting, Dec. 12, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road; Mr. J. S. Dixon presided over a good attendance. Balance sheet was read by Sec. and was received with enthusiasm. The balance in hand, £14 8s., will be paid out in prize money next year. We have received the names of 15 new members to be made at next meeting, Jan. 24, when all members will have received their balance sheets. Auditors elected, W. Duke, T. R. Baker; E. Coppock trustee pro. tem., until R. Ridley returns from active service. Agreed that any wounded soldier of the Borough who is in the Fancy will be made a member free of charge the first year; also decided that election of officers will take place at next meeting. The auditors went through the books at close of meeting and found all correct.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, High St., Mr. P. McQuiston presiding. Present, Messrs. McLachlan, T. Erskine, W. Erskine, Cameron, Alexander, Girvan, Gribben, W. Wilson, Lelland, and Ferguson. Balance sheet was submitted and considered satisfactory. Decided to hand over £12 to the Carrick House Red Cross Hospital. All prize-money and specials in cash have been paid, specials in kind delivered, and accounts paid to date. The Sec. was congratulated upon the success of the recent Red Cross Show, and in return thanked the members who had supported him in his efforts to make the show such a successful one as to be a surprise to those who came to see it. Mr. John Forbes, Deputy Chief Constable for the County, intimated his resignation of the position of Honorary President, and his resignation was reluctantly accepted. Mr. P. Paterson was elected to the position. Mr. Robert Gribben was proposed as a member. Messrs. W. Wilson and W. Lovie appointed auditors. Decided to have no "Pairs" show in the coming season; but to have a First Feather show, date to be fixed at next meeting. The annual open show will be held Dec. 8. Next meeting Mar. 3.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEXUAL DISTINCTIONS.

Beginner.—Externally, these are very slight indeed in the Canary, and of quite a comparative nature, long generations of domesticity having almost obliterated al trace of what might have existed in the original stock. In a general way the cock has a bolder and more dominant appearance, is more pushful, has a less angular sweep of outline from the lower breast on to the under tail coverts, a bolder eye, and richer tone of colour on the throat, wing butts and at bottom of back, just above root of tail. The call is more clear and musical and the song itself more clear, ringing and unbroken, and when he sings the throat will be seen to pulsate and throb very perceptibly as the notes are produced. Some hens will make a very fair attempt at singing, but, in all save very exceptional cases, the song is short, scrappy and harsh in comparison with that of the cock. These points taken altogether will enable even a novice to sex his stock with a fair amount of success, and coupled with close observation he should soon be sufficiently expert to sex a given bird correctly. At the beginning the song and the inflation and throbbing of the throat are the most reliable and certain guides.

FIXING AND KEEPING COLOUR.

J. Y. A.—(1) A short course of iron in some form at the end of the moult will suffice both to tighten up the plumage and make the colour more permanent. When the feathers have quite ceased dropping dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the drinking water three times a week for two or three weeks, which will usually suffice for the purpose, and if it appears to cause undue constipation you may easily correct this by adding a little extra green food of a succulent nature, such as watercress, to the dietary until the droppings resume a normal consistency. (2) The tone of colour-fed birds is always apt to become a little washed out, towards the end of the show season, especially if shown much, which may necessitate many washings. To prevent this, and also provide for the reproduction in proper colour of any stray feathers that may be lost, accidentally or otherwise, you should give, about once a week, or three times in a fortnight all through the show season, a small teaspoonful of egg food with a little colour mixed in it.

ALWAYS SNEEZING.

D. L. L.—Possibly the bird has been unusually susceptible to the cold changes whilst thinly clad during the moult. Still, you should be sure that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of temperature. Remove either of the latter exciting causes which may exist, and give in addition to the usual dietary a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary, and on the alternate days add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squille, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. Do not allow the bird to hang near or over a burning light in the evenings nor high up near the ceilings, as the air is very apt to be vitiated in these places and cause frequent sneezing by mechanical irritation.

MAKING A START.

T. M. J.—You would certainly go wrong at the beginning if you purchased a pair of yellow birds to start with even if you wish to work up a strain of light muling hen Canaries. This would be what is termed double-yellowing, and unless it is well understood it is liable to produce progeny with thin and scanty feather, coarse extremities, small size and a variety of minor defects. It is a system of mating which the novice with no experience at all should leave severely alone. Get two clear birds if you like, but let one be a buff and the other a yellow, and if the buff is bred from a mating of two yellows so much the better if it is of good size and well feathered, as it will be a much better and safer mating for you to attempt. A strain of Canaries specially bred for producing light Mules, or what are known as Sib-bred Canaries, is, or should be, invariably the result of more or less close in-breeding, and this again requires some experience to carry it on for any appreciable length of time without material deterioration in the stock. Upon the whole you would be best advised to put yourself in the hands of a known successful and reliable breeder and get a pair of clear birds, or if you start with two pairs, a pair of clears, and the second pair a clear and a ticked or lightly marked. Have what would be termed unrelated birds, which, of course, with birds coming from the same stud must not be taken to imply total absence of kinship, but only comparatively so. Get strong, healthy, young birds, and as soon as they are quite through the moult, and whilst breeding with these next season read and digest such books as House's "Norwich Canary," 1s. 2d., and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free, from our manager, and if you have any doubts about mating the young the following season send along full particulars of the birds, young and old, and I will do my best to help you.

SLACK FEATHER.

B. J.—If it is not due to a natural defect in the feather the plumage will gradually fine down in the course of a week or two after the moult is finished. Offer the bath on each nice, bright day, keep a morsel of fresh raw carrot stuck in the wires of the cage for it to peck at when it likes, and add to the drinking water a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea and four drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight or so. A morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every third day during the same time will also be very beneficial. By the end of a fortnight or so the effect should be to make the bird quite fine and tight in feather, if the slackness is not due to a natural coarseness of plumage.

ROLLER QUERIES.

Novice.—(1) No hard and fast rule as to the length of time it takes to train Roller cocks to sing can be laid down, as the birds naturally vary in aptitude individually, as well as by reason of their breeding—birds from a good, free-singing strain showing more aptitude than those bred from a stock which has not been specially trained. But in a general way young cocks that have had the privilege of tuition constantly from the time they leave the nest should be perfectly trained by the time they resume full song after moulting—say about November. But they may improve up to the beginning of the following year. (2) If not trained they could not be expected to sing typical Roller tours, but the song might be classed as a good type as common Canaries' song usually goes. (3) This is rather a poser and depends somewhat on what you mean by "sing properly." Given the advantage of proper tuition the vast majority of Roller cocks will learn to sing a very good average type of song, though it may not be able to carry off the palm in a Roller singing contest; a fairly large percentage, if bred from a well-trained stock, should come within reasonable distance of the top; and a few specimens here and there may prove incorrigibly bad. I am sorry I have no figures from which I can give you any definite percentages of either class, and doubt if any reliable figures could be evolved that would be generally applicable.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SUITABLE STOCK BIRDS.

E. M. H.—(1) If the bird is quite healthy in other respects there is no reason why it should not be suitable for breeding, notwithstanding the watery-looking eye. Possibly the eye is a little inflamed and the following treatment for a week or two should set matters right. Get a few camomile flowers from a chemist, place a fair-sized teaspoonful—about a drachm in weight—in a teacup, fill with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour. Then strain, add 30 drops of tincture of opium, and when cold it is ready for use. Each evening for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, catch the bird and bathe the eye for a few minutes with this, using a drop of fresh liquid and a fresh pledget of wool each time. (2) I cannot advise you to breed with the sib-bred hen that is deformed. Although it appears quite healthy, and the physical defect may have been the outcome of some injury in the nestling state, it would be unwise to risk breeding with it even if there were no inherited defect which is by no means certain.

SWELLINGS ON TOES.

Anxious One.—You ought to have described the appearance of the swellings as nearly as you could, and also said whether they are on the hind or the middle fore toes. I cannot decide which of these you would call the "big toes." Anyway, try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not well in that time write again and give these particulars. Mix a teaspoonful of extract of wych hazel in a saucerful of lukewarm water, and bathe the affected feet in this solution for a few minutes once daily. If there appears any "head" with pus underneath you may carefully prick it with a clean needle, and gently press out any free matter during the bathing. After bathing a few minutes, dry gently, and paint on the swellings a little of the neat extract of wych hazel with the tip of a small feather, holding the bird a few moments until the "sting" has passed off.

SAMPLE OF CANARY SEED.

F. P.—The seed sent shows a very good all round sample, of quite good quality, and I see no valid reason whatever why the birds should object to it. They ought to be mighty glad to get such seed in these times. You omit to say what form their objection takes. If they husk it and drop the kernel on the cage floor, add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water for three consecutive days. This may set matters right, which may be nothing more than a little digestive derangement.

TO DISTINGUISH SEX.

G. W. G. (Gorton).—It is by no means an easy task for a tyro to tell the sex of Canaries with any degree of certainty, but the ability to do so will come with a little experience and observation. You will be lucky indeed if you are not reduced to the straits of having to depend upon such fanciful aids as threaded needles and silver coins. All the sexual differences are comparative and quite slight in most cases, but you will generally find the cock is of a bolder and more pushful, domineering disposition, and if you had birds of the same brood he would as often as not be a trifle larger than the hens, but size in a general way is no reliable guide. He is more smart and upstanding, and, if natural colour, will probably have a richer tone of colour on the throat, butts of wings, and on the rump. The eye has a larger and bolder appearance, and the under-tail coverts are more neatly packed, showing a more graceful sweep of outline from the abdomen on to the under-tail coverts. The voice is more clear and liquid compared with the harsher tone of the hen, and when the cock sings, which is far the best guide for the novice, the throat is inflated and throbs perceptibly as the notes are produced. Some hens will make a decent show of trying to sing, but their efforts are more or less a broken twittering, and there is little, if any, inflation of the throat. In the spring, when the birds are in breeding condition, the appearance of the vent will be a further guide, that of the cock being more prominent than that of the hen, which is flat and more on a line with the abdomen. You should cage the birds you are doubtful of by themselves in separate cages, and feed a little liberally, when they should soon come in song if cocks.

MICE IN ATTIC.

W. Leech.—It must naturally depend very largely upon the nature of the building and its surroundings as to what is the best way to clear it of mice. Not knowing anything at all about these points, the best thing I can suggest is that you put down a course of Danysz Virus, which you may often see advertised in our columns. This should make a clearance for a time, but unless you adopt also suitable measures of prevention and encouragement you can only expect that more will come in their places after a time. As soon as a clearance is made, hunt out and stop with cement, in which you have mixed a portion of finely-broken glass or china, all holes or crevices by which they have gained access, and, more important still, keep all seeds and foods, and such-like temptations, securely in mouse-proof boxes or tins. Adopt any practicable methods to keep them out of the cages, and do not allow any waste seed or husks to lie about the floor or accumulate in the cages. Where such temptations as the latter exist for any length of time, it is an exceedingly difficult problem to keep out mice entirely.

HOARSE VOICE.

R. Hughes.—If there is no sign of the bird having cold or any coughing or sneezing, seeing that it is in apparent good health and active, your description of its call is rather suggestive of a hen. Anyway, see that it is kept free from cold, direct draughts, damp, or rapid extremes of temperature, and, in addition to its usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. If there is no improvement at the end of this treatment you had better get some more experienced fancier to look at the bird and tell you if it is really a cock.

AILING BORDER FANCY.

W. F. S. (Ealing).—The cold the bird had would not necessarily have anything to do with it losing its plumage now. You do not say whether the bird moulted at the proper time earlier in the autumn, but in any case the present moult affecting the flights and tail, as well as the contour feathers, is an abnormal one, as a Canary hatched this year should not yet lose its tail and flights. Try the following treatment for a month, and if it does not set matters right in that time write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further. As staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white

nillet, teazle, and broken groats. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or boiled or raw carrot, or sweet apple, and next a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 30 drops of syrup of buckthorn and give 15 drops of this mixture in the drinking water every second day until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. Offer the bath twice weekly in the early part of the day, and keep the bird in a comfortable place, not necessarily overheated nor yet on the chilly side, and avoid direct cold draughts and rapid extremes of heat and cold.

A QUESTION OF DIET.

Anxious.—The letter you enclose is certainly a somewhat remarkable missive, but its very vagueness and the general character of the sweeping statements almost put it out of the pale of criticism. The writer is, of course, perfectly entitled to his opinion, but, unfortunately, the whole weight of real practical experience is dead against his theories as far as they may be taken to relate to Canaries, and many other species of cage birds, too, for the matter of that. It is noteworthy that no particular class of birds is named in the sweeping statement that "it is never advisable to feed to cage birds any biscuit, or other breadstuff; much, if any canary seed, or millet, or suchlike very unsuitable foodstuffs." Had such a statement referred to, say, members of the Thrush or Warbler families, Swallows or Flycatchers, or any such exclusively insectivorous species, little could be said against it, but to go to the other extreme if one applied it to such species as the small Foreign Finches, Waxbills, or the small Parrakeets, one will readily see the utter uselessness of such wide and general assertions. I cannot express any opinion about the report of the six-weeks' old youngster dying from fatty degeneration from this kind of dietetic error, but it must have been a wicked little glutton which richly deserved its fate. You do not give sufficient details as to your feeding after the young were taken away from the parents and their general treatment for me to suggest any definite cause of death. But as you are now adhering to advice in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" I would advise you to go on with this method right through next season, and do not withdraw the soft food too soon after the young are placed on their own, nor allow any stale portions of food to lie about the cages. See the latter are kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and the food and water-vessels frequently washed quite clean; and I see no reason whatever why you should not succeed in rearing all that are weaned from the parents to maturity. If any such losses occur next year write at once and give the fullest particulars, and I will do what I can to assist you to overcome them.

LOSING YORKSHIRE HENS.

Perplexed.—The symptoms might be accounted for almost entirely by ptomaine poison being absorbed with the food, but considering the way the birds are kept this could only be explained by the birds having some kind of tainted food, such as rancid hemp, as an extra, which was largely monopolised by the birds that afterwards became the victims of the disease. But on the whole I am rather inclined to think that it is due to chills or broncho-pneumonia, to which these specimens are more predisposed than the rest of the stock kept under the same conditions. In the latter case the best treatment, as soon as you see a bird showing signs of becoming affected, is to remove it at once to a quite warm place where the heat is as equable as possible, give a supply of plain canary seed and in addition a little bread and milk well sprinkled with maw seed, and a slight dusting of soft sugar. A small teaspoonful of boiled summer rape may be offered occasionally, but the above items may be all that will be really appreciated. In the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for two days, and after this give instead 30 drops of brandy and six of syrup of buckthorn until the urgent symptoms have passed. If this does not quickly set matters right you would be well advised to send the body of the next that dies to our Mr. Yates, as soon as possible after death, for a post-mortem, as per rules under heading "Post-mortems," in order to ascertain whether there is any contagion attached to it.

BORDER FANCY COCK MOULTING.

Crafter.—(1) It is quite likely that the change from the breeding cage with a companion to a wire cage is mainly responsible for the bird going soft in condition. You certainly did quite right to separate the sexes, which should have been done some time ago, and you should not reintroduce them in the same cage until time to mate them for breeding, which will not be earlier than the end of next March. For the present, if you cannot place the cock in a box cage you should see that it is kept in a fairly cosy part of the room where the fluctuations of temperature are least felt. The sample of mixed seed you sent is not a good one. It contains too little variety and too much linseed. Omit the linseed, and add about the same proportion of each of the following: Teazle, inga, and broken groats. Then in addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of this mixture every third day, and on the alternate days give first a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and next a morsel of banana or boiled or raw carrot. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 30 drops of syrup of buckthorn, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. (2) Your proposed double breeding cage will certainly be small, but as it is intended for Border Fancy it will not be quite so objectionable as though it were for one of the larger breeds. At the same time you are much mistaken in thinking that an inch or two taken off the length is compensated for by an inch or two put on to the height. It is the floor space that is of the greatest importance in the dimensions of any cage, and by taking off the length you reduce the area of floor space, which remains quite unaffected by what is added to the height. This you may bear in mind for any future variations of the size of cages.

PROBABLE CAUSE OF DEATH.

J. A. H.—It is eminently unsatisfactory to hazard a guess as to the cause of death after it has taken place. Only a proper post-mortem is of any real service in such cases. But, judging from your description and the prevailing conditions at the time there is very little doubt that the bird was a victim to broncho-pneumonia, mainly due to the weather conditions, and in all probability aggravated by a chill caught by some means. The only thing that would have been of any service would have been to have put the bird in a very warm place, given a little bread and milk for food, and added half a teaspoonful of brandy, or some similar stimulant, to each tablespoonful of its drinking water, and left the rest to nature. This might have pulled it through, but it may be some consolation to know that in acute cases of this kind the hopes of recovery are very slight. Your treatment was not really bad except in one detail, that of giving three drops of castor oil. This would be an enormous dose for a Canary, and castor oil is never a very suitable medicine for Canaries. A much better treatment would have been to mix equal parts of the oil—if that were the only thing of the kind at hand, though syrup of buckthorn would have been preferable—and brandy and given two drops of this mixture in the beak, or on a crumb of bread and milk, every two or three hours for a day. With regard to your other questions: (1) A drop or two of strong brandy given in the beak now and again would not act as a poison, but I do not consider it a good plan to administer it in this manner for obvious reasons. A mixture of equal parts brandy and glycerine or any similar vehicle is less objectionable, and a very valuable stimulant when needed. (2) If by "concentrated glycerine" you mean pure glycerine as used for medical or toilet purposes this also certainly would not act as a poison. (3) Yes, I certainly think it highly probable that the bird contracted acute broncho-pneumonia, from which the chances of recovery are not great at any time.

MOPY BORDER FANCY HEN.

G. A. Arnold.—You give no idea as to the age of the hen when you purchased her, so I cannot say anything very definite as to whether she will be of any use for breeding next season. But if she shows any indications of having left her youth behind, such as thick and overgrown claws, or coarse, scaly feet and legs, I would not advise you to depend upon her another season, as you would run much less risk of disappointment by replacing her with a healthy, vigorous young hen. As regards her mopy condition, it would have been helpful had you mentioned whether she was in a plump, stout condition or the reverse. The mopiness may very probably be due to being a little overfed, the bad effects of which would not be so pronounced or noticeable whilst the bird was in the outdoor aviary. If it has one or two energetic companions in the flight to elbow it about a bit it will probably help to do it good. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition give separately a pinch of summer rape every third day, except that once each week you may vary this by substituting a small teaspoonful of boiled rape. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, boiled or raw carrot, or sweet apple, and next a pinch of the mixed seeds you are now giving, but with the linseed omitted altogether. Keep the cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. In the water, for three consecutive days, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

ONLY OCCASIONAL TRILL.

A. B. C., Bath.—The bird has not quite recovered from the moult, and is still in what is termed a "soft condition." This would largely account for it not coming into more vigorous condition and full song. See that it is not exposed to rapid extremes of temperature; allow it to bathe two or three times a week, offering the bath early in the day, and touch the ends of the perches in all the compartments of the aviary each week with paraffin or some other insecticide. A fairly warm, but not overheated, temperature as equable as you can make it will be all that is needed. Omit the linseed from the seed mixture altogether and replace it with an equal proportion of broken groats, and give half a teaspoonful every second day for a month, and on the alternating days give either a morsel of banana or boiled or raw carrot. Two days in every three for a month dissolve in half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 30 drops of syrup of buckthorn, and add 20 drops of this mixture to the drinking water. This should bring the bird into good hard condition, and soon after it should resume its full song. It would help it considerably at the beginning to keep a morsel of the following paste stuck in the wires, for it to peck at when it likes for a week or two. Mix and knead well together a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, ditto of pure honey, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, ditto of powdered grain of paradise, and add whilst mixing as much finely powdered biscuit as will bring it to the consistency of soft cheese. When dry it will be fairly solid, and you can cut a cube or a pellet to stick on the end of the perch between the wires.

HEAT OR NO HEAT.

New Recruit.—If the room is really damp to any material extent, as you suggest, it is not a suitable one for your birds under any conditions, and I very much doubt if any form of artificial heating it would be of any benefit. Simple cold of itself is by no means a bar to successful keeping of Canaries, but cold and damp, or even damp alone, means birds continually out of condition and in soft moult. Personally, I do not know that ideal treasure, a stove with no chimney that will neither smoke nor give off fumes, and as you cannot have any flue to carry off any fumes into the open air you would, in my opinion, be far better without any heat at all. If you really wish to try I should place the different methods of heating applicable to your needs as follows:—1, a portable hot water coil heated by an atmospheric burner placed on a bed of stone or brick in the centre of the room, for which you would need in the first place to have gas laid on to the house; 2, a syphon oil stove, which is said to burn its own smoke, and of which you may see many designs in the lists of any large hardware stores; and 3, a slow combustion stove for coal or coke. The last is the least desirable, and I would not care to trust any other without a cover of some kind to entrap fumes or smoke and carry them off by means of a small pipe either to the air or into a chimney flue. If your birds have been bred and kept in a normal temperature hitherto the best advice I can give you is to place them now in a situation that is dry, and do not worry about cold. Add a little extra heat forming foods to the dietary, such as hemp, rape, and broken groats, or a few crushed oats now and again when the weather is very cold; cover the cages over at night if you like, and, as a final precaution, give each bird a little "goose box," such as you may have seen described in our columns recently, to roost in, or even the choice of roosting in a little box with a bit of crushed hay in it, and I do not think you need have the least fear of them suffering unduly from the cold. In a room of this kind you would need to be careful not to mate up the birds too early in the spring—the beginning of April would be quite soon enough.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING A STARLING.

F. E. H.—You will have no trouble in feeding your Starling, as they are birds easily kept. As a staple food there is nothing better than the first one you mention, which will keep much more delicate birds in health. With this as a staple food, and various scraps from the table, he should do admirably. He certainly should have some live food, as the bird is so much happier, and healthy, with it. Mealworms are very handy, and many other kinds can be collected in the open. Earthworms in any quantity are not at all suitable, but all kinds of grubs, caterpillars, and beetles will be appreciated. Soft fruit can be offered all the year round. The cage you mention will do nicely. It should be cleaned out at least twice a week. He should be allowed to bathe on all suitable occasions, giving the bath early in the morning, so that bird and cage are quite dry by roosting time. The perches should be large enough for the bird to get a firm grip, three quarters of an inch in diameter, should be about the correct size. As regards the birds in your other cage, if you have a surplus of hens you will not have much trouble with them; squabbles usually occur when the cocks are in the majority.

IMPROVING AN AVIARY.

E. Oglesby.—It would certainly be an improvement to your aviary to cover the back with branches. If you can get box and heather you will find these most suitable. As regards the nesting boxes, they must not be too dark inside or the birds will not enter. I should advise you to leave one end partly open and partly cover it with heather, which you will find admirable for thatching purposes if you can manage to get sufficient. Wild birds like seclusion when nesting, and the better you can arrange for this, the more likely you are to be successful. I would not advise you to turn in the Foreign birds with the Finches. I think the number and species you suggest having would do admirably. See that they are all healthy; if you have any doubts about any of them do not use them. If you can manage to get chaff from the thrashing machine it will make a capital floor covering and keep the birds busy hunting among it.

AVIARY MATTERS.

Various.—Do not apologise; our columns are always open to readers who are in doubt and seek advice. There is just one point you failed to mention, that is do you intend to try to breed with your birds, or do you only want to keep them as pets? If the former, I would advise the following: The two cock Goldies, the Linnet and Greenfinch, with these you could have two or three hen Canaries, and a hen Bullfinch. If it is not your intention to try to breed you could simply have a mixed collection of cocks and hens, but I would advise you not to have more cocks than hens. You might have pairs of the following: Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Bullfinch. This would be quite sufficient birds and make a bright and varied collection. (2) With a mixed collection you must give mixed seed, but it would be a waste of time for me to tell you what seeds to get until you have decided upon the birds you intend to have.

STOCKING AN AVIARY.

Manx.—Your screen and shutters should do admirably, as birds do so much better when they can be sheltered from very rough weather. Your selection for Hybrid breeding should do, but do not have more than one Bullfinch hen in it. As a rule they do not agree at all well. I do not think you should have the Softbills in with them if you can manage otherwise; Finches do best by themselves. (2) Your system of feeding the Blackbirds appears to be quite all right, but do not overdo the earthworms, and let them be small ones that you do give. If they have a little minced meat occasionally, they should not need much in the way of worms. Birds eat these when in a state of nature, but when caged, they do not agree with them quite as one would expect, consequently we only use them when other live food fails. Slugs and snails are good given occasionally, but far too relaxing for general use.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT IS A "ROCK PARROT"?

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

SPECIALS AT LARKHALL SHOW.

A Larkhall Member.—Your letter is a personal attack on an individual, and conveys insinuations which you do not seem inclined to specify. Further, it is not accompanied by your name and address, and this is a second reason for our not publishing it.

WILD BIRDS AND PROTECTION ORDERS.

H. Brown.—Of course it is "possible to pass a law to put a stop to catching all wild birds all the year round in the United Kingdom." By the Wild Birds Act of 1880 the catching of many species is prohibited during the spring and summer, and in several counties the schedule of birds mentioned in this Act is supplemented by Local Government Orders so as to include other birds, and some species are by these Local Orders protected throughout the year. In reply to your question as to whether farmers would object to the passing of such a law, we would say certainly. Have you considered what would happen to the crops if Wood Pigeons, Sparrows, Rooks, and many other mischievous species were allowed to multiply indefinitely? Of course Nature would right herself in the end; there would soon be fewer crops and fewer birds, for thousands upon thousands would die in the fight for existence. But what about the farmer meanwhile? Your third question, "What birds are most troublesome to Farmers?" opens up a field for discussion into which we do not care to enter. We have indicated some troublesome birds, and there are other pebbles on the beach.

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Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Show. Judge, W. Cowgill.—F. Fretwell.

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Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 9. Annual general meeting, postponed from Tuesday, Jan. 2, owing to illness of secretary.—T. J. Hose.

Glasgow and W. Counties Norwich, &c., Club.—Jan. 6, Good Templars' Halls, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Annual show business. Specials; lecture on Canary management by Mr. J. H. Adam.—J. H. Adam.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 1, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Arranging table shows for 1917. Subs. for 1916 overdue.—A. Lawford.

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Swansea C.B.A.—Dec. 20, Elysium, 8. Balance-sheet presented, and other general business.—J. H. Ford.

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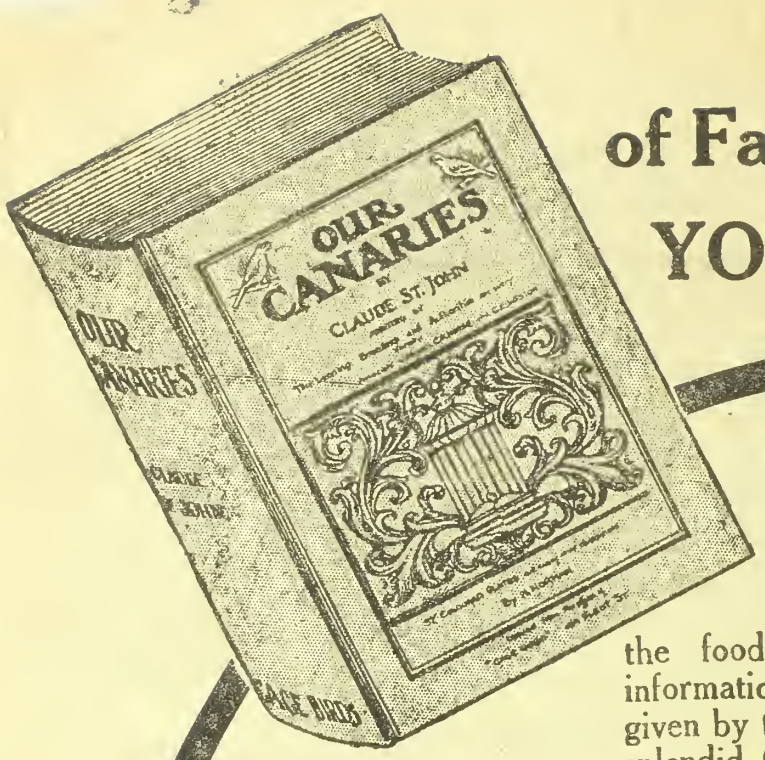
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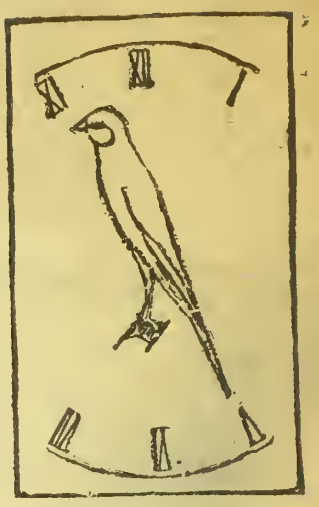
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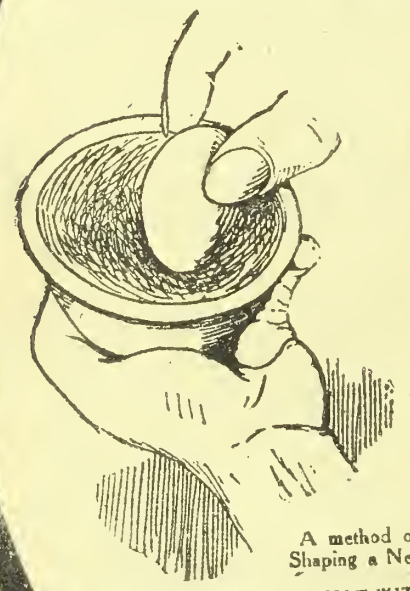
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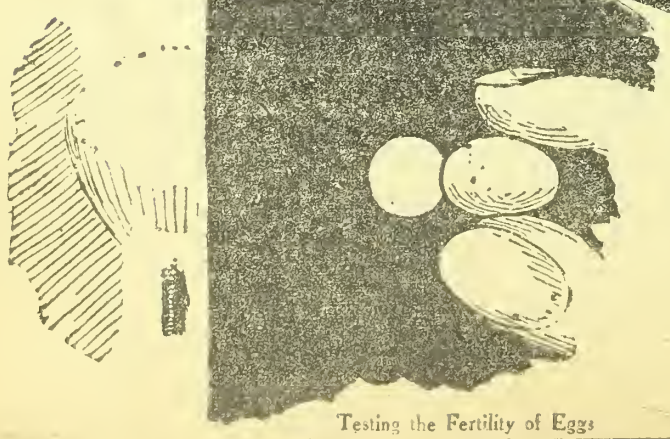
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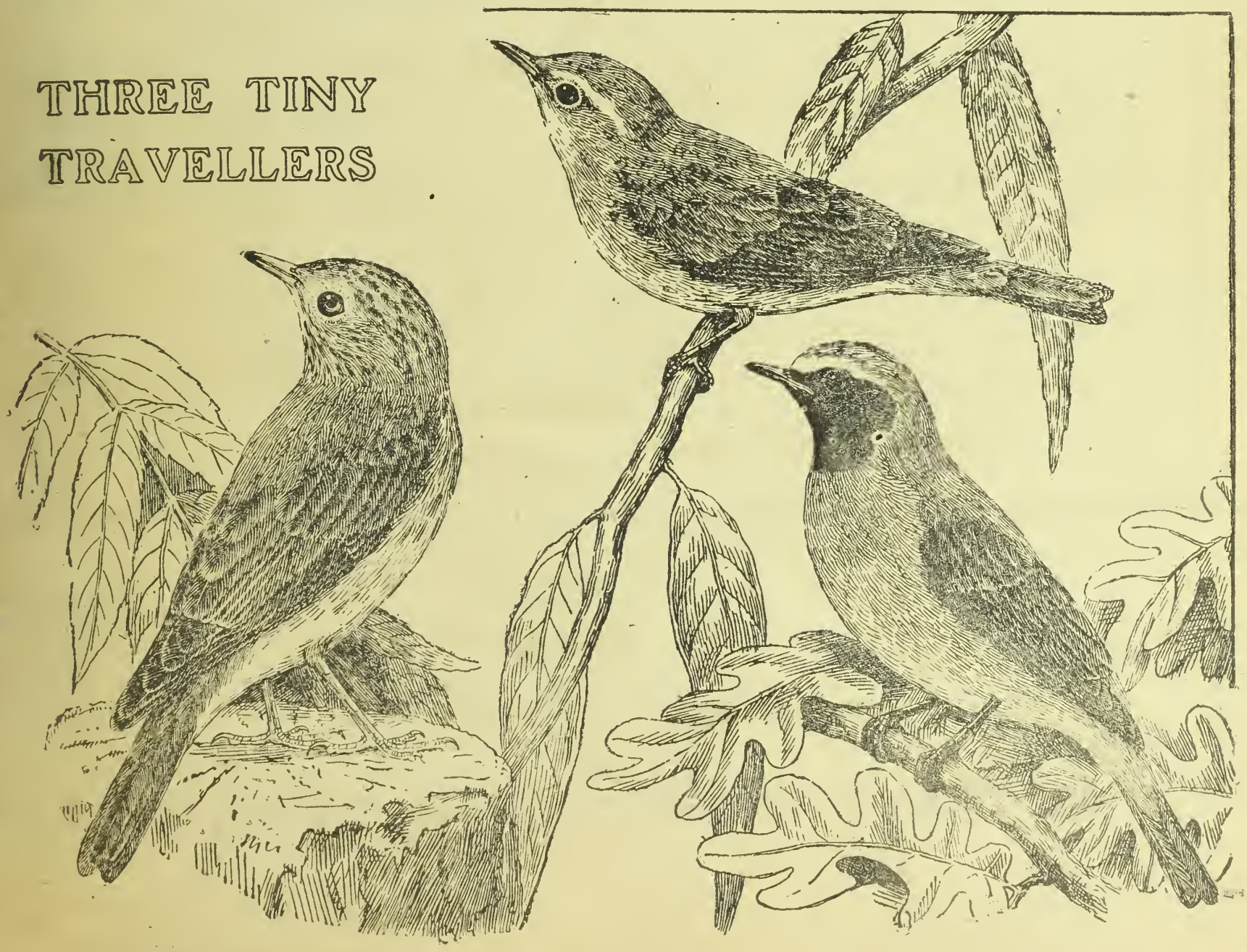
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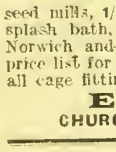


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NOTICE! Grand lot Borders, many winners; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (737)

EYES marked buff cock, 3rd prize Liverpool, 1915; two evenly marked (light markings), buff cocks, 1916, 10/- each; approval: Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven. (741)

BARGAINS, grand 1915 ticked Buff cock, uneven yellow hen, both winners, 22/6; clear yellow hen 7/6, ticked ditto 5/-; approval: James Brown, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire. (733)

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Cinnamons.

GOOD yellow and buff hens 10/6 and 15/6 each; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (740)

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Some good hens, 1916, from this bird, direct; also a few greens, bred from double yellows, teeming in colour; stamped addressed envelope: Brown, 35, Mutley Plain, Plymouth. (728)

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTBRED cock, crested hen, pair 20/-; stamp reply: Croxon, Crown Dairy, Lowestoft. (740)

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CRESTS, from exhibition stock, few pairs and odd cocks; healthy; cold room; reasonable; approval: Worrell, 8, Cleveland-avenue, Wimbledon. (740)

DARK heavy-crested cock, almost clear, crestbred hen, 21/6 pair; good grey crested cock 12/6, grey crestbred hen 10/6; approval: Roberts, North Creake. (739)

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Greens

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NORWICH Greens, Yellows, and Buffs, from 10/- each; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

FEW good Yorkshires, Norwich, to dispose of; reasonable, approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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EXHIBITION stock cold room: Halhead, St. Helier, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley, Surrey. (736)

LARGE buff Norwich hen, winner, members' class, 10/6; 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester. (743)

EXHIBITION colour-fed cocks, 20/-; hens 10/-; unflighted, on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (713)

1915 BIG yellow cock, 1915 marked buff hen, pair 18/-; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terr., Plymouth.

C. PARKINS, 36, Park Terrace, Chelmsford, has a few good buff Norwich cocks, from 15/- upward. (740)

FEW good pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; on approval; home all day; Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (743)

RARE quality typical Norwich, few cocks left; inspection invited; reasonable: Hutton, Alexandra Hotel, Penge. (738)

WELL matched pairs, 30/-, 40/- and upwards, odd cocks reasonable, on approval: Robson, 28, Camdengrove, Peckham, London. (740)

PURE Norwich, from winners, from 15/- pair, or would exchange for feather bed; no rubbish: Harradence, Cemetery, Wisbech. (739)

J. E. HARTUP has a few well-bred Norwich for sale, also Cinnamons; stamp; approval: 131, Higher Antley-st., Accrington. (737)

WELL bred cocks and hens, excellent type and quality, cheap to clear; approval, stamp: James Ward, 425, Main-st., Shettleston. (741)

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TYPICAL Norwich hen, cold room bred; grand lot young hens, at 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (741)

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GRAND buff hen, good head, feather, shape, big bird, first Hull, 35/-; also clear yellow cock, grand stock bird, good head, size, and shape, 30/-; approval: Potter, Goddard Avenue, Hull. (742)

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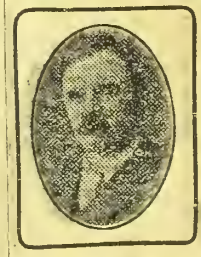
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Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Show, Jan. 25, 1917. Entries close Jan. 18, 1917. Judges: Poultry, Mr. Dick Richards; Pigeons, Rabbits, Cavies and Cats, Mr. Sid Bowler; Cage Birds, Mr. Wm. Nicholas. For schedules apply—Wm. H. Davies, Sec., Woodlands Cottage, City Road, Haverfordwest.

LLANELLY

JANUARY 9th, 1917.

Will accept entries up to Sunday's post. Enter now. We will classify. Hy. WEBSTER, Hazelbank, St. Paul's, Llanelly.

Members' Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Last show of the season, Mr. J. Wilcock, Junr., judged, and gave general satisfaction, in place of Mr. H. J. Cnittenden, who was very ill, and so could not come; we wish him a speedy recovery. Points for the season are as follows: Champion Yorks Section: 1, C. Stebbings, 73 pts.; 2nd, J. Wilcock, 58; 3rd, W. Sparks, 56; 4th, H. Pearson, 21. Novice Yorks.: 1st, T. Boocock, 74; 2nd, B. Baxter, 23; 3rd, J. Bousfield, 22; 4th, E. Wright, 8. Nor. Section: 1st, W. Markwell, 54; 2nd, S. Wilcock, 52; 3rd, J. Wilcock, 49; 4th, H. Pearson, 21. Mr. J. Close wins special for most entries and least points.

Yorks, Class 1: 1, vhc, J. Wilcock; 2, Stebbings; 3, 4, Sparks. Class 2: 1, J. Wilcock; 2, 3, Stebbings. Class 4: 1, 3, Stebbings; 2, J. Wilcock. Class 5: 1, Stebbings; 2, vhc, J. Wilcock; 3, 4, Sparks. Class 6, 7, 9, 10: 1, T. Boocock in each class, only birds shown in Novice section. Nor.: Class 11: 1, 3, Markwell; 2, Pearson; 3, J. Wilcock. Class 12: 1, 3, Markwell; 2 S. Wilcock; 4, J. Wilcock. Class 13: 1, S. Wilcock; 2, 4, vhc, J. Wilcock; 3, hc, Markwell. Class 14: 1, 4, vhc, hc, S. Wilcock; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, Markwell; c, Pearson.—S. Wilcock, sec.

DUBMIRE C.B.S.

Annual show, Dec. 16, in the Dubmire Club Hall, kindly granted for the occasion by the committee. Mr. G. T. Lynn had everything in his old style, assisted by a hard-working committee, and there was a very nice display of birds. Mr. M. Bissett won special best young bird with a very nice dark Crest. Mr. Bissett, like many more true fanciers, is away serving his King and Country, and we all wish for him a safe and speedy return. Mr. A. J. Notley judged, and gave satisfaction.

1916 Nor. Cl., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Dodds; 2, vhc, Foster; hc, Fenton. Buff: 1, hc, Dodds; 2, vhc, Foster; 3, Atkinson; c, Fenton. Hen: 1, vhc, Dodds; 2, hc, Foster; 3, Atkinson. Green, or Nearly: 1, 3, Foster; 2, Dodds; vhc, Atkinson. Crest: 1, sp, 2, Bissett. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bissett. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Fenton; vhc, hc, Fletcher. Bord. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Foster. Nor. Cl., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, Atkinson; 2, hc, Dodds; 3, Fenton; vhc, Bestford; c, Dixon. Buff: 1, Atkinson; 2, Dixon; 3, Dodds; vhc, Foster; hc, Robinson. Hen: 1, Dixon; 2, Bestford; 3, c, Fenton; vhc, Robinson; hc, Fletcher. Green or Nearly: 1, Dodds; 2, Atkinson; 3, c, Foster; vhc, Fenton; hc, Lynn. Nat. Col.: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Fletcher. Cinn.: 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Foster; vhc, hc, Lynn. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Fenton; 2, Robinson; 3, Bestford; vhc, Lynn. Hen: 1, Bestford; 2, Fenton; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Robinson. Bord. Ck.: 1, vhc, Fletcher; 2, Bestford; 3, Robinson; hc, Fenton. Hen: 1, Fenton; 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, Robinson. Pairs: 1, Bisscit. Sell.: 1, Foster; 2, Fenton; 3, hc, Fletcher; vhc, Dixon. Linnet: 1, Fenton; 2, Bestford; 3, Atkinson; vhc, hc, Fletcher. Goldf., etc.: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Atkinson; vhc, hc, c, Robinson. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Bestford; 2, Atkinson. Nor. Pairs: 1, c, Foster; 2, Atkinson; 3, Bestford; vhc, hc, Fletcher

PLYMOUTH W. COUNTIES O.S.

Pair show, held Dec. 12, many members being on Government work, entries must be considered fairly well up, 52 pairs being staged, but not one Crest put in an appearance. Each section contained birds of grand merit, but the class of the show was the pairs for muling, no less than 17 grand pairs facing the judge, who had his work cut out to find the winners, so close were they. The following judged, and gave general satisfaction: Yorks and Clnns., T. Cope; Nor., W. Spillman; Muling Pairs, G. Pridham.

Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 4, Craven; 2, 3, Olver; 5, Clift. Yk. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 4, Craven; 3, 5, Clift; 2, Olver. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, sp, Lugg; 2, 3, Moffitt; 4, 5, Sleep; 7, Garland. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, sp, 2, 6, Moffitt; 3, 4, Garland; 5, Hambley. Cinn. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 3, Rapson; 2, 4, Craven; 5, Perrin. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Rapson; 2, Perrin; 3, Craven. A.O.B.: 1, Cheney. Can. and Brit.: 1, 3, Lugg; 2, Hambley; 4, Perrin; 5, 7, Cheney; 6, Smale. Two Brit.: 1, Hambley; 2, Condy.—J. E. Rowe.

SHETTLESTON C.B.C.

9th annual show, Hill Street Hall, Dec. 9. Entries were not so plentiful as last year owing to a number of our members being on active service, 220 birds being staged. Messrs. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) and M. Craig (Tollcross) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Cup for best young bird was won by S. F. Wood with a grand clear buff Yorks cock. Cup best old bird, R. Davidson, a grand varieg. yellow Norwich cock; cup best young Norwich, J. Houston, a good varieg. buff cock. Cup best young Border, W. Lunn, a neat buff cock. Cup best Brit., E. Taylor, a very nice Grey Wagtail.

Crest, Old: 1, spl, 2, 3, J. Hood. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, J. Hood. Crest, Young: 1, spl, 2, J. Hood. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, J. Hood. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck., Old: 1, Divens; 2, Hood; 3, Carrick; 4, Davidson; 5, Houston. Buff: 1, Divens; 2, Davidson; 3, 4, Carrick. C. or T. Yell. Hen: 1, spl, 2, Divens; 3, 5, 6, Carrick; 4, Wallace. Buff: 1, Houston; 2, Davidson; 3, Carrick. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, cup, spl, 2, Davidson; 3, 4, 5, Wallace; 6, Carrick; 7, Lunn. Hen: 1, Houston; 2, 6, Carrick; 3, 4, Taylor; 5, Lunn. Nor., Young, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Divens; 2, 3, Houston. Buff: 1, 3, Divens; 2, Davidson. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Divens; 2, Picken; 3, Wallace. Buff: 1, Divens. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, cup, spl, Houston; 2, Carrick; 3, Picken; 4, Lunn. Hen: 1, Carrick; 2, Houston; 3, Lunn. Bord., Old, Cl., Tkd. or Var. Yell Ck.: 1, 2, Lunn; 3, Hood. Buff Ck.: 1, 2, 6, Lunn; 3, Johnstone; 4, Yule; 5, Hood. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Lunn; 4, Yule; 5, Johnstone. Buff Hen: 1, Lunn; 2, McLaren; 3, 4, 5, Hood. Gr. or Cinn.: 1, spl, 4, McLaren; 2, 5, Johnstone; 3, 6, Lunn; 7, Yule. Young, Cl., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Lunn; 3, 4, Hood; 5, Yule. Buff: 1, cup, spl, 2, 3, 5, 7, Lunn; 4, Yule; 6, Hood. Yell. Hen: 1, Lunn. Buff: 1, spl, 2, 5, Lunn; 3, 7, Hood; 4, 6, Yule. A.V. Green: 1, 3, 4, 5, Yule; 2, Lunn. Cinn.: 1, 2, 3, Johnstone. Yorks Yell. Old: 1, 2, 3, Wood. Buff: 1, 2, Woods. Yell. Hen: 1, spl, 2, 3, Wood. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Wood. Yorks, Young, Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Wood. Buff: 1, cup, spl, 2, Wood. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Wood. Buff: 1, 2, Wood. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Wood. Nov.: 1, spl, 2, Picken, Goldf.: 1, spl, Divens; 2, Johnstone; 3, Wood. Bullf.: 1, Houston; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Johnstone. Greenf.: 1, Hood; 2, spl, Divens; 3, 4, Taylor. Chaffinch: 1, Divens; 2, 3, Taylor. Bramble: 1, Divens; 2, 3, Taylor. Linnet: 1, Divens; 2, Taylor; 3, 5, Carrick; 4, Johnstone; 6, Wood. Siskin, etc.: 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Johnstone. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Taylor; 2, Johnston; 3, Wood. Bunting: 1, Johnston. Hen Hardbill: 1, 2, Taylor. A.O. Brit.: 1, cup, spl, 2, Taylor. Mule: 1, Taylor. For.: 1, N. Yule, —S. F. Wood, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Annual show, held Dec. 9, headquarters. Mr. T. Bennett (Bradford) judged and gave every satisfacton. Winners of cups and specials:—Challenge cup: 1, Wilson; 2, Tullock. Novice cup: 1, Worrall; 2, Satterthwaite. Special best matched bird: Hayton. First most points, Rowlands; 2, Wilson; 3, Tullock; 4, Evans. Novice: 1, Worrall; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Huston; 4, Wright; 5, Howard. British: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Howard.

Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Rowlands; hc, Tullock. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Tullock; vhc, Rowlands. Tkd. or Uneven Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, Leadbetter. Heavily Var. Yell.: 1, sp, Huyton; 2, Tullock; 3, Wright; vhc, Critchley; hc, Worrall. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Gritchley. Hen Cl. Yell.: 1, Tullock; 2, Evans; 3, Wilson. Buff: 1, Tullock; 2, Wilson; 3, Evans; vhc, Tullock. Hen Tkd. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Knight; 3, Evans; vhc, Leadbetter. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Wilson. Hen Heavily Var. Buff: 1, Critchley; 2, Worrall. Unflig. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, c, Tullock; 3, Rowlands; vhc, hc, Wilson. Buff: 1, vhc, hc, Tullock; 2, 3, Wilson; c, Rowlands. Uneven Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Tullock. Hen Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Tullock; 2, Wilson; 3, Rowlands; hc, c, Leadbetter. Buff: 1, 2, Rowlands; 3, Worrall; vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Tullock. Green Self Yell.: 1, Evans; 2, Huyton; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Wilson. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Wilson; 3, Tullock. Foul Buff: 1, Evans; 2, Rowlands. Hen Self Yell.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans; 3, Critchley; vhc, Tullock. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans. Hen Foul Buff: 1, Evans; 2, Wilson; 3, Leadbetter. Unflig. Self Yell.: 1, Wilson; 2, Evans; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Leadbetter. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Evans. Foul Yell.: 1, Wilson; 2, Rowlands; 3, Tullock. Hen Self or Foul Yell.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Wilson. Buff: 1, Rowlands; 2, Evans. Nat. Col. Yell.: 1, Worrall; 2, Tullock. Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Huyton; 3, Worrall. Yell. Hen: 1, Huyton; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Worrall. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; 2, Bunner. Buff: 1, 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Bunner. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Satterthwaite; 3, Bunner. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Satterthwaite; 3, Bunner. Nov. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Worrall; 2, 3, vhc, Huston. Buff: 1, Worrall; 2, vhc, Huston; 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; c, Wright. Tkd. or Mkd. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Satterthwaite; 2, c, Huston. Hen Cl. Yell.: 1, Huston; 2, vhc, c, Satterthwaite; 3, hc, Wright. Buff: 1, hc, Satterthwaite; 2, Worrall; 3, Huston; vhc, Wright. Hen Tkd. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Huston. Hen Heavily Var. Yell.: 1, Worrall; 2, Howard. Unflig. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Huston; 3, vhc, Worrall. Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, hc, Worrall; 3, vhc, Huston. Uneven or Var. Yell.: 1, Satterthwaite, 2, 3, Worrall; vhc, Huston. Hen Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Huston; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Worrall. Buff: 1, 3, Satterthwaite; 2, c, Huston; vhc, hc, Worrall. Hen Cinn. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Worrall; hc, c, Satterthwaite. Buff: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, Huston. Green Self Yell.: 1, vhc, Satterthwaite; 2, hc, c, Worrall; 3, Huston. Foul Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Huston. Hen Self Yell.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, vhc, Worrall. Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Worrall. Hen Foul Yell.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Worrall; vhc, Satterthwaite. Unflig. Self Yell.: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, Howard. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Worrall; hc, Howard. Foul Yell.: 1, Huston; 2, vhc, Worrall; 3, Wright. Buff: 1, Wright; 2, Huston; 3, vhc, hc, Worrall. Hen Self or Foul Yell.: 1, 2, c, Worrall; 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Wright; hc, Huston. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Worrall; 2, c, Saterthwaite. British: 1, 2, 3, Satterthwaite; vhc, Howard.—A. E. Huyton, Hon. See.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

Members' Annual Show, headquarters; 74 entries faced the judge, Mr. Trengove, who gave general satisfaction.

Yell. Ck.: 1, Wharton; 2, J. Lengard; 3, Spencer; vhc, Braybrook; hc, J. Lenyard. Buff: 1, 3, J. Lenyard; 2, R. Braybrook; vhc, Wharton. Yell. Hen: 1, H. Catlow. Buff: 1, 2, H. Catlow. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Braybrook; 2, H. Catlow; vhc, Spencer. Buff: 1, 3, Wharton; 2, Huggins. Buff Hen: 1, Huggins; 2, Wharton. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, vhc, Moorhouse; 2, Midgley; 3, Watson. Buff: 1, Broxup; 2, Thornton; 3, Midgley; vhc, hc, Derricutt; c, Watson. Yell. Hen: 1, Broxup; 2, Foster; 3, Moorhouse. Buff: 1, 2, Broxup; 3, Midgley; vhc, hc, Moorhouse. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Thornton; 3, Foster; vhc, Watson; hc, c, Wellwork. Buff: 1, 2, Wallwork; 3, Watson; vhc, Foster. Unflig. Yell. Hen: 1, Broxup; 2, Thornton; 3, Derricutt. A.O.B.: 1, Broxup; 2, Moorhouse. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Jim Holden; 2, Broxup. Sell. £1: 1, 2, Midgley; 3, J. Lengard. 12/6 Hen: W. Broxup. 7/6: 1, Huggins; 2, c, Foster; 3, hc, Midgley; vhc, Derricutt. Winner of Arbuthnot Rose Bowl same as last year, Mr. Wharton, with his Yellow cock; small Rose Bowl, presented by Mr. Wharton, and special, S. Thornton.—J. Moorhouse.

FALKIRK, GRANGEMOUTH AND BANNOCKBURN C.B.S.

3rd annual combined show, Nov. 25, Union Hall, Falkirk, an ideal hall for a show, with plenty of room. The birds were nicely staged round the sides. Entries were about 350 and contained the cream of the Fancy in all sections. The office-bearers had everything in order and gave satisfaction to everyone. The Secretary (Mr. Aitken), although only his first year, had everything in tip-top order. Judges were: Norwich, Mr. Sloan; Borders and Crests, Mr. Chalmers; British, etc., Mr. Bell; Scotch Fancy, Mr. Hutchison. These classes were well patronised and some excellent birds were in these classes. Cup winners: Norwich, D. Main; Bord., A. Drysdale; Crests, J. Prentice; Brit., J. Richardson.

Crest Ck., Young (3): 1, 3, Sharp; 2, Binnie. Hen (5): 1, Prentice; 2, Bishop; 3, Binnie; 4, 5, Sharp. C.B. Ck. (4): 1, Prentice; 2, 3, Sharp; 4, Binnie. Hen (4): 1, 4, Sharp; 2, Bishop; 3, Binnie. Crest Ck., Old (3): 1, 2, Sharp; 3, Binnie. Hen (5): 1, 3, 5, Sharp; 2, Prentice; 4, Moreland. C.B. Ck. (5): 1, 2, Sharp; 3, Prentice; 4, Moreland; 5, Binnie. Hen (3): 1, 2, 3, Sharp. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck., Young (6): 1, Prentice; 2, Gentleman; 3, Marshall; 4, Main; 5, Berrie; 6, Clubbs. Buff (12): 1, 3, Prentice; 2, Aitken; 4, Marshall; 5, Corbett; 6, Grassom. A.O.V. Ck. (12): 1, 3, Main; 2, Corbett; 4, Dawson; 5, 6, Marshall. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Hunter; 2, Condie; 3, Main. Buff (7): 1, Crawford; 2, Grassom; 3, McGregor; 4, 5, Marshall; 6, Richardson. A.O.V. Hen (12): 1, 6, Main; 2, Corbett; 3, Marshall; 4, McGregor; 5, Condie. Non-Fed Yell. Ck. (3): 1, Condie; 2, Moreland; 3, Clubbs. Hen (5): 1, Clubbs; 2, Wallace; 3, Heard; 4, Pearson; 5, Moreland. Non-Fed Buff Ck. (5): 1, Berrie; 2, Corbett; 3, McGregor; 4, Prentice; 5, Aitken. Hen (3): 1, Marshall; 2, Condie; 3, Aitken. Old P.H. Ck., Col.-Fed. (11): 1, Corbett; 2, Prentice; 3, Godfrey Bros.; 4, Crawford; 5, Marshall; 6, Dawson. Hen (11): 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Clubbs; 4, Condie; 5, Aitken; 6, Gentleman. Ck., Non-Fed (6): 1, Pearson; 2, 6, Godfrey Bros.; 3, Prentice; 4, Marshall; 5, Dawson. Hen (14): 1, Marshall; 2, Berrie; 3, Heard; 4, Dawson; 5, Gentleman. Bord, Young, Cl. or Tkd. Ck., Yell. (11): 1, Nimmo; 2, Stevenson; 3, Drysdale; 4, 6, Wilson; 5, Ritchie. Buff (11): 1, Drysdale; 2, Wallace; 3, Ritchie; 4, Nimmo; 5, McWatt; 6, Wilson. A.O.V. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Nimmo; 4, Ritchie; 5, Bishop; 6, Chisholm. Buff (5): 1, Wallace; 2, McWatt; 3, Ritchie; 4, Stevenson; 5, Wilson. Cl. or Tkd. Hen, Yell. (11): 1, Stevenson; 2, Ritchie; 3, Drysdale; 4, Gentleman; 5, McWatt; 6, Wilson. Buff (15): 1, 2, McWatt; 3, Drysdale; 4, Wilson; 5, Marshall; 6, Hazel. A.O.V. Yell. Hen (2): 1, McWatt; 2, Drysdale. Buff (6): 1, 5, Wilson; 2, Marshall; 3, McWatt; 4, Stevenson; 6, Chisholm. Bord. Ck., A.V. (10): 1, Stevenson; 2, Drysdale; 3, Marshall; 4, Nimmo; 5, 6, Gentleman. Hen (7): 1, 6, Stevenson; 2, Hazel; 3, Gentleman; 4, 5, Wilson. A.V. Can. (4): 1, Grassom; 2, Chisholm; 3, Stirling; 4, Sharp. Varieg. or Dark Can. Hyb., Young (6): 1, 5, Hardy; 2, 4, 6, Arnott; 3, Heard. Old (9): 1, Gentleman; 2, 5, Hardy; 3, McGillivray; 4, Hill; 6, Millar. Goldf. or Bullf. (9): 1, Pearson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Hardy; 4, Dawson; 5, McAulay; 6, Corbett. Chaffinch or Bramble (4): 1, 2, Robertson; 3, Gentleman; 4, Richardson. Linnet (15): 1, Moreland; 2, 3, Robertson; 4, McGillivray; 5, McAulay; 6, Crawford. Greenf. (8): 1, 2, Gentleman; 3, 4, Moreland; 5, McWatt; 6, Mitchell. Siskin, etc. (6): 1, Aitken; 2, 6, Richardson; 3, McAulay; 4, Dawson; 5, Berrie. Lesser Redpoll (9): 1, McGillivray; 2, 6, Gentleman; 3, Dawson; 4, Ritchie; 5, Robertson. A.O.V. Hardbill (5): 1, McGillivray; 2, Berrie; 3, Hill; 4, Gentleman; 5, Stirling. Softbill (2): 1, 2, Richardson. Hen Hardbill (5): 1, Bishop; 2, Moreland; 3, McAulay; 4, Robertson; 5, Hunter. A.O. Brit. (2): 1, Moreland; 2, Heard; 3, Hunter. For.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Arnott. Scotch Fancy Ck., Young (8): 1, Streathearn, sen.; 2, Streathearn, jun.; 3, Stirling; 4, 6, Hamilton; 5, Turnbull. Hen (10): 1, 4, Simpson; 2, 5, Hamilton; 3, Streathearn, sen.; 6, Turnbull. Cock, Old (8): 1, Streathearn, sen.; 2, Millar; 3, 4, Streathearn, jun.; 5, 6, Simpson. Hen (5): 1, Streathearn, sen.; 2, Stirling; 3, Millar; 4, Simpson; 5, Hamilton.—D. Aitken.

The Sec. writes that this report has been delayed through illness.—Ed.

DOUGLAS AND ISLE OF MAN.

Annual show, Masonic Hall, Loch Promenade, Dec. 26. The hall is very snug and free from draughts, and the birds were nicely arranged round the room. Although a good many members have left the island for the mainland through the war, the remaining members put up a good fight, staging some very creditable birds, both in Norwich and Yorkshires. Britishers were rather scarce; unusual at this show. The show manager, Mr. Gawne, had everything in hand, and was assisted by an energetic committee, and everything passed off without a hitch. The cup for the best Norwich fell to Mr. Gawne, best Yorkshire Mr. Caley, and a good Yorkshire shown by Mr. Teare secured cup for best unflighted, a very promising youngster. Judges: Mr. T. Hogg, Yorks., Mr. Gill the remainder.

YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Curphy, hot col., rather long in barrel; 3rd, fine in head, nice qual.; 2, Boddon, good size, fair colour; 4, Kelly; vhc, Corkill; hc, Crellin; c, Quirk. BUFF: 1, Gawne, mkd. head, good size and qual., good chest, well cut away, good wings and tail, very cobby, takes cup best Nor.; 2, Boddon, plenty of size, nice type and col.; 3, Curphy, nice col. and size, rather rough when judged; vhc, Moore; hc, Cain; c, Carrin. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Boddon, var., good size, fair type and qual., rather pale in col.; 2nd, clear, nice head and chest; vhc, Gawne; hc, Gelling; c, Clarke. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Curphy, splendid type, good head, nice cobby shape and subs., good col.; 2nd, nice head and chest, good wing, carr. and col., somewhat slimmer; 3, cl., nice col., bit weak in head; 4, Boddon; vhc, Kelly; hc, Tinker; c, Corkill. YELL. CK., UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Curphy; 1st, good sized green, foul tail; 2nd, clear, nice type and col., bit rough; 3, Boddon, broken green. UNFLIG. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Teare; 1st, very good type, deep chest, nice full head, best wing carr., niee meal and col., could do with a bit more size; 3rd, grizzled cap, good col.; 2, Curphy, fine subs. and col., close up; vhc, Kelly; hc, Moore; c, Corkill. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Curphy; 1st, good qual. green, fine size and col., good wings and tail, best of cond.; 2nd, cl., cobby shape, nice col.; 3rd, on the small side, nice col.; vhc, Bridson; hc, Kelly; c, Moore. BUFF: 1, Kelly, pale col., best type, well braced wings, good head and neck, thick set, a good one; 2, Curphy, var., plenty size and col., on the long side, a little more chest would take some stopping; 3, 4, Boddon, fine size and subs., var., rather pale in col. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, Caley, good col. and qual., fine head and shoulders, good wings and tail, well up on legs; 3rd, nice col. and qual., correct type; 2, Teare, plenty length, good col. and qual., well braced wings and pipe tail, close up; 4, Qualtrough, fine length and style, good pos., nice col.; vhc, Gawne; hc, Tinker; c, Cain. BUFF: 1, 3, Gawne, plenty length and qual., nice col., well up on leg, very nervy, good cond.; 3rd, not so good pos. as winner; 2, vhc, Caley, close up, good head, length and style, lovely qual., hardly so good on leg; hc, Qualtrough; c, Tinker. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Caley, beauty, good in all points, very typical, good col. and length, well up on leg, very stylish; 3rd, lengthy bird, neat head, wings and tail, hardly the pos.; 2, Qualtrough, lengthy and typical, nice col., neat head; vhc, Gawne; hc, Tinker; c, Celling. BUFF: 1, hc, Caley, splendid col. and qual., very nervy, nice round head, pipe tail, good legs; 2, Gawne, close up, nice wings and tail, plenty length, paler col.; 3, Qualtrough, lengthy bird, hardly so stylish, still very useful; vhc, Gawne; c, Teare. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, cup, Teare, head tkd., grand col. and qual., plenty length, pipe tail, well moulded, best of pos., only fault a little browy, still a good one; 2, 3, Dougherty, good shoulders and length, neat wings and tail, paler, not so stylish; vhc, Caley; hc, Qualtrough. BUFF: 1, Teare, splendid qual., col. and pos.; 2, Caley, close up, hard to separate; 3, Dougherty; vhc, Gawne; hc, Tinker; c, Kelly. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Teare, good one, neat head, straight back and pipe tail, best of legs, very taking; 2nd, close up, very much the same in style, both well moulded, very warm col.; 3, Caley, plenty of length, good col. and pos., the makings of a good one; vhc, Dougherty; hc, Tinker; c, Cain. BUFF: 1, Qualtrough, good length and shape, nice col., good legs, typical; 2, Caley, close up, feathered like boxwood, stands well, nice col., neat head and shoulders; 3, Dougherty, good type and pos., lengthy; vhc, Gawne; hc, Teare; c, Tinker. GOLDF.: 1, Curphy, nice size, well tanned, large square blaze, good bars and buttons, high cond., steady as a top; 2, Kelly, grand Finch, large bright face, nice tanning, bars and buttons, has a slip heel; 3, Curphy, not up in col. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Curphy, nice size and shape, rich nutty brown col., well laced, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Boddon, larger, well mkd., not so well filled in on breast, fails in col. and ticking to winner; 3, Boddon, fair col. and marking; 4, Kelly, rather wild, fair size and markings; vhc, Golling; hc, Cain; c, Moore. F.M.: 1, 2, Boddon, best col. and markings in class, nice size and shape; 2nd, fine col. and markings, rather wild; 3, 4, Kelly, nicely marked; vhc, Clarke; hc, Martin; c, Kewey. GREENF.: 1, 2, Curphy, leader fine cond., yell., great size, fine head, level col., very steady; 2nd, not so massive, lovely tone of col., good bars, a bit pale underco.; 3, Boddon, fine size, good col. for a buff; vhc, Kelly; hc, Kinnish; c, Martin. MULES: 1, 2, Kelly, jonque Linnet Mules; 1st, good size and col., showing the Linnet up well, well shown; 2nd slimmer, not so well mkd. or so shapey, both in good cond.

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Twitterings.

We have received the new price list of Mr. E. M. Stanton, cage and appliance maker, Winton, Patricroft. All kinds of cages and cage-fittings are on offer, and the prices seem particularly reasonable.

The December issue of "Bird Notes," the Journal of the Foreign Bird Club, finishes Vol. vii., and is mainly occupied by indexes to the contents of the volume. The articles comprise "The Crimson-ringed Whydah," with photographic illustrations of the birds and their nest, by Mr. W. Shore Baily; "Bakloh Aviary Notes," by Mrs. and Major Perreau; "Mesopotamian Birds," a cutting from "The Times," and Editorial Notes.

The new price list of sanitary white pottery manufactured by Mr. Edwin Parr, North Road Works, Burslem, should certainly be seen by bird-keepers. It is exceedingly well produced, and shows patterns of every conceivable kind of egg drawer, food or water troughs, bird and poultry fountains, nest pans, and many other appliances which are indespensable in a bird room or aviary.

We have received the 16th annual report and balance sheet of the Reading C.B.S. The cash at bank and in secretary's hands, which stood at £2 17s. 11d. at the commencement of the year, is now £6 8s., a very gratifying result in the times. We note from the report that one member, Mr. H. Wilkins, has been killed in action, another, Mr. P. Chalker, is so badly wounded as to be unfit for further service, and 20 others are serving with the forces.

Cheap at the Price.

The Newmarket and District Sparrow Club have destroyed in 15 villages during the last three years 158,860 Sparrows and their eggs at a cost averaging ¾d. an acre.

British Birds at Mansfield Show.

Your reporter, writes Mr. R. D. Parlett, gives me credit for having a good team of British at Mansfield Show. I should like to say that owing to a railway accident my birds did not get to the show until 1 o'clock, and only competed, therefore, in two classes. My bird which won 1st in the Siskin, Redpoll or Twite class is a Twite, not a Redpoll, as stated in the report.

Thanks from Halifax Secretary.

Kindly thank all exhibitors and visitors who so helped to make our open show a great success, also our untiring members, who have worked hard through the exceptional circumstances in having the show postponed, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, hon. sec. Halifax C.B.S. The best thanks are also due to CAGE BIRDS, without which the shows would be at a loss. By the time this note is published the prize money will all be paid.

Birds and Frosty Weather.

Writing of the frost prevailing during the last days of the old year, "W. C.," in the "Manchester Dispatch," says: "Yesterday, in one of the woods near here, the guns put up an abnormal number of Jays, and quite a flock alighted chattering upon the fields, only to be driven back again by the report of firing in the adjoining woods. Missel Thrushes and Redwings, driven by force of circumstances to seek food away from the open, have played havoc with the berries of the hawthorn, until very few trees are to be found with any weight of berries. The Robins, bolder than ever, now come to feed, almost in the house, and, quick as lightning, pick up the little pieces of meat thrown out for their benefit."

Correction in Llanelly Schedule.

Mr. H. Webster writes that class 59 in Llanelly schedule should read "Thrush, Blackbird, or Starling."

Dispersal of a Well-known Fancier's Stock.

One of the consequences of the existing conditions of living is that Mr. H. Huggins, the well-known hon. sec. of the London and P.O.S., finds himself compelled to dispose of his whole stock, birds, cages, appliances, and everything which has gone to make him successful in the hobby of Canary keeping and exhibiting. Owing to his duties with the Volunteer Training Corps, Mr. Huggins is for the time compelled to give up bird keeping, and all his birds and accessories are advertised for sale this week in our columns. We are sure that the many friends of Mr. Huggins will join with us in wishing him a speedy return to the hobby which has given so much pleasure to himself and Mrs. Huggins.

"It's an Ill Wind—"

We are sorry to have to record the untimely end of one of the now celebrated Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids bred by Mr. Anderson, Darvel. The bird in question won 1st prize in its class at Larkhall show, but arrived home dead. The body has been set up, and will be added to the fine collection of stuffed specimens belonging to the London and Provincial Ornithological Society. Mr. Anderson's loss will be a gain to bird keepers in general, for there will now be a permanent record of the first really authentic production of a hybrid between a Thrush and a Blackbird. We had the body of the bird in our office while it was on the way to the taxidermist, and we were pleased to note that the double parentage is so clearly indicated as to be unquestionable. When better times come along, and the L. and P.O.S. collection of stuffed birds is again on view at the shows of the Society, the Hybrid between the Song Thrush and Blackbird will prove one of the most interesting of the many birds contained therein.

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A "Correction" Corrected.

Considering the many thousands of awards which are printed during the show season in our columns it would be a matter of wonder if we never had to make a correction, and when we are notified of a mistake we always accept the notification in good faith, and publish a correction accordingly.

When we heard from a Mr. Bobbett that he had won 4th prize in the Bramblefinch class at Bristol show, not Mr. West as reported, we published a Twittering to that effect, and we now find that what really took place was that Mr. West's bird was sent by mistake to Mr. Bobbett, and Mr Bobbett's bird to Mr. West, and that the awards were correct as reported.

The mistake as to the birds themselves has been rectified, and the birds have been exchanged, but it appears that Mr. Bobbett still claims that his bird won the 4th prize. The end of very considerable correspondence is that we have received from Mr. Maggs, the secretary of Bristol show, a letter of which the following is an extract:

"In reply to your enquiry, your report is confirmed by the award slip. No. 231 (West) was 4th, and No. 237 (Bobbett) was commended. I am more than surprised at Mr. Bobbett's action. . . You will note that Mr. Bobbett did not notify me of the receipt of a bird which was not his, nor has he made any other communication to me with regard to his claim."

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the novice cock class at Porth, 4 Williams should read 4 Briscoe. Mr. J. Little writes that in the Scotch Fancy cock class at Gateshead he won 2nd, not 4th, as reported, and that he was reserve in the hen class.

Stolen Linnet at Whitehaven Show.

On receiving my birds from Whitehaven Show, writes Mr. H. Fleck, one was missing, and I found a note in the cage to say it had been stolen while packing. There surely must have been some neglect on the part of the stewards, but it only shows that some people will stick at nothing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

TO JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1917 is now in active preparation, and those judges who wish their names to appear in next year's Directory of Judges should please send us on a postcard their present address and the varieties they are prepared to judge, naming, if any, those in which they specialise. No charge whatever is made for the insertion, **but only the names of those who send us the particulars desired will be included in the list,** as some of the judges named in previous lists are not now acting, some have died, and many have changed their addresses. The information should be conveyed in the same form as in the following example:—

Smith, J. A., 175, Doncaster Street, Edinburgh.—A.V., Spl., H.B. and F.

Jack Tomlinson and J. Tomlinson.

For some reason unknown to me, writes Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, Staffs, Mr. Jack Tomlinson has found it necessary to state that he is of no relation to myself. As queries frequently reach me on the same subject, I would like to say that we are complete strangers, and although I have recently been to Wigan and judged at their show, the pleasure of making the acquaintance of this plucky exhibitor still awaits me. The fancy may also take it for granted that where birds appear as belonging to J. Tomlinson, as they sometimes do, that they belong to Mr. Jack Tomlinson, of Wigan.

The Alario Greenfinch Hybrid.

I was pleased to note your quotation from the "Scotsman" in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. A. Reynolds, Stourbridge. It may interest you to know that this Hybrid was vhc at Cardiff and 4th at Birmingham. Both parents are "in the pink" at the present time, and I have hopes of further success this season. The Alario is a constant singer in spite of the snow-covered aviary. The crossing between British and Foreign finches undoubtedly opens out a new field that should appeal to the average Hybrid breeder, providing we had sufficient encouragement from our leading Ornithological Societies. Last season my cock Siskin paired with a hen Ribbon Finch, and got so far as nest and eggs, but unfortunately the Ribbon Finch died whilst sitting.

At the members' shows of the Blaenavon C.B.S., Jan. 11 and Feb. 1, writes Mr. George Broome, hon. sec., Mr. H. H. Mortimer, Abertillery, has kindly given a special of a peck of canary seed for most points in the two shows.

THE ROLLER CANARY; ITS BREEDING AND FEEDING.

A translation from a pre-war time German paper, supplied by Mr. F. A. Lester to "Roller Notes," and reprinted by the desire of Mr. J. J. Norris, Hon. Sec. British Roller C.C.

A CONNOISSEUR of Seifert birds, referring to a statement that Crest birds could be found occasionally in the Seifert strain, writes as follows:—According to Seifert's own words to me, when I was once on a visit to him, and I mentioned this question to him, he replied, "There are no Crest birds in my strain at all. This kind of bird does not exist among my Canaries; whether it is to be found in other breeds I do not know."

These were Seifert's own words concerning crested birds. I have visited him during several years in various seasons, but a crested bird I have never met, either among the cocks or hens; there can, therefore, be no talk about an occasional case. Never allow yourself to be deceived with Crest birds as being a pure breed of the original Seifert strain, even if they go ever so deep, and possess all the peculiarities of the Seifert strain, for example, the strong rolling notes, the drawn du. du. pipes, etc. In such cases cross breeds have to be dealt with.

The breeding and keeping of Seifert birds is now the aim of most breeders; with feverish anxiety the intelligent ones among them read every article in the press concerning Canaries when the peculiarities of this strain are talked about. Many have made large profits, who, understanding the breeding of the birds, knew their light and shady sides, and understood how to regulate the proper breeding of these noble birds, but many have already, or will in time, *"throw the gun amongst the corn," because in the first year the pure notes may go back and the hard ones gain the upper hand.

Song the only Consideration.

The principal factors you have to consider in this strain are the selection of the breeding birds and the feeding of the cocks. Those who make mistakes about this will be compelled to begin again after two years. He who takes notice of Seifert's words would learn with what care he chose his hens, only from nests which had produced the best cocks would he take his hens; his chief interest was concentrated in the singing, all the rest was immaterial to him. The usual formula, only to keep such young hens as come from good feeding mothers, is of no value here, because it is always questionable whether these are also prominent as regards their singing capabilities. It is no good if some individuals combine both these things. If you make your choice of breeding hens in this way, then it is evident that the quality of the breeding in this respect is small. The choice of the breeding cocks presents no difficulty if every breeder makes up his mind to use only those who sing the deepest tours.

Those who have to do with dealers and the lay public, and must select mostly yellow birds for breeding, take already the first step backwards if they consider such little things as plumage, because the majority of good and best cocks are splashed or greens. Every breeder of the Seifert strain must admit that you have to watch the yellow ones during their apprenticeship, because in these you have to fight their hard Klingel.

The second principal thing in deep singing birds is their feeding. It is common for people to fancy that under all circumstances Seifert birds must be fed on mixed food. Even the papers which deal with this question do not know whether to advise it or not.

I will give you Seifert's own words to me when I asked about the best way to feed the birds.

Expert Hints on Feeding.

"My cocks, as soon as they are able to stand alone, get nothing but rape seed and egg food; only those which easily get hoarse get mixed food and no egg food. The hens I feed all the year with mixed foods, viz., glazed corn, peeled oats, and hemp seed, in addition to rape seed; if you do so you will have good birds." These are Seifert's words concerning the feeding. I have watched and examined the feeding boxes of the cocks as well as those of the hens, and found his words true.

Naturally, if the birds are in the breeding cage you must give them mixed food if the hens are used to it, but as soon as the young cocks are self supporting, at about 30 to 35 days old, the mixed food is replaced by rape seed, at first washed in sieves, then dried again, with the addition of egg in the usual way, namely, as long as the cocks are in the flight cages, three parts biscuit to one part egg.

After they are put in single cages, strengthen the mixture to two parts biscuit and two parts egg. In case the song of some of the birds gets feeble, you may nourish them as Seifert mentions, but never allow yourself to be persuaded to feed the cocks on mixed food as a rule. When Seifert sent birds away he may perhaps have put mixed food in their boxes, the so-called travelling food, but nobody should take any notice of that. Many breeders give this food to the birds as an inducement to sing quickly when they arrive at their destination. Many breeders feed the birds for exhibition with mixed food, eight days before, to make them fiery, so that they sing at once before the judges. I was induced three years ago to give the birds mixed food, and my birds became excited and wild in their song, and the pleasing notes ceased; it was therefore necessary to give it up, so as not to go the wrong way.

Birds that are too fat can be brought again to normal condition if you give them rape seed only, a piece of apple placed between the wires of the cage, and green food. It would be foolish to cure the birds by hunger; the consequence would be that the birds would sicken.

*NOTE.—The expression "throw the gun amongst the corn," as far as I can find out, means that a man would have no more to do with it and give it up.

THE GIANT OF THE CANARY FAMILY.

By T. PEASE (Chorlton-on-Medlock), Founder of the Manchester Ornithological Society.

Some practical hints by an old lover of the Lancashire Canary, telling how to select and pair for breeding the largest of all the numerous varieties of Canaries.

WITH a view of encouraging beginners and amateurs to fall into the ranks of the keepers of the giant of the Canary family, the Lancashire, I am writing these few notes giving an experience gained over a period of about 40 years.

In the early days the Lancashire Canary was very inferior both in quality and in crest, and was only known in the outlying townships and rural hamlets of Lancashire. It was chiefly bred by mill hands and hand-loom weavers, and was shown at week-end club shows in their own localities. The advent of the Fancy Press, however, and of open shows, helped to bring the Lancashire Canary to the front.

A Good Send Off.

In the early nineties the Manchester Society gave a ten guinea silver cup for Lancashires alone, with the object of encouraging the breed, and the leading breeders of the day, men who have since passed away, competed for this trophy. It aroused the fancy, and showed what could be done with a little perseverance.

Two very important things that might be mentioned in the favour of the Lancashire Canary are that they are good breeders and require no colour feeding.

The selecting of the stock is a very important point. The novice fancier should visit a few prominent breeders and endeavour to keep in his mind the birds which he sees in their rooms; the secret of success is a good start, and the first selection made means all the difference between success and failure.

A satisfactory commencement will help the beginner a long way on the road to the show bench, so be cautious in your selection. Do not buy from Tom, Dick, and Harry, for to do so is simply to court disaster. Purchase of some prominent breeder, and commence if you possibly can with two sets. For one set get a clear yellow Plainhead cock and two buff Coppy hens, one of the hens to be clear and the other ticked. The second set should consist of a ticked buff Coppy cock, a clear yellow Coppy hen, and a clear yellow Plainhead hen; thus with one of your hens you will "double-coppy."

In double-coppying see that the hens are level in crest, well filled in at the back of the head, and avoid any slackness of feather. It is most important that a strict and exact record be kept in the stud book of all breeding proceedings.

The breeding cage for Lancashire Canaries should be large and roomy; two cross perches should extend from back to front, and these should be half-an-inch in thickness in order to allow the bird to have a perfect grip.

In View of the Breeding Season.

The preparation of the cocks should begin a month or so before the breeding season commences; the hens come more readily to hand. Procure a bag of Spratts' cage bird food, boil an egg for 15 minutes, pass this through perforated zinc or the egg mill, add two tablespoonfuls of the bird food to the egg, a little brown sugar and a pinch of maw seed, mix the whole well together, and give a little each morning.

The following is a recipe for an egg cake which I have used with good results, both when pairing up and for the young when out of the nest: Take ¾ lb. flour, ¼ lb. ground rice, pinch of salt, 1 oz. baking powder, and a gill of milk, mix into a stiff batter; warm ¼ lb. honey in an oven until fluid, well mix this into the batter, and bake in a sharp oven until crisp. After this has been kept for three days it is ready to grind in the mill, and will keep indefinitely as long as it is kept dry.

The first week in April is soon enough to pair up the birds, then give good sound seed in the hopper, with a little mixed hemp, linseed, summer rape and inga, the latter to be stopped when nesting. There should be a good supply of grit on the cage bottom, together with a little crushed egg shell; some nesting material should be supplied, and this may be of moss, with some goat or cow hair to finish off with.

Let the hen have the use of the bath for a couple of days before hatching; this helps to chip the eggs. She should also have, for the purpose of feeding the young, a good supply of green food such as watercress, dandelion, groundsel, and lettuce. When the young are ready to be got on to crushed seed then I stop the green food to the hen.

It is as well to be provided with a few "feeders" to assist in the rearing of the young, and for this purpose I have found the common greens or green-marked Norwich very reliable. I endeavour to have one or two of these always handy, and get them to nest at the same time as the Lancashires; then, if the parent birds are not feeding the young satisfactorily I transfer them during the evening, just before roosting time, to a good feeding hen. Some of the cock birds will assist greatly if left in with the hens.

Pairing Up for Breeding.

In pairing up Lancashire Canaries I would advise pairing the clear Plainhead yellow cock with the clear buff Coppy hen in the first instance, and then with the ticked buff Coppy hen. For the second set I should pair the ticked buff Coppy cock to the clear yellow Coppy hen for the first nest, and for the second with the yellow Plainhead hen; thus you will be double Coppying with one of your four hens, but see that your birds are perfect in crest to start with. You will no doubt breed a few Mopheads, but these are not to be despised, they are very valuable as stock birds. Should the crest curl cut out a little around the eyes. By a judicious use of the double Coppy birds you will be able to build up a strain that will be of great service to you. Occasionally you may get a few Plainheads from them; if you do they must be paired up with the Coppies which are deficient in crest, and they will assist greatly to fix a strain for you that is deficient in size and crest properties.

If your birds are particularly good in the points you desire, such as length and size, you will do well to inbreed a little, but do not go too close with it. One thing I should advise the beginner is not to part with his own young hens, that is, those which he has himself bred; the second season he should go in for a little double buffing, and if the birds so bred require a little toning down use a double yellow bird, but double bred birds should always be used with great discretion, as double yellow blood is likely to tone the feathers too finely. Make use also of your ticked birds by pairing two ticked birds together.

At Moulting Time.

When the moulting commences see that the cages are perfectly clean and sweet, and avoid as much as possible disturbing the birds during this period. Assist the birds with a little egg food and maw seed and a tablespoonful of the following liquor in their water: Get from the chemist ¼ oz. of hay saffron, divide this into two parts, and put one of the portions into a pint of water with a little brown sugar, and simmer it for ten minutes over a slow fire. When cold, strain, bottle off, and keep in a cool place for use.

When the birds are nearing the end of their moult give a little boiled carrot; it will help to fine their feathers and to tighten them up. At this time it will be useful to dissolve in the drinking water a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a pea. Be sure not to omit the bath, for this will help to tighten them up and get them into condition.

I hope the few hints I have been able to give in this short article will be of some assistance to beginners, and will help them on the road to success.

Three Charming Migrants.

By M. DARLOW, Attercliffe.

The owner of the three beautiful birds whose portraits appear on our front page this week, gives a short account of each, and tells how to keep them in captivity.

The Redstart.

(Ruticilla phœnicurus.)

THIS lovely bird comes to us during the second week in April, and the bird enthusiast rejoices when he sees the first Redstart of the season. It is a pleasure, indeed, in the early spring to see the Redstart with its beautiful plumage and his fiery tail quivering as he alights on a branch or an old gate post. When the birds arrive they at once begin to seek for nesting sites, usually selecting a hole in an old stone wall, especially in the parts of England where stone walls form the boundaries between fields and estates. I have, however, frequently found Redstarts nests in holes under the exposed roots of trees, sometimes under pieces of the bark of trees lying on the ground, and once in an old boot.

The eggs, six or seven in number, are blue; occasionally I found nests containing eight eggs. The nest is usually lined with hair and small feathers. The young birds resemble the females in plumage until the moult, and they do not acquire their full dress until the second or third year.

The Redstart is not a very difficult bird to keep in captivity, and the bird depicted on the front page has reared me a nest of young in captivity. For their proper keeping they must be provided with a really good class insectile food, and this must be supplemented with plenty of live "ants' eggs" in season, wasp grubs, and any small insects that may be procurable.

The Willow Warbler.

(Phylloscopus trochilus.)



NEST OF THE WILLOW WREN IN WILD ROSE BUSH.
This bird very rarely builds its nest in bushes, generally the nest is on the ground among long herbage or under a thick bush.

This dainty little Warbler arrives here in South Yorkshire during the first half of April, and departs in September. The earliest record I have of the arrival of the Willow Wren is April 4th. If on their arrival the weather is at all cold they keep in the closest of cover, and may not be observed until the warm sunshine brings them out to reward us with their pleasing song. No nature lover can take a stroll in the woods in spring without noticing, just when the birch trees are coming into full leaf, the melodious song of the Willow Wren.

Nidification commences during the last week in April, and from six to eight eggs are laid in their little domed nest on the ground, the nest being well lined with a supply of warm feathers. The eggs are white in colour, speckled with small red spots, some being more intensely marked than others.

In a fortnight the young are hatched, and then commences the hard task of the parent birds to keep their little gaping mouths well supplied with living food. It is difficult to imagine a more delightful sight than a nest of young Willow Wrens just as they are about to leave the nest.

The Willow Wren may be kept in captivity, and as food requires a good insectile mixture, a little fruit, and plenty of grubs, flies, and other live food.

The Spotted Flycatcher.

(Muscicapa grisola.)

The Spotted Flycatcher arrives here during the second week of May, although sometimes its arrival is deferred until early in June. The first one sees of the Flycatcher when taking a walk in the country will be that most likely on going down a country lane one will see a little brown bird suddenly fly in the air after a passing insect, and return immediately to the place from which he started.

Flycatchers mostly arrive in pairs, and at once settle down to nesting, usually selecting a place in the bark of a cherry tree or some other fruit tree, in the ivy on sides of walls, on trained fruit trees against walls, or in holes in old barns or quarries.

From three to five eggs are laid, the eggs being pale green in ground colour, or bluish green with claret, violet, and red mottlings. The bird has a very pleasing little song, but it is only faint compared with the songs of our best native songsters.

The Flycatcher may be kept in captivity, but its keeping is quite hopeless unless its food consists mainly of small living insects.

Tits and Coconuts.

A correspondent has kindly forwarded us the following interesting extract from the "Church Family Magazine" of Dec. 29:—

"My own Tits, about which I have written, are more tame and inquisitive than ever in the little shrubbery outside my study window. Great Tits, Blue Tits, Cole Tits—there are quite a crowd of them all day long, especially in this cold weather.

They cannot be fed with fat now—that is too much needed—but they have a coconut or two to feed from; and though they seem to be always nibbling, it is wonderful how long a coconut lasts them. I can interpret now all their little moods and whims.

The Blue Tit flutters his crest and half closes his eye in annoyance at the sight of another perched close by and waiting till he is done.

The Great Tit half spreads, half crosses his wings stiffly over his back when he is afraid of being interrupted.

The Cole Tit is the most decisive of all; he goes straight to the coconut and falls to, without any sort of consideration. But they are very peaceable on the whole, and quite willing to wait till the occupant has finished his meal, while the Sparrows and Blackbirds and Thrushes come meekly below and peck up the fragments which fall.

The Smallest Bird in Europe.

But I have had an immense delight lately. A little orange-brown bird, smaller far than and Tit, with bars of white on his wing, suddenly arrived one day, and made a quick but fearless meal. He reminded me of a traveller alighting at a wayside junction and rushing to a refreshment room. The other birds sit about after a meal and admire the view, but this little bird was bent on business. He went and examined the ground for crumbs, he picked up sharply some little bits which had fallen into a wire mat on the steps, and off he went again.

I had a good look at him one morning, and I was delighted to see that he had a tiny orange-flaming crest which he kept unfolding and folding again. He was, indeed, a Golden-crested Wren. He is not a Wren, of course, at all, but a Tit, but he generally lives in flocks in wild woods, high up in the trees, and how a single Golden-crested Wren comes to be living in my town-encircled garden is a mystery which I cannot explain, but I think he somehow brings a blessing with him.

In these laborious and troubled days, when the reading of the newspaper is the most mournful of tasks, and when the world seems so full of darkness and sorrow, from which nothing can extricate us, it is a strange comfort and delight to turn in my chair and see the little creatures so full of life and beauty, swinging on the coconut, darting to and fro, without a thought in the world except their own contentment.

I hardly know why they should be such a consolation, but it seems so delightful that they should come as my guests, even though they do not know that I entertain them, but think themselves, perhaps, both lucky and clever to have found a place where such rich fruits grow.

Nearly a Fatality.

I often, on coming in, find them exploring my room now, but that is not always a success, for they are apt to fly into the glass. Indeed, the other day a Blue Tit, who had ventured into the furthest corner of my room, flew straight into a pane and fell down stunned. I picked up the little fresh, warm body, fearing it was dead. Its tiny beak and head, and its clean-cut wings seemed amazingly small and tender.

I put it outside in the sun. Presently it began to stir a little, shake its head, unfurl its wings, and then, to my delight, it gave a little flourish, and flew straight up to a coconut and took a healthy meal. That was, I am sure, a good omen.

I wish I had the time to sit outside; I have no sort of doubt that in a very little while, if I held a coconut in my hand, they would come and feed there; they are not very shy of me. If I come close to the window they will look round and go on with their meal, or else fly a yard away and wait; but they notice a stranger at once, and will do nothing while he is by.

The Boldness of Bobbie.

The Robin is the boldest. He will come and look for a long time into the room, and then shake his head, as if to say, "Well, I can't think what goes on in there!" and then he is off to his work again. Sometimes I roll a crumb up and flick it out with my fingers, and he will pounce from a tree and catch it before it has finished rolling.

The Robin is surely the best designed of all birds, the uniform olive-coloured plumage with the ruddy waistcoat, the bright eyes, the sharp beak and slender legs, that is a real artistic conception, while I have no doubt at all that his song, so deliberate, so flavoured with a pleasant reflectiveness, is the sweetest of all the songs of birds.

Correspondence.

Fanciers at the Front.

A London Fancier Would Like to Meet Other Bird Lovers in His Battalion.

Sir,—Having read your notes re fanciers meeting at the front, I should be very pleased to learn if there are any old fanciers in my battalion out here. Perhaps a note in your columns would enable me to know. It would be very interesting for fanciers who may be out here to be able to see each other and talk of old times together. I am glad to see by Cage Birds that the fancy in general is going on as smoothly as possible.

Pte. H. Moore.

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1/23 London Regt., B.E.F.,
Belgium.

Canaries and War Bread.

No Fear of Its Being Harmful.

Sir,—I have duly received the loaf of war bread and the sample of flour so kindly sent by your esteemed correspondent, Mr. C. F. Flint. If this is "war bread," then all I can say is that we in Cardiff have had much darker and coarser bread during the past fortnight. There is not much to fear from this, but will it stop at this?

When I wrote my first letter I was under the impression that war bread would ultimately mean wholemeal bread, and if that were so, the consensus of opinion in our correspondence tends to prove "bran" to be a cause of looseness in birds, especially seed-shelling birds. At that I leave it, being assured that we have all arrived at a more-or-less like opinion.

C. B. Jolliffe.

The Scotch Fancy Canary.

Why it is Not More Popular.—A Question of Price.

Sir,—I should be glad if you will allow me a few lines in response to Mr. Dunlop. With regard to the Scotch and Belgian Fancy I think there is not a person in Yorkshire with a better liking than I have for these. Mr. Dunlop says this fancy is as cheap as either Norwich or Yorkshire, but so far I have failed to come across that cheap source. Some six years ago I asked a party what he could let me have a pair for, and the answer I got was that he would let me have a pair for 70s., and at that I should have to take the pair he thought to give me, no choice for my own selection of course.

At that time I gave up all my dreams of having for breeding the birds I liked and admired so much, and my fancy then fell to the Norwich. So far as I have seen, the Belgian Fancy seems a rather isolated class. I only wish they were to be obtained within the limit of working man's pocket, for then every cage I have would be Belgians from end to end. Whether they will ever come to the front I cannot say, but if ever I get hold of ten or twelve cocks and hens, they would be greatly increased with a bit of luck attached.

J. H. Jowett.

Mistakes in Judging.

May a Judge Alter His Awards?

Sir.—I have read with considerable interest the "alleged mistake in judging at Hamilton show," in Cage Birds of Dec. 31, for it so happens that a somewhat similar circumstance happened to myself quite recently.

The judge having finished his task, and the award tickets placed, an objection was taken as to the merits of a certain bird, and after considerable discussion the judge found he had made a mistake in his judging sheet. The prize cards were removed, and a second judging took place which altered the awards.

Having never heard of such a case, I think it would be of considerable interest to the fancy, if you will kindly give us your opinion as to whether the judge was within his jurisdiction in so doing, and if so, it seems to open a very wide gate. For if a second judging, why not a third and fourth and so on, ad lib.? In the case of a bird of position such as the Yorkshire, for instance, the awards might very well be reversed every time.

H. S. Walter.

[When a judge has once parted with his slip he has no proper right to alter it. As a matter of fact he generally has no chance of doing so, for the slip in most cases is sent to the printer directly the steward has handed it to the secretary. It is certainly a very irregular proceeding to rejudge a class on a question of merit after the cards have once been placed.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

What is a Ticked Bird?

Blakston a Back Number.

Sir,—It isn't so much what Blakston says as what is the popular opinion. Personally, I have never read Blakston, but I don't reckon he is a greater authority than some of our living writers, especially on so elementary a subject as the above. Even allowing him to be a great authority, we have to remember that his book was written before some of us were born, that the fancy doesn't stand still, and that we are sometimes obliged to jettison many principles and many ideas which were good enough 50 years ago.

The question is whether we are to be governed by popular opinion, or whether we are to assume a dictatorship. Forty years is a long experience, and I have a great respect for it; but I should have a greater respect for Mr. House if he would sometimes allow himself to be in the wrong. But he doesn't, and he is in the unenviable position of preaching to the fancy that he is right and all the other fellows are wrong.

I have no hesitation in giving my opinon that the bird in question is a marked bird. Blakston notwithstanding, and it is time we had a definite ruling on the matter.

T. Johnson.

Practical Fanciers v. Oxford Professors.

Sarcasm is not logic. Mr. Wills may be clever, but he certainly is not wise. This is not a question of infallibility, or fallibility; it is a question of fact. The bird in question is a ticked bird according to all the rules governing the fancy, and no man living will make me alter my opinion on that point. Why? Not because I am not capable of making a mistake, but because my judgment and knowledge tell me that in this matter I am right. This is no question for learned science professors, come they from Oxford or Edinburgh. I know what a ticked bird is according to all known rules of the fancy, and therefore I know that this bird of Messrs. Stubbs is ticked, and not marked. In exactly the same way I know that A is A, and not B, and no man could convince me otherwise.

I have not yet reached that stage when I am too old to learn, but I am too old to change my opinions at the dictates of those who know not what they teach, or those who, being interested, argue to support their own interests be they right or wrong. At Port Talbot I was the disinterested party. I knew neither the bird nor who owned it, but I did know it was not in its right class, and therefore I "wrong classed" it. I had a duty to perform, and I did it.

If instead of making a direct personal attack upon myself Mr. Wills had tried to prove I was either right or wrong, he would have shown more wisdom than he has. We want no Oxford or Edinburgh professors in this matter, but the practical men of the fancy, and Mr. Wills' sarcasm will not help to solve the matter.

Messrs. Silk and Martin are both as confident as myself. Mr. Wills should turn the fountains of his sarcasm on to them, but I have faith enough in the common sense of the fancy to know that it will prefer their logic to Mr. Wills' sarcasm. They have tried to help the fancy to a decision, Mr. Wills has not.

C. A. House.

How Trouble Might Have Been Avoided.

Sir,—I see that Mr. F. J. Martin has introduced my name into this discussion, and asks me, as secretary of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, to wake it up. Personally I think, like the slumbering dog, it has one eye open, and had the show heeded our silent warning there would have been no unpleasantness.

Still, Mr. Martin can raise the question if he thinks necessary at our next meeting. He has only to comply with Rule 14, and I shall be happy to do my part. There is nothing like time present, and if he sends the press a copy of his suggested rule it can be fully discussed before the meeting. We shall then get a census of opinion, and perhaps members of the other specialist clubs will bring the new rule before their societies. But even granted that the rule is adopted by all the specialist clubs, will the matter be finally settled? No. All shows are not under specialist club rules, and if not then the judge will be placed in Mr. House's awkward position.

I do not think I have seen Messrs. Stubbs' bird, but from what I understand it has a grizzle saddle. Now a grizzle saddle is not a "technical mark," but the bird is certainly marked, and if the extent of the marking be larger than a sixpence I think it should go in the marked class. Anything less I should call a tick, no matter whether it was on the body, eye, wing or tail, so long as there was only one spot. Two spots, however small, and wherever placed, should make a marked bird. This is, I think, a simple ruling, but I know Mr. Martin will not accept this, because he does not agree with me as to the markings of one of my own birds. It also does not agree with the Yorkshire ruling, as there are technical marks in this variety, and herein lies the difficulty.

As I have said, the show did not heed the silent warning of our club. It should be unnecessary for me to remind Mr. Martin that our Rule 10 suggests a classification which is beyond dispute. The eight classes suggested should be ample. In one class we have "Clear and invisible tick," and another "Ticked, marked or variegated." Had this classification been adopted Messrs. Stubbs would not have been left in the cold. Is not this the solution of the difficulty? I think so. It is very easy to make a rule as to a tick, but hard, and even at times impossible, to determine it. I know it is rather hard sometimes on a variegated to meet a ticked, but we all start off the same line, and after all it should be more a question of type than marking. That the most typical bird should win and that the judge should not be hampered with an indefinite classification or unnecessary rules are the aims of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club. Not much asleep, eh?

Frank Cole,
Hon. Sec.

The Owners Still Unconvinced.

Sir,—Mr. House quotes Blakston to support his action for wrong classing our bird at Port Talbot. Frankly speaking, we do not accept Blakston as an authority. Why should we? Are we to go back into the dark ages to see if we are doing the right thing to-day? Have our judges of to-day got to refer back to Blakston to see what a definition of a tick should be? Do the Norwich Clubs to-day accept Blakston's definition of what a ticked bird should be, and are we to take it for granted that Blakston's authority is greater than that of our leading men of to-day? Mr. House, it seems, would have us to believe so, and believes so himself.

We ask him why he should go to all the trouble of writing a book himself when we have only to get Blakston's book to know all we want to know. Mr. House says he may be old fashioned; with this we heartily agree, but we ourselves don't want to be old fashioned. We are living to-day, not 50 years ago, and, this being so, we would much rather leave it to our present-day judges' decision to know what in their opinion should constitute a tick. And they have given us their answer. The Norwich Clubs have no rule on this matter, which is a great pity, but it is generally accepted that a tick should be no larger than a sixpence on an otherwise clear body. The Birmingham and Leicester schedules clearly give this in their rules, and it would have been interesting to see what Mr. House would have done had he been judging at these shows.

The bird in question has again been put on the bench, this time at Porth, under Mr. Robson. He was allowed to stand, and we are perfectly sure that had Mr. Robson thought the bird was only a ticked bird he would have done the same as Mr. House did. For three years the bird has been accepted as a marked bird, and we are perfectly satisfied that that is what he is. How a bird that is marked all over his back and part of his wings can be called a ticked bird passes our comprehension.

Just recently we have had several fanciers call in to see the bird, amongst whom are fanciers with forty years' experience of breeding Canaries. After an examination of the bird they all came to the conclusion that he cannot be shown as a ticked. Mr. Silk now comes into the discussion, and agrees with Mr. House, which is only to be expected, but instead of making matters better he has made them worse. Blakston says the markings are to be grey or grizzly. Mr. Silk says it does not matter how heavy the tickings are, and very shortly we shall be having some heavy variegated birds in the ticked class. At the same time Mr. Silk is not in a position to give us his views of what a ticked bird should be. We none of us are individually. Mr. House sets himself upon a pedestal, and demands in an imperative voice, "Who is the man that shall decide whether I am right or wrong?" We are small indeed compared to such men as this. Like Nelson, he says, our judges go to work with one eye shut; but they can see a tick from a mark. Blakston is not a cage bird law, at least not with the Norwich clubs, and judges of to-day are not expected to go back to between 30 or 40 years ago to see what one man said as to what a tick should be. They have their own opinion, and they act accordingly. They do not want to be old fashioned; they judge the birds as they are to-day, not as they were forty years ago. The Norwich Canary clubs should take the matter in hand and have in their rules book what a tick should be, but at the same time they must be careful how they bring in the definition of a tick, or there will always be trouble. Mr. Martin says he is quite satisfied from what he has been told that the bird is a ticked bird. What an easily satisfied man he must be. He has only got to be told about a thing to know whether it is right or wrong. What is Blakston to such men as this?

Stubbs Bros.

The Judging at Whitehaven Show.

The Hon. Sec. Replies to a Criticism.

Sir,—Kindly permit me space to answer the letter of Messrs. Cook and Adams in Cage Birds of Dec. 30.

The label attached to the cage made no difference; the bird with the 1st prize card won the 1st prize, and is the same bird which has won 1st and 2nd in full prize money classes. The bird with the figure 1 on the cage label was 1st at Cleator Moor, in a class of seven, its one and only win.

As to the delay in the special cards Messrs. Cook and Adams know that I told them that if there was a mistake we would see to it when the judge came in again, and we did. I should have thought that a man like Mr. Cook would know that the decision of the judge is final, except in the case of fraud.

As to the special, there was no special for best bird, it was for most points, and it was made a local prize at the donor's request.

As to the British birds, anyone knows that if they will not live on plain canary seed they will not live on sawdust. Birds with mixed seed got judged.

J. McLaughlin.

Judge Acted Upon Distinct Instructions.

Sir,—As judge of the Borders and British birds at this show, and in fairness to myself, I beg to say that upon arriving at the show room my attention was drawn by the secretary to their rule in schedule which stated that cages had to have canary seed only inside. He said that this rule had to be adhered to, and I pointed out to him and others of the committee that it would cause trouble, etc., but their instructions were to stick to the rule. When British were mentioned I was told to stick to seeds.

I admit missing at least one cage with a small amount of husks, etc., amongst the seed; this bird had 2nd prize, otherwise I consider this bird eligible for its class.

On returning to the show room for a catalogue, near to train time, I was accosted by a gentleman, who, I presume, to be of Messrs. Cook and Adams, respecting his bird, whose cage tab had a mark upon it; he asked a civil question and got a civil answer from me, but the secretary and he were having words at the time, so I went and got my catalogue, as my time then was limited.

In conclusion, for this finishes so far as I am concerned, let me say that I may have made mistakes, especially under the conditions prevailing, and no one regrets more than I the carrying out of this vexing rule, some good birds having to be set back, which damped any little pleasure I might have had in this event.

John Ellwood.

In Aid of a Stricken Roller Fancier.

More than Half the Necessary Amount Subscribed.

Sir,—Many thanks for the reminder in Cage Birds this week re the appeal for Mr. T. Simpson. I am pleased to inform you that we have received up to Dec. 30th from friends and Roller fanciers the following amounts:—From the Bishop of Wakefield, £1; Mrs. F. Thompson, £1; Misses E. Mackie, £1; Lady C. M. Gaskell, 10s.; Mrs. Gaskell, 10s.; Rev. A. G. Whaley (Vicar), 10s.; Canon Phipps, 10s.; Hon. Sec. P.R. C.C., Mr. J. T. Smith, 5s.; J. Hardman, 1s.; J. Farrimond, 2s. 6d.; F. Oldroyd, 2s.; Leeds R.C.C. per F. Heaton, 12s.; G. Broadbent, 2s. 6d.; G. Hemingway, 2s.; A. Clarke, 2s.; M. Jacquemin, 2s. 6d.; total, £6 11s. 6d.

H. Roebuck.

72, New Brunswick Street, Thorne's Lane,
Wakefield.

[With the half-crown sent to us by Mr. Shepley, as acknowledged last week, the money at present subscribed amounts to £6 14s., and as the self propelling car so urgently needed can be purchased for about £10, there remains less than £4 to be raised. Those who will help in this necessitous case may either send their donations to Mr. Roebuck as above, or to our office. In either case they will be acknowledged in our columns.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

Since the above letter was in type we have received 5s. from Messrs. Stubbs Bros., and 2s. 6d. from Mr. J. Tomlinson, bringing the total to £7 1s. 6d.

(CORRESPONDENCE continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 806.)

A Bird Catching Problem.

SIR,—Would Mr. Arthur Burrows, who wrote the letter headed "British Birds scarce in the Markets" in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 30, be kind enough to describe an outfit suitable for an amateur who would like to catch a few Linnets and Chaffinches; if he would recommend clap or side nets, and the size, etc., of same. Any information on the subject would be appreciated.

BIRDLET.

The Everlasting Novice Question

A Ruling Body Again Suggested.

SIR,—I would like to make a few remarks on the novice question. I believe there is only one method of dealing with this and many others concerning the bird fancy. What we need is a National Bird Fanciers' Club on the same lines as other fancies, such as dogs, pigeons, etc. Then the winners would be penalised as well as their owners, as all winning birds would be registered.

Some may say this is too big a thing, but I say it is not as big as it looks; all that is needed is the clubbing together of our leading fanciers and judges, to draw up rules and standards according to variety, exhibitors to pay a small annual subscription, and clubs running open shows to adopt such rules. Others may say we have our specialist clubs. This is so, and they could remain to act as sub-committees. Take, for instance, my own case, I am a member of two of these clubs (same variety) and I have exhibited successfully under both, but their rules so differ that I really don't know how I stand. However, I hope that you, Mr. Editor, will use your influence in this matter, and also that other readers will give us their views, for I am only now

UNFLIGHTED.

Canary Keeping in Natal.

A Disclaimer and an Explanation.

SIR,—There is an inwardness and a suggestiveness in the letter of your correspondent Mr. C. F. Winson which I cannot allow to go unchallenged. He says: "I would like to say to him (Rev. C. B. Jolliffe) that we in the Colonies always felt that the breeders of England considered that anything was good enough for export, but we never expected a parson to be so brutally candid over it." He further says that if the co-operative society of which my article dealt was to be "a co-operative bird society in order that he (Rev. C. B. Jolliffe) and others may dispose of their weedy birds incognito, for export, I hope," etc.

I would ask him to read my article again, and if I have suggested any such thing I am quite willing to send you the sum of £2 to be given to any charitable object he chooses. I am at this moment pressed beyond measure with professional duties and family bereavements, and this article must be from four to six months old, so that I cannot spare time to go over the argument again just now. Moreover, if he can produce any fancier, male or female, to whom I have ever exported a feather I am quite willing to give £5 for every such bird. Again, I am willing to give £5 for any and every Canary I have ever sold to a dealer.

I am informed that two unflighted hens I sold to a fancier were this year re-sold at an enhanced price and sent to America, and, whilst I am not adverse to exporting, if any should write me direct, I beg to wholeheartedly protest against an insinuation wholly unjust to one who is constantly fighting for a clean, honest, and straightforward transaction in every department of the fancy.

If in the several years I have been breeding and exhibiting any can accuse me, and prove the accusation, of any unworthy and dishonest practice I am quite willing for such exposure to appear in your columns. Your correspondent and I are total strangers to each other, so that I am sure he has no personal charge to make.

(REV.) C. B. JOLLIFFE.

In fairness to our esteemed correspondent we are of course publishing his letter as received. We are very sorry to find that Mr. Jolliffe has taken the remarks of our Natal correspondent as being of a personal nature, and we are sure that the writer of the letter will, upon seeing Mr. Jolliffe's answer, reply that in making a general statement he had no intention of reflecting upon any individual.

The paragraph which appeared in one of the instalments of Mr. Jolliffe's article, and which seems to have caused all the trouble read as follows:—

My suggestion is that the Society gather all the members' surplus and unsaleable stock, any time after Christmas, and buy each bird at a price, and then offer them to the many advertisers who are willing to take surplus stock at from 24s. per dozen up to £1 per pair "for export"! They would go without fear that your good name would be written on a label and tied to each bird's leg.

We took it that Mr. Winson's remarks were a fair criticism of this, and if we had had the slightest suspicion that a personal slur could have been read into the letter we should not have allowed its publication. As it is we unreservedly express our regret that words have been permitted to appear which have given offence to so widely respected a bird-lover as the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

Wild Birds and Protection Orders.

Birds that Prefer Captivity.

SIR,—I was much interested in your reply to H. Brown under "General Queries" in this week's CAGE BIRDS. Presumably he does not think it right to keep any birds in captivity, but perhaps he has not given the matter consideration from a bird lover's standpoint. There is not the slightest doubt that a bird in captivity is generally as happy as those who have their liberty, whilst there is also no doubt that in captivity they enjoy a much longer life.

Wild birds do not have quite such an easy time of it as some of us might be inclined to think; they are in constant fear of their lives owing to other birds of prey, and animals too, who get their living by devouring the flesh of wild birds. Naturally, with an increase of the smaller seed eating and soft billed birds, there would be an increase in the varieties which live on them, to say nothing of the ravages of farmer's crops. It would, I think, be more to the point if there could be a law passed that no birds should be caged in such cages as are used by some (who do not know any better) for keeping such birds as Chaffinches and Linnets in, and in which their life consists of hopping from perch to perch, a distance of a few inches at the most. A few years back I kept a Linnet in a cage by himself, which measured 2ft. 6in. by 2ft. 11in., and he was always singing, and always looked in the pink of health.

As for proof that wild birds do not seem to object to a captive life, I once caught a Greenfinch hen with a trap cage, and, after keeping her a few days as a call bird. I opened the door of the trap cage so that she could fly out in the garden, which she did, and in less than five minutes she was caught again in the same trap cage. I took her out and let her go, but she would not leave the garden, and sat in the tree in a mopy condition for a few minutes, and came back and got caught again, so I decided to keep her until the better weather came, and then I let her go. I also once lost a Goldfinch by accidentally leaving the cage door open when the cage was hanging in the garden on a wall. He flew out and about the garden for over an hour, and then returned to his cage for food. When I tried to shut him in he flew out again, so I tied a piece of black cotton to the door, and after waiting some time he came back, and I pulled the door to, and made him captive and I had him for some years after that.

B. CLARK.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30, to discuss pair show, etc.—J. Webber.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Business: Stock pair show for February; members' show, Jan. 6; birds staged by 3; judge, J. Simms, Sutton.—Geo. Sawer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Bodmin Street Schools, 8. Pair show for Canaries.—D. Havenhand.

Barry F. and F.S.—Jan. 13, headquarters, 7.30. Annual meeting.—H. P. Thomas.

Bristol East C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Glass House, Hotel, Lawrence Hill, 7.30. Important business regarding seeds and food for the coming season.—W. J. Norman.

British Roller C.C.—Jan. 9, the Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W., 7.30. Final arrangements for show, Jan. 26 and 27.—J. W. Norris.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 8, Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., 8. Annual general meeting.—F. J. Martin.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Arrange stock pair show and other important business.—Smith and Lees.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7. Annual general meeting. Election of officers; alteration of rules, etc.; balance-sheet.—W. D. Fryett.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Black Bull, 7.30. Pair show. Will members let me have all cards in for audit at meeting?—H. Lumby.

Durham City C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Grapes Inn, 7. Annual show business.—H. Briggs.

East Ardsley.—Jan. 6, Black Swan, 7.30. Yearly general meeting; report, balance-sheet, election of officers, changing of headquarters, and other important business.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 11, headquarters, 8. Important general meeting; fixing rules for handbook for 1917. Send adverts. for handbook as early as possible.—W. A. Harwood.

East Stanley Club F.F.C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Club Room, 7. Receiving entries for show.—J. Armitage.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Fountain Inn, 6.30. Arranging for prize distribution, etc.; very important business.—S. Wilcock.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 6, Plumnet Line Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting and election of officers. Alteration to rules and other important business.—J. J. Dunn.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Adjourned annual general meeting; special business; election of judges and officers for 1917; committeemen early.—F. C. Knight.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Victoria Club, 6.30. Arrangements for show, Jan. 13 and 14. Stewards, etc.; 6 miles radius to affiliated members; schedules now ready.—J. W. Rowell.

Leeds C.B.S.—Jan. 6, The Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers.—J. Chambers.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers, and other important business.—R. Charleson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Jan. 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Annual meeting and election of officers.—T. R. Jones.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Greyhound Hotel, 6. Receiving entries for open show and appointment of stewards.—Hy. Webster.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 6, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, 7.30. Arranging programme for 1917.—W. Gilbert.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Jan. 8, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Business very important; revision of rules, etc.; syllabus and Jan. show business.—F. Wilkinson.

Middlesbrough & Teesside C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Crown Hotel, 6. Date of pair show and judge; any other business.—Deans.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Volunteer Inn, 8. Business very important.—C. Mills.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Hr. Openshaw, 8.30. Annual meeting; re-election of officers; trustee; balance-sheet and auditor's report.—W. Newton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 6, Joiner's Arms, Bolton, 6. Club business.—J. T. Smith.

Reading C.B.S.—Jan. 10, London Tavern, Broad Street, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers; other very important business, including arrangements for carrying on throughout the year.—O. C. Smith.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 8, Clarke's Place, 8.30. Yearly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

St. Quintin Park F. & F.S.—Jan. 11, St. Traders Institute, Portobello Road, 8.15. Report and balance-sheet and election of officers for 1917; all welcome.—A. S. Tarrant.

Southampton C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Annual general meeting.—G. J. Slade.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Wharf Hotel, 8.—G. Mitchell.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne Association.—Jan. 10, Station Hotel, 7. Rules and question night. Have your questions ready on paper; new members invited.—G. Greenwell.

West London F.A.—Jan. 14, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, 8. Annual balance-sheet.—J. Dewhurst.

West Stanley F.F. & C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Victoria Hall, 7. Business important; prize money, etc.—R. Hutchinson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. General meeting, election of officers; balance-sheet and auditor's report.—J. McAndrew.

Wigan Roller C.C.—Jan. 10, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Election of officers and other important business.—P. Greenall.

Windhill O.S.—Jan. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, delegate to Union; balance-sheet; members' show.—R. Garnett.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet singing contest for time. George and Dragon Hotel, Dec. 24: 1, 3, Williams; 2, W. Watkis. Open sing, Dec. 26; 46 birds entered: 1, Nelson; 2, Williams; 3, Watkis. Match, same day, with a Leeds bird and Sheffield bird. Leeds bird (T. Dobson) won. We had visitors from all round the district—Leeds, Pontefract, Fetherston, Sheffield, and Kippex.—W. Nelson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, Sportman Inn, Paternoster Row, Dec. 26th, 14 birds faced the judges. Mr. Wainwright won with his smart young bird, "Baby," doing 50 sec. out of the first minute; 2, Jess, 45 sec.; 3, Jackson's Duckwing, 33 sec. Wainwright also sang an match with Jackson, giving him a sound thrashing, 74 against 30.—F. Bearder.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Dec. 24; 14 birds sang. 1, 3, Parlett; 2, Holmshaw.

Dec. 25, 19 birds sang. 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Jackson.—E. Phillipson, sec.

Linnet contest, Sportsman Hotel, Paternoster Row, Dec. 31. 16 birds sang: 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Parlett and Wainwright tie.—E. Phillipson, Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Dec. 24; Shepherd timer, Bamforth chalker. 17 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Norburn, 3min. 17sec.; 2, France, 3.12; 3, Hardman, 3.6. Dec. 25, same timer and chalker, 4min. sing: 1, Fishwick, 3min. 56sec.; 2, Norburn, 3.31; 3, Hardman, 3.8; France 2.19. Dec. 26 the landlord gave 10/- and two specials of 2s. each: Norburn 3.30, Hardman 3.28, Jones 3.5. Jennings wins 2/- special, nearest 1min. Dickinson wins special, nearest 5 secs. Dec. 31, same timer and chalker. Norburn beat all records this season, 3.57, in a 4min. sing; Hardman, 3.23; Jones, 3.12; Fisher 3.1. New Year's sing, a very poor entry. J. Mulldson timer, Bamforth chalker. Norburn 3 min. 23 sec.; Hardman, 3.23; Jones, 2.27. The first time J. Mulldson timed, and did very well for first attempt.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Dec. 24; 20 birds sang: 1, Jim Chippendale; 2, Hollingworth; 3, T. Ward; 4, Sellers. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant, and Hayes.

Roller contest, Dec. 24; 12 birds sang: 1, Condliffe; 2, Sissons; 3, Shardley, Stead and Chippindale. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Hayes.

Linnet contest, Dec. 25; 19 birds sang: 1, Jim Chippindale; 2, Sellers; 3, T. Ward; 4, S. Parker. Judges, Hardcastle, Grant, Hayes.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

Singing contests for quality Linnets, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Dec. 24; 16 birds. 1, 3, Wigfield; 2, Binns. Judge, C. Ward; timekeeper, Youll. Dec. 25, 18 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. Friend F. Allen, of Hull, gave us a call and was highly pleased with the quality of the birds. 1, 2, Binns; 3, Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Ward.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Dec. 31, when 19 sang. 1, 2, Wigfield; 3, shared, Wigfield and A. Summers. Judges, T. C. Summers and S. Butterfield. — T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Dec. 26. 14 birds sang: 1, Sellers; 2, Hollingworth; 3, Jim Chippindale; 4, T. Ineson. Judges, Hardcastle and Grant. Roller contest, Dec. 26, 10 birds sang: 1, 2, shared by W. Sissons and Condliffe; 3, Wood. Judges, Grant and Hardcastle. Linnet contest, Dec. 31. 23 birds sang: 1, Sellers; 2, Sissons; 3, Callagen; 4, 5, Hollingworth. Judges, Jennings, Grant, Ineson. Roller contest, Dec. 31. Eight birds sang: 1, Condliffe; 2, 3, shared by Stead and Sissons. Judges, Crane and Taylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

West Leeds Linnet and C.F.A. Linnet contest, Prince of Wales Hotel, Dec. 24; 16 birds. Some good singing was heard: 1, 2, Dobson; 3, Goodwill and McNichols shared. Judges, G. Batcholer, J. Goodwill. Timekeeper, W. Moss. Linnet contest, Viaduct Hotel: 1, 2, Dobson; 3, Chadwick; 14 birds sang. Judge, W. Miller; timekeeper, W. Moss. Canary contest, Dec. 25; a good lot of Canaries competed: 1, McNichols; 2, Dobson; 3, 4, 6, Wood; 5, Kippling; 16 birds. Judges, T. Sellers, C. Towes; timekeeper, T. Cawood. Linnet contest, Viaduct Hotel; 16 birds: 1, 2, Dobson and Long shared; 3, Goodwill. Judges, G. Batcholer, J. Goodwill; timekeeper, W. Moss. Canary contest (open), Prince of Wales Hotel. A good lot of fanciers turned up. We are always glad to welcome fanciers from the other end of the town: 1, McNichols; 2, Thompson; 3, Dobson; 4, Kippling. Judges, J. Sellers and J. Goodwill; timekeeper, W. Moss.—T. Cawood, Sec.

Canary contest, open to all comers, Viaduct, Jan. 7, at 7.—Cawood, Sec. (Advt.) (743)

Club Reports.

SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Dec. 20, Liberal Club, Saltcoats; Mr. Jackson, chair. Motion: That owing to the national emergency, and that as other kindred organisations in the district have suspended their activities meantime, we hold no show this season.—Carried.—Jas. Macdonald, Sec.

WEST LEEDS F. AND F.S.

Well attended meeting, headquarters, Dec. 22. Balance sheet of recent open show read and adopted. All prize money and specials paid. Members' shows arranged for June 9 and July 21. Open and members' show Dec. 15. Upwards of £2 already promised for members' specials.—H. Walker, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Dec. 14th, Mr. Harwood presiding. The following were elected as officers for 1917: President, Mr. L. Havenhand; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. W. Hollingswortb, and J. Hibberson; sec., D. Havenhand. Committee: Messrs. A. Gifford, W. Blunt, M. Darlow, W. Grainger, T. Hammond, J. Hartley, F. Holling, and E. Brady.—D. Havenhand, sec.

HULL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting at headquarters, Argyle House, Anlaby Road, Hull, Dec. 28, Mr. F. Seaman chair, before a full attendance. It was announced that in response to our appeal the membership had doubled since our first meeting a month ago. Decided to join the Federation of Roller Clubs. Any fancier wishing to become a member can obtain full particulars from the Sec., A. Baggaley, 18, Somerset Street, Hessle Road, Hull.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

The following is the result of the year's competitions (1916): Open Competition, Champion Section: 1, W. Crawshaw, 152 points; 2, A. Hirst, 92; 3, J. Thomas, 91. Amateur: 1, Mr. J. W. Kaberry, 84 points; 2, Mr. J. Livingstone, 38; 3, Mr. F. E. Brown, 24; 4, Mr. S. M. Clayton, 19. Mr. W. Crawshaw wins rose bowl with 116 pts, and cup with 113; Mr. J. W. Kaberry, amateur cup, 84; Mr. R. Dickinson wins Mr. Crawshaw's special, amateur classes only, 30. Subs. over-due; will members please forward same at once.—Sam Wilcock, sec.

DUMFRIES. S. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting, Fountain Cafe Hotel, President, Mr. W. Crosbie, chair, and a large number present. The show and club secretaries gave their report of the working of the club and the result of the show. The chairman complimented the club on the splendid result they had had with a show in such stressful times, the balance they had to hand to the war funds being £8 7s. Agreed to allocate it as follows: Maxwelltown Red Cross Hospital, £4; Dumfries do., £2 7s.; Belgian Children's Fund, £2; total, £8 7s.

The show was one of the best held since the formation of the club, both for quantity and quality, and the competition was so keen that the judges were on their mettle in awarding the prizes. The thanks of the Society are tendered to the ladies and gentlemen who so handsomely supported the club by special prizes, subscriptions, etc., and especially to Messrs. Dunbar, Pattie and Gibson, who have given their hall free of charge each year for the annual exhibition.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

LARKHALL.

Larkhall C.B.A. held its 2nd open Red Cross Show in Drill Hall, Larkhall, Dec. 15, 16. Entries did not come up to expectation, no doubt owing to the fact that other Red Cross shows were being held on same date, also the uncertainty of railway facilities at present. Pres. Rundell and Sec. McGregor, along with a hard-working committee, had everything well in hand, and the show was carried out with great credit to everyone concerned. The birds forward included the very cream of the Fancy, and in many classes each of the first three birds was fit to top a class at most shows. It was regrettable to learn that several lots of birds were delivered too late for competition—hard lines on the exhibitors. Special winners were:—Borders, best in section and open, B.F.C.C. medal, J. Lowerson, with a clear buff cock. Novice B.F.C.C. medal, W. B. Gillies, yell. cinn. hen. Norwich, best in section, J. Braidwood, an unflig. buff cock. S.P.C. medal for best cock, A. Harris, an unflig. yellow hen. S.P.C. medal best hen, J. Gallacher, unflig. buff hen. Best Mule or Hybrid, R. Heggie, with his famous light Greenie Mule. Best Hardbill, W. N. Linton, with his moulted Grecnie. The judges were: Borders, Dan Hamilton (Hamilton); Norwich, T. Morrison (Burnbank); Yorks. Wm. Priest (Partick); and British, etc., Sykes (Musselburgh). Their awards seemed to give satisfaction, as grumbling was conspicuous by its absence.

THE BORDER CANARIES.
Judge, Mr. D. Hamliton.

BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, G. Bennet, lovely cl., neat head, nicely rounded, nice taper, neat head and wings, grand col., wins; 2, Lowerson, cl., very similar, scarcely so well rounded; 3, W. B. Gillies, cl., hard up on leaders, scarcely the finish; 4, Ferguson; 5, Stewart; 6, Kennedy. BUFF (12): 1, B.F.C. medal, spl. best Border, 3, Lowerson, cl., neat head, sweetly moulded body, lovely wings and tail, rare waxy feather, marvellous cond., 3rd carries wings a wee bit low at times; 2, Bennet, cl., much same lines as 1st, hard to separate; 4, Linn; 5, Thomson; 6, Rutherford. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, cl., sweet head, lovely shape, sweetly drawn, neat wing and tail, lovely col. and feather; 2, Stewart, tkd., neat head, sweet shape, nice col. and feather, neat finish; 3, Gillies, cl., sweet head, neat shape and col., needs a wash; 4, Livingstone; 5, Lowerson; 6, Bennet. BUFF (8): 1, Bennet, cl., sweet head, lovely shape, sweetly drawn, rare col. and feather, wins; 2, 3, Robertson, cl. and tkd. as placed, beauties, hard to separate; 4, Lowerson; 5, Livingston; 6, Henderson. EVEN MARK (5): 1, Orton, well-known 4-point yell., sweet head, lovely shape and col., wins; 2, Nicholson, 4-point buff, lovely markings, sweet shape and feather, beaten in cond.; 3, Kennedy, 4-point buff, nice markings, nice head and front, rare feather, just crosses wings at times; 4, Donnan and Sheppard. YELL. VAR. CK. (4): 1, Nicholson, lovely var. cinn. mark, sweet shape, lovely col. and feather, grand exhibit; 2, Ferguson, grand var., lovely shape, neat head, wings and tail, needs a wash; 3, Thomson, sweet var., nice qual., just beaten in col. and finish; 4, Rutherford. BUFF (5) 1, Nicholson, lovely 3-point, sweet head, beautifully moulded body, rare col. and feather; 2, McFarlane, var., lightly mkd., sweet head and feather, scarcely so well rounded; 3, Donnan and Sheppard, sweet var., nice col. and feather, nicely mkd., bit soft when judged; 4, Livingston. YELL. VAR. HEN (3): 1, Robertson, cinn. var., sweet shape and col.; nice feather; 2, Livingston, sweet var., nice col., neat shape; 3, Ferguson, cinn., var., nice type and col. BUFF (4): 1, Robertson, lovely 3-point, sweet head, rare shape, neat and stylish, wins; 2, Donnan and Sheppard, another 3-point, much same lines, beaten finish; 3, Henderson, lovely var., unfortunately had injured its foot, hard lines; 4, Lamond. YELL. CINN. CK. (10): 1, Middleton, sweet head, rare col., lovely shape, nicely drawn, rare feather; 2, Nicholsou, nice col. and feather, little to choose; 3, Thomson, lovely head, rare col., grand wings and tail, shade shorter in body; 4, McFarlane; 5, Johnston; 6, Stevenson. BUFF (10): 1, McLinden, sweet head, rare col. and feather, nice front, neat wings and tail, rare cond.; 2, Gillies, much same lines, hard to separate; 3, Johnston, sweet head, lovely shape and feather, beaten col.; 4, Middleton; 5, Stevenson. YELL. CINN. HEN (8): 1, B.F.C.C. Nov. medal, sweet head, lovely col. and feather, rare wings and tail, lovely cond.; 2, McLinden, neat head grand col. and shape, beaten cond.; 3, Lunn, sweet head, nice mould, close up; 4, Lunn; 5, Clair; 6, Hamilton. BUFF (8): 1, Middleton, sweet head, rare col., feather, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail, lovely cond.; 2, Hamilton, neat head, lovely feather, nice mould, just beaten col.; 3, Houston, sweet shape, neat head, wings and tail; 4, McLinden; 5, Stevenson; 6, Whitehouse. YELL. GREEN CK. (9): 1, Johnston, neat head, rare shape, rich grass-green col., grand markings, easy winner; 2, Shackley, sweet shape, nice mould, shade dark in col., nice cond.; 3, Linton, sweet shape, neat head, wings and tail, nice col.; 4, Gillies; 5, Thomson; 6, Greenwell. BUFF (8): 1, Johnston, neat head, rare shape, grand col. and markings, grand exhibit; 2, Greenwell, neat head, sweet shape, shade lighter tone of col., rare markings, close up; 3, Middleton, rare col. and markings, grand stamp, just beaten in finish; 4, Linton; 5, McLinden; 6, Lawson. YELL. GREEN HEN (7): 1, Middleton, sweet head, rare col. and markings, sweetly moulded body, neat wings and tail, lovely exhibit; 2, Greenwell, neat head, rare col. and markings, sweet shape, close up; 3, Johnston, sweet head, rare col. and markings, lovely shape and qual., close up; 4, Lunn; 5, Stevenson; 6, no name. BUFF (11): 1, Johnston, sweet head, grand col. and markings, lovely moulded body, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, Middleton, much same stamp, hard to separate; 3, Greenwell, close on heels of leaders, very little to choose; 4, Gillies; 5, Stevenson; 6, Thomson. SELL. (4): 1, Lawson; 2, Clark; 3, Ferguson; 4, Whitelaw.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.
Judge, Mr. T. Morrison.

YELL. CK. CL. OR TKD. (6): 1, Scobbie, rare size and subs., grand head and neck, rare front; 2, no name, rare size and subs., good head, wee bit rough; 3, Johnston, rare head, grand feather, shade longer in body; 4, Burt; 5, Robertson; 6, McGregor. BUFF (6): 1, Robertson, rare head, grand subs., good front, short and cobby; 2, Gallasher, good head, nice front, beaten subs.; 3, Hughes, rare size, good head, rare front, shade rough; 4, Kerr; 5, McGregor. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Campbell, nice hen, medium size, rare Norwich properties, lovely head and front, feather like a Border; 2, Rundell, tkd., rare size and subs., good head and front, close up; 3, Braidwood, medium size hen, rare head and neck, grand short body, short wings and tail, bit soiled; 4, Houston; 5, Sommerville. BUFF (3): 1, no name, rare size and subs., grand head and neck, short thick-set body; 2, McGregor, rare size and subs., rare head and neck, short body, rare frosting; 3, Campbell, bit soft when taking notes. VAR. OR GREEN YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Harris, leader rare size and subs., grand head and neck, rare front, short and cobby, 2nd good head and neck, good front, shade longer in body; 3, Bisset, much same lines as 1st, hard to separate; 4, Kerr; 5, Pentland. HEN (1): 1, Scobbie, grand head and neck, rare subs., grand front. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Johnston, rare size, grand head and neck, rare subs.; 2, Brown, grand subs., rare head and neck, little to choose. HEN (6): 1, Burt, grand head and neck, rare thick-set body, rare front, well staged; 2, Houston, grand size, rare head and neck, good front, close up; 3, Prentice, rare size, good head, bit open in feather; 4, Bisset; 5, Cuthill; 4, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Scobbie, rare size and subs., rare body, grand front, wins; 2, Hughes, rare head and neck, short flights, hot col., beaten subs.; 3, Robertson, rare size and subs., grand head and neck, rare front; 4, Burt; 5, Harris; 6, Sommerville. HEN (2): 1, S.P.C. medal, Harris, nice size, rare front, short thick-set body, short wings and tail; 2, Brown, var., nice size and subs., rare head and neck, grand feather, close shave. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (4): 1, best Nor., Braidwood, var., rare size and subs., rare head and neck, grand body and feather, a good one; 2, Pentland, var., nice size, good head and neck, bit loose in feather; 3, Prentice, cl., grand size and subs., good head and neck, bit loose in feather; 4, Johnston. HEN (6): 1, S.P.C. medal, Gallacher, cl., rare size, grand head and neck, broad front, grand feather; 2, Hughes, cl., medium size, neat and typical, lovely head and neck, grand feather; 3, Bissett, cl., nice size, good head and neck, nice front, close up; 4, Johnston; 5, Naismith; 6, Cuthbertson. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, Kerr, cl. yell., rare size and subs., broad front, good head and neck, short flights; 2, Baidwood, var. buff, grand size, rare body, grand head and neck, cobby, close up; 3, McLean, cl. yell., good size, rare body, good head and neck. HEN (6): 1, Braidwood, var. yell., rare size and subs., rare head and neck, fine broad front, short flights; 2, McLean, green, rare size and subs., grand head and neck, grand thickness, close up; 3, Kerr, cl. yell., good size, good head and neck, short and cobby. CREST (3): 1, Hamilton, grand headpiece, neat centre, rare droop, broad feather, wins easily; 2, Robertson, nice crest, wee bit open in centre; 3, Prentice, nice Crest, rare droop. C.-B. (5): 1, Hamilton, rare skull, rare wealth of feather, very dense, well lashed, grand entrance, wins; 2, Moreland, nice skull, nice wealth of feather, not so wide-set entrance; 3, Hardie, nicely domed skull, dense feather. SELL. (8): 1, Houston; 2, McEwan; 3, McLean; 4, Brown; 5, Pentland; 6, Smith.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
Judge, Mr. Wm. Partick.

YELL. CK., CL. OR TKD. (6): 1, Park, cl., rare length, grand pose, well braced, neat head, lovely feather; 2, Cochrane, cl., grand length, straight as a rush, well braced, close up; 3, Ferguson, cl., grand length, stands at the right angle, well braced, lovely cond.; 4, Heggie; 5, Hilson; 6, Heggie. HEN (8): 1, Heggie, cl., rare length, lovely pose, grandly braced, well staged; 2, Park, tkd., rare length, grand pose, nicely braced, lovely feather; 3, Heggie, cl., nice length, grand length of leg, well braced, grand pose; 4, 6, Hilson; 5, Cochrane. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, Heggie, pair of beauties, lovely pose, grand length, nicely braced, grand feather, hard to separate; 3, Buchanan and Martin, cl., grand length, rare pose, lovely feather; 4, Ferguson; 5, Cochrane; 6, Bond. HEN (4): 1, 3, Heggie, rare length, nice pose, lovely wings, stands well up, 3rd little behind; 2, Cochrane, grand length, rare col. and feather, grand pose, close up; 4, Buchanan and Martin. VAR. CK. (6): 1, 4, Heggie, good buff leading, rare length, stands like a guardsman, grandly braced, lovely feather; 2, Cochrane, buff, rare length, lovely feather and cond.; 3, Hilson, yell., nice length, grand pose, rare feather; 5, Park; 6, Eccleston. HEN (3): 1, Buchanan and Martin, yell., rare length, lovely pose, nice col. and feather; 2, Heggie, yell., rare length, grandly braced, lovely cond. YELL. CK., 1916 (6): 1, 3, Heggie, leader grand cl., rare length, lovely pose, well braced, steady, 3rd tkd., lovely quality, grand length and pose; 2, Park, var., grand length, plenty swagger, straight as a rush; 4, Cochrane; 5, Buchanan and Martin; 6, Eccleston. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Heggie, cl. leading, rare pose, grand length, rare style, 3rd var., well drawn, rare length, stands at nice angle; 2, Park, cl., grand length, grand pose, grand feather, fails col.; 4, Cochrane; 5, Hilson; 6, Buchanan and Martin. HEN 1916 (6): 1, Park, we missed; 2, 6, Heggie, cl. yell., lovely pose, rare length, grand swagger, rare feather; 3, Cochrane, cl. yell., much same lines; 4, 5, Buchanan and Martin. SELL. (1): 1, Ferguson. COMMON CAN. (6): 1, Lee; 2, Rundell; 3, Clark; 4, 5, Prentice; 6, Nelson.

THE HYBRIDS, MULES AND BRITISH.
Judge, Mr. C. Sykes.

CL. OR VAR. MULE (2): 1, Heggie, well-known light Greenie, often described, wins spl. best Mule or Hybrid. DARK (8): 1, 2, Heggie, grand jonque Goldie leading, fine flush, grand size, rare col., shining like satin, 2nd jonque Linnet, rare size, grand bold front, rare col. and markings, close up; 3, Cuthill, jonque Greenie, grand size, hot fed, spotless cond.; 4, Gentleman; 5, Webster; 6, Clark. BULLF. HYB. (4): 1, Campbell, Greenf-Bullf., rare size, grand col., takes nice pos. on perch, shows off to perfection, rare specimen of the cross, many fancied for spl.; 2, Heggie, Linnet-Bullf., nice size and col., shows parentage well, a grand exhibit; 3, Cranner, Goldf.-Bullf., nice size, grand col., rare flush, spotless; 4, Webster. A.O. HYB., TWO BRIT. (4): 1, Anderson, now famous Thrush-Blackbird, shows parentage distinctly, nicely spotted front, sweetly steady, grand exhibit; 2, Heggie, Goldf.-Redpoll, sweet little chap, nice col., sweetly steady; 3, Webster, Goldf.-Greenf., nice size, grand flush. SELL. (8): 1, Clark; 2, Naismith; 3, McEwan; 4, no name; 5, Gentleman; 6, no name. GOLDF. (4): 1, Perrie, grand blaze, neat collar, nice bars and buttons; 2, Webster, grand face, rare tan and bars; 3, Gentleman, grand under-blaze, nice tan and bars. BULLF. (12): 1, Cummins, Hamilton winner, rare cap and bars, rare front, carries colour well under; 2, Thomson, nice cap, rare col., well carried under, bit slim; 3, Campbell, 2nd Gateshead, rare broad cap, lovely breast col., rare bars, wee bit rough at thighs; 4, Clark; 5, France; 6, McCloy. LINNET, H.-M. (11): 1, 2, Campbell, beauties, rare nutty-brown col., nice work on sides, nice fronts, hard to separate; 3, Moreland, bit soft when taking notes, some grand birds in this class; 4, Park; 5, Naismith; 6, Gentleman. F.-M. (15): 1, Hill, grand size, rich nutty col., grand work on breast, fine bold bird, wins; 2, Kerr, rare good Linnet, bit hot in col. on breast for our liking; 3, 4, Campbell, grand Linnets, rare col. and size, plenty of work; 5, Marlin; 6, Boag. SISKIN (6): 1, Cranna, grand nat. col., rare size, grand cap and bib, nicely laced flanks; 2, Craig, nicely fed, rare cap and flanks, nice shape; 3, Cribben, nat. col., nice cap and bib, nice flanks, grand polish; 4, Alexander; 6, Topping. MEALY 'POLL OR TWITE (7): 1, Campbell, grand Twite, rare size, col. and pencilling, looks like Hamilton F.-M. winner in new hands; 2, Gentleman, Mealy 'Poll, rare size, nice poll and bib, shade dark in col.; 3, Cribben, Twite, grand bird for col. and marking, just fails subs. to winner; 4, Craig; 5, Webster; 6, Graham. LESSER 'POLL, H.-M. (12): 1, Campbell, Glasgow winner, neat bib, grand col., well mkd.; 2, Nelson, Hamilton winner, sweet little fellow, nice poll and bib, nicely mkd. on flanks; 3, McEwan, another grand 'Poll, hard to separate these three; 4, Cribben; 5, Brownlie and Cook; 6, Roag. F.-M. (14): 1, McEwan, neat bib, grand col., nicely mkd. on flanks; 2, Graham, rare bib, col. and markings; 3, Naismith, rare bib, grand col. and markings, close up; 4, Hadley; 5, Taylor; 6, McLean. GREENF., H.-M. (10): 1, Linton, spl. best Hardbill, grand nat. col. buff, rare size, grand head, fine bold front a stormer, Hamilton winner; 2, Webster, rare head, grand col., nice front, just beaten size; 3, Thomson, yell., nice size, rare col., nice shape, good head, close up; 4, Gentleman; 5, Cameron; 6, Campbell. F.-M. (14): 1, Hadley, buff, rare size, grand head, good col., nice shape; 2, McCloy, nice size, rare head, nice col., steady; 3, Lockart, nice head, rare col., rather slim got up, steady. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (5): 1, McLean, Chaffinch, rare size, grand head, splendid whites, rare col., wins; 2, Brown, Bramble, fair size, nice col. and markings; 3, Boag, nice Chaffinch. YELLOWHAMMER (7): 1, Arnott, rare size, grand V-shape, well fed, grandly mkd., well put down; 2, Topping, fed, nice col. and marking, nice V and cheeks, beaten size; 3, Henderson, nice size, rare col., nice front, fails wee bit in V-mark; 4, Clark. BULLF. HEN (6): 1, Mills, grand size, rare broad cap, grand bars, fine breast col., a beauty; 2, no name, nice cap and bars, grand col., beaten size; 3, Foster, nice size, rare cap, grand col. and bars; 4, Frame; 5, Nelson; 6, McCloy. GREENF. OR BRAMBLE HEN (8): 1, Campbell, Bramble, rare size, grand head, rare col., nicely spangled, wins; 2, Linton, Greenf., nice size, grand head, nice col., nice hen; 3, Arnott, Bramble, built much same lines as winner, beaten polish. A.O. SEED-EATING HEN (1): 1, Campbell, Yellowhammer, grand exhibit. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (3): 1, Berrie, grand Corn Bunting, rare size, col. and markings; 2, Brown, grand Snow Bunting, grand col., size, grand cond.; 3, Topping, grand Cirl Bunting, lovely col. and marking, sweet exhibit. SOFTBILL, SMALL (1): 1, McLean, grand Redstart, lovely exhibit, nice col., sweetly steady. LARGE (5): 1, Henderson, Waxwing, rare size, lovely col., well marked, spotless cond. SELL. (7): 1, 5, Campbell; 2, Marlin; 3, Nelson; 4, McEwan; 6, Moreland. FOR. (11): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, Arnott, grand team, leader lovely Roseving African Grey Bullfinch, grand exhibit; 2, Lee, lovely King Parrot, lovely exhibit, grand size and col., spotless cond.

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A Fine Show in Aid of the Red Cross Society.

Ayr C.B.C. held its eighth open show in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Dec. 9, in aid of the Red Cross Society. There were 460 exhibits, an increase of 60 from last year, therefore there will be a good balance to hand over for this charity. The secretary, Mr. Fergusson, is a keen worker of the first order; as everybody knows, he is the right man in the right place. Judges: Scotch Fancy, British and Foreign, J. F. Dewar; Yorks. and Borders, J. Hamilton; Nor., R. Martin.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (12): 1 and 2, Stewart, Junr., grand size, thick through, rare top end, fine reaching droop, nice size and cond.; 3, Lyon, good size, grand qual., fine shoulders and nice drive; 4 and 5, McLean; 6, Ellwood; 7, Cameron. HEN (9): 1, Stewart, Junr., fine shoulders, long reach, good droop and thick through, stylish and well shown; 2, Lyon, good qual. and type, fine reach and droop, well staged; 3, Reid, fair size, nice style, built in proportion; 4, McLean; 5, Ellwood; 6, Burgess. SELL. (5): 1, McLean; 2, Lyon; 3 and 4, Reid; 5, Hainey. NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Stewart, neat, full, and well built, clean cut, typical, in the pink; 2, Cairns, good size and fine col., fine broad front, sweet head, neat carr., lovely cond.; 3, Johnston, hot col., lovely qual., close up; 4, Alexander, good for size, col. and type; 5, Cubby; 6, McKean; 7, Kerr. HEN (10): 1, 3, and 5, Devoy, grand team, the leader one of the finest yell. hens we have seen for a long time, 3 fine head, good broad front, short and neat; 2, Harper, good size and col., neat head, well staged; 4, McLean; 6, Kerr; 7, Kerr. CK., BUFF (12): 1, Harper, well up in size, good type and qual., neat and clean cut, well staged; 2, Johnstone, smaller but nice qual., well staged; 3, Alexander, fine model, steady, neat, compactly built; 4, Kerr; 5, Jas. Kerr; 6, Kelly; 7, Bell. HEN (11): 1, Stewart, fine subs. and qual., nice level col., rich qual. of feather, and well staged; 2 and 3, Alexander, well up in size, fine type, neat, full head, sweet front and well braced, 3 good qual., neat carr. and style; 4, Devoy; 5, Bell; 6, Kerr. CK., NON-FED (5): 1, Jas. Kerr, grand type, lovely head and carr., nice bloom; 2, Young, grand size, clean cut, one we liked well; 3, Devoy, grand qual., lovely bloom, well staged; 4, Johnstone; 5, Murray. HEN (6): 1, Jas. Kerr, well up in size, good type and qual., rare head; 2, Alexander, fine model, neat and compactly built, pressing hard; 3, McFadyean, nice rich col. and qual. of feather; 4, Devoy; 5, Tait; 6, Murray. CK., YELL., UNFLIG. (11): 1, Harper, a topper, good subs. for a youngster, nice level col., sweet head, nicely moulded body, well staged; 2, Jas. Kerr, neat and chubby, lovely, hot, even col., top qual., well braced, very steady; 3, Cairns, rich, hot even col., capital qual., clean cut; 4, Devoy; 5 and 7, Johnstone; 6, Macready. BUFF (11): 1, Scott, a monster variegated, grand type, but very wild, rough in feather; 2 and 4, Irvine, a nice one, rare qual., lovely type; 3, Johnstone, sweetly feathered, in the pink, nice level col.; 5, Aitken; 6, McCulland; 7, Guthrie. HEN, YELL., UNFLIG. (9): 1, A. Kerr, a real good model, fine even col., short, neat and chubby, grand style; 2, Alexander, hot col., chubby built, grand broad deep front, thick set, close run; 3, Devoy, another topper, hard to find fault with; 4, Cairns; 5, McLelland; 6, Irvine; 7, Tait. BUFF (11): 1, Guthrie, plenty of subs., grand type, built on proper lines, chubby body, perfect style; 2 and 6, Irvine, grand cond., good top end, silky feather lovely bloom; 3, Cairns, again a really good one, perfect cond.; 4, McLauchlan; 5, McLelland; 7, Johnstone. NOVICE (4): 1, Gowan, AI qual., grand front, well filled in top, best of carr., grand bloom; 2, McKean, nice size, fine full head; 3, McIldowie, fine type, nice qual., grand style; 4, Spiers. SELL.: 1, Buchannan; 2 and 5, Irvine; 3, McLauchlan; 4, Young. YORKS. CK. (14): 1, 2 and 5, McCreadie, grand team, leader great length, straight as a rush, neat, clean cut, faultless feather, 2 good model, nice even col., fine type, stylish; 3, Heggie, fine even col., silky qual., neat wing carr.; 4, Erskine; 6, Withers; 7, Martin. HEN (13): 1, 2 and 6, McCreadie, fine team, a credit to their owner, shown in the pink; 3, Heggie, shapely and well drawn, neat, fine style, free action; 4, Erskine; 5, Telfer; 7, McLelland. NON-FED (9): 1, Withers, nice qual. and type, in fine order, nice style and pos.; 2 and 3, McLelland, former a good model, grand style, fine wing carr., latter fine texture of feather, clean cut and well rounded; 4, Agnew; 5, Ecclestone; 6, Wilson; 7, Martin. BORD. YELL., CL. or TKD. (17): 1 and 3, Mossie, little beauty for col., type and qual., fine wings and tail, in lovely bloom, 3 good stamp, neat, clean type, lovely cond.; 2, Smillie, hard up for type and qual., lovely col., well staged; 4, Macreadie; 5, Nairn; 6, Redmayne; 7, Montgomeric. HEN (17): 1 and 6, Smillie, lovely qual. and style, neat carr. and build, top cond.; 2, Bennett, nice type, grand style, fine wings and tail; 3, Higgins, typical, perfect carr., nice qual.; 4, Brown; 5, Kirkhope; 7, Fergusson. CK., BUFF, CL. or TKD. (16): 1, 3 and S.F.C.C. medal, Ketchen, a real nice exhibit, sweet and typical, steady, well shown, 3 close and boxy feather; 2, Mossie, in rare trim, neat and sweet, pressing hard, must have been a near thing; 4, McColdie; 5, Adrain; 6, Smillie; 7, Clark. HEN (14): 1, Mossie, a little beauty, in the pink, good type, lovely texture of feather, well braced, steady, staged in perfect style; 2, Bennett, lovely body, faultless carr., one we liked; 3, Smillie, fine type, close, good qual. feather, fine wings and tail; 4, McLaity; 5, Rayside; 6, McCreadie; 7, Findlay. CK., YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, Smillie, almost even mkd., grand shape and lovely feather, in lovely bloom; 2, Smith, fine type and qual., perfect carr.; 3, Cree, lovely varieg., perfect carr., lovely wings and tail; 4, Cunningham; 5, Elliot; 6, Nairn. HEN (8): 1 and 6, Nairn, lovely wings and carr., well staged; 2, McIldowie, stylish and typical, clean cut body; 3, Millar, well carried wings and tail, well staged; 4, Adrain; 5, Ketchen; 6, Gibson; 7, Kerr. CK., BUFF, VARIEG. (15): 1, Smillie, fine type, close, good qual. feather, good top end, lovely bloom; 2, Fergusson, good feather, typical, takes a lovely position on perch; 3, Bennett, fine, clean cut body, well carried wings and tail; 4, Hutchison; 5, Duncan; 6, Astrain; 7, Ellwood. HEN (10): 1, Bennett, little beauty for col. and type, grand mover; 2, Smillie, pressing hard, sweet and typical, neat carr., well shown; 3, Raeside, real nice qual.; 4, Montgomerie; 5, Gibson; 6, Miller; 7, Nairn. YELL. CK., GREEN or CINN. (15): 1, Whitelaw, grand col. yell., neat, shapely body, correct carr. and style, well shown; 2, Brown, lovely qual., green, grand col., correct type; 3, Savage, nice stamp, clean cut, neat all over; 4, Hannah; 5, Kilpatrick; 6, Cree; 7, Raeside. HEN (6): 1, Thomson, grand type and qual., fine mark wings, smooth as glass; 2, Murray, good feather, typical, well braced wings; 3, Millar, stylish, fine markings; 4, Duncan; 5, Murray; 6, Brown. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Brown, a good green, nice qual., perfect carr., lovely feather, wins easy; 2, Hannah, fine and steady, clean cut, level col., well pencilled; 3, Clark, good qual., in the pink, sound col; 4, Thomson; 5, Murray; 6, Montgomerie; 7, Whitelaw. HEN (5): 1, Clark, sweet little cinnamon, perfect col., lovely carr.; 2 and 5, McCall, good qual., AI carr.; 3 and 4, Murray, nice stamp, clean cut. SELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, Higgins; 3, Gibson; 4, Kerr; 5, Redmayne; 6, Brown; 7, Nairn. LIGHT MULE or HYB. (3): 1 and 2, and sp. best bird in show, ——, 1 jonque, variegated green mule, grand size and lovely bloom; 2, four-pointed jonque, Goldf. mule, well-known face; 3, Tait, buff variegated Goldf. mule, in lovely bloom. DARK (11): 1, 2 and 3, McQuiston, a nice team of dark Mules, Goldf., Greenf., and Linnet; 4 and 7, Roxburgh; 5, Black; 6, Davidson. GOLDF. (18): 1 and sp, Guthrie and Son, a little beauty, fine square blaze, nice wings, in lovely bloom; 2, Dunsmuir, good size and marking, fails a little in blaze col.; 3, McLelland, shade smaller, nice sound colour; 4, sp, and 6, Niven; 5, Wallace; 7, McCloy. BULLF. (13): 1 and 2, Mathieson, housemoulted, nice size and subs., fine body col., perfect wings and bars; 3, McQuiston, grand size, best of type, a little wild, when steadied will be a good one; 4, Mitchell; 5, Mason; 6, Niven; 7, McCloy. LINNET, H.M. (14): 1, 3 and 3 spls. best British bird, McQuiston, lovely team, all shown in the pink; 2, Davidson, very similar type, not quite so well pencilled; 4, Welsh; 6, McAstear; 7, Smart. F.M. (11): 1, McMellie, great size, lovely col. and markings, wins easy; 2, Wilson, grand size, steady, faultless feather; 3, Welsh, good size and feather; very steady; 4, Matthieson; 5, McQuiston; 6, McCloy; 7, Richmond. GREENF. (8): 1, Wilson, nice type, grand head, nice yellow wings and well staged; 2 and 3, McQuiston, non-fed and fed, two grand birds, rare bloom; 4 and 5, Wason; 6, Smart Bros.; 7, Toppins. SISKIN, Etc. (12): 1, 2 and 3, McQuiston, grand team, Twite, a monster Mealy Redpoll and a Siskin; 4, Toppins; 5, Smart Bros.; 6, R. C. Gribben; 7, McAtear. LESSER REDPOLL (15): 1 and 3, Hopkins, little beauties, rare subs., nice poll and lovely breast work, both field-moulted; 2, Dick, another field-moulted, well up to leader for col. and markings; 4 and sp, Wason; 5, Lambie; 6, R. C. Gribben; 7, Roxburgh. A.O. BRIT. (11): 1, Erskine, Hawfinch, grand size, fine col. and markings; 2, McKenzie, a good Bramble, capital size, rare col. and spangling; 3, Hyslop, Hawfinch, beaten in size, but rare col.; 4 and 7, Welsh; 6, Toppins; 5, Brown. SEED-EATING HEN (9): 1 and 3, McQuiston, Corn and Bramblefinch, well known faces; 2, Smart Bros., grand Bullfinch hen, in perfect cond.; 4, Wason; 5, Erskine; 6, McMillie; 7, R. C. Gribben. SELL. (4): 1, Wilson; 2, Bell; 3, no name; 4, Richmond. GIFT (4): 1, 2, 3 and 4, Fergusson. FOR. (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, P. Arnott, with one of his invincible teams, former Yellow-winged Sugarbird, 2 Afghan Rosy-winged Bullfinch, very rare; 3 Honeysucker, 4 Scarlet Tanager; 5, Mrs. Aird.

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SHOWS.

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IRVINE.

Annual show, Good Templars' Hall, Dec. 16; entries totalled 439. The hall is most suitable for a bird show, being nicely lighted on all sides and free from draughts. This society is fortunate in having such a band of willing workers, foremost among them being the worthy Pres., Mr. W. S. Clark. The Sec., Mr. Jas. Paterson, is an ideal man for the post, being here, there and everywhere, and had a thorough grip of the business throughout the show. The feature of the show was a big muster of Borders, and some gems were on view. A regular swell was the medal winner, a most perfect even marked cock, the property of W. S. Wilson. The Green medal was won by Mr. E. Showler's buff green cock. The Novice medal went to Mr. G. Raeside with a beautiful head tkd. hen, a very typical and jaunty lady. Scots Fancies were poorly represented, and the society would be well advised to alter the wording of their schedule to include variegated in lieu of foul; this we understand to be the reason of such a poor entry in this section. The judges got through their duties in good time, and their awards were well received. Borders, J. Hyslop and R. Lambie; Norwich and British, A. Chalmers.

BORD. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Mossie, gem of a cl., very rich col., correct weight, rare wings and tail; 2, Hume, shade heavier built, loses in col., nice free carr.; 3, Nairn, tkd., nice rich col., best of head and wings, well placed; 4, Craig; 5, Clark; 6, Duncan; 7, Scott. HEN (17): 1, Nairn, grand, well moulded body, very sweet head, neat wings; 2, Smillie, another beauty, best of carr. and cond., presses hard; 3, Wm. Clark, good shape, correct size, good head and perfect wing carr.; 4, Hume; 5, Sprott; 6, Duncan; 7, Clark. BUFF CK. (14): 1, sp, Wm. Clark, a right good one, staged to perfection, very jaunty carr., good win; 2, Young, grand type and size, just fails head; 3, 6, Mossie, leader true Border type, bit slack on wings; 4, Craig; 5, W. S. Wilson; 7, Scott. HEN (16): 1, sp, Mossie, a gem, perfect in every point, best of size and type; 2, W. S. Wilson, shade heavy built, grand wings and tail, rare good head; 3, Scott, not far behind, better weight than 2nd, but fails cond.; 4, Hume; 5, Mossie; 6, Gartland; 7, Sprott. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Wilson, rich col., grand type, grand wings, a beauty; 2, Nairn, much the same, but loses in type; 3, Sprott, well mkd., grand col. and type, rare jaunty carr.; 4, Nicholson; 5, Clark; 6, Paton; 7, Middleton. HEN (10): 1, Nicholson, cinn. wing and check marks, right type and size, in lovely order; 2, Adrain, nice exhibit, very good in head and wings; 3, Craig, bit larger, but all there for type and cond.; 4, Nairn; 5, Sprott; 6, Young; 7, McColl. BUFF (9): 1, Smillie, rare type and weight, best of wing carr.; 2, Boyd, wing and neck marks, real good exhibit, pressing winner hard; 3, Wilson, bit slimmer, but best of size and head; 4, Murray; 5, Adrain; 6, Nairn; 7, McMinn. HEN (8): 1, sp, 7, Clark, a gem for type and eight, right full head and neck, good carr.; 2, Findlay, very rich col., staged A1; 3, Gilson, true type, neat head, correct weight; 4, Murray; 5, Duncan; 6, McColl; 7, Clark, might have gone up a bit. EVEN CK. (3): 1, Medal, a gem, perfectly even mkd., beautiful eye marks, pure rich col.; 2, McMinn, fails weight of marks, right good type; 3, Nicholson. HEN (6): 1, sp, Smillie, wins in a good class, very rich col., best of marks, good wings and tail; 2, Findlay, presses close, just a bit slimmer, but equal in all other points; 3, Nelson; 4, Craig; 5, Mossie; 6, Darragh. THREE-PARTS DARK (6): 1, Darragh, cinn., very pure and straight col., grand Border properties throughout; 2, Showler, green, foul tail, very nicely pencilled, good ground col., shows well; 3, Middleton, green, bit thinner in type, but grand col. and cond.; 4, McColl; 5, Craig; 6, Gibson. CINN. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Dick, rare pure col., right size and type, fine full head, good carr.; 2, Wilson, falls in purity of col. to winner; 3, Darragh, correct Border type, grand size, free jaunty carr., best of cond.; 4, Kroezen; 5, J. Wilson; 6, Whitelaw. HEN (8): 1, Wilson, beauty for size, type and col., very bright, a good win; 2, Dick, right good one, failing in brightness only; 3, Dick, similar to 2nd, better in col., nicely pencilled; 4, Cree; 5, Clark; 6, Harper; 7, Whitelaw. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Harper, beauty for col. and type, good carr. and cond., best of head; 2, 3, Hannah, leader foul tail, rare type of a cinn.; 3rd, fails only in type; 4, Clark; 5, Wilson; 6, Whitelaw. HEN (8): 1, 5, Clark, leader best of col. and type, very pure and bright, rich legs, a right good one; 2, Darragh, good in all points, fine carr. and wings, just a wee shade long; 3rd and 4th we could not find; 6, Browne; 7, McColl. GREEN YELL. CK. (17): 1, Hannah, a gem, rich grass col., grand type, correct weight, free carr.; 2, Wilson, less rich in col., equal in all other points; 3rd and 5th could not be found; 4, Middleton; 6, Whitelaw; 7, Clark. HEN (8): 1, Wilson, beauty for depth of col., fine shape and weight, staged in best of bloom; 2, Harper, good type, finely mkd., showing out strongly against rich ground; 3, Clark, bit thinner type, and just a wee bit long, otherwise good; 4, Rubie; 5, Andrew; 6, Middleton; 7, Duncan. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Showler, Green medal winner, and a worthy winner, great type and pencilling, very jaunty carr., in great bloom; 2, Clark, nice leader, grand col., takes nice position, very free carr.; 3, Middleton, bit on long side, fine compact wings, good weight; 4, Paton; 5, Whitelaw; 6, Brown; 7, Redmond. HEN (6): 1, Wilson, a gem, presses hard for medal, beautiful cond., fine rich col.; 2, Clark, best of type and col., bit longer than winner; 3, 6, McColl, good rich col., fine weight and wing carr.; 4, Middleton; 5, Rubie. SELL. CK. (6): 1, Adrain; 2, Brown; 3, Sprott; 4, Raeside; 5, Young; 6, Paton. HEN, 7s. 6d. (5): 1, Sprott; 2, Paton; 3, Raeside; 4, Nairn; 5, McColl. NOV. CK. (23: 1, 3, Auld, grand true type, best of col., good wings and tail; 3rd, fails only in col.; 2, Eckersley, a beauty, grand weight, very jaunty carr., good col. and cond.; 4, Murray; 5, Ronaldson; 6, could not find; 7, Murdoch. HEN (17): 1, Novice medal, 3, Raeside, leader head tkd., grand shape and size, a real good exhibit; 3rd, just a wee shade long; 2, Auld, good buff, correct size, true type, shown in best of order; 4, could not trace; 5, 6, Gartland; 7, Ronaldson. NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Cairns, blaze of col., great thick chest, grand short wings; 2, Aitken, nice full front, grand head and wings; 3, Colley, rare thick-set type, fine short wings, thick neck; 5, Kerr; 6, 7, McLean. HEN (13): 1, 5, Devoy, rare cart horse, wins easily, a gem for col. and type; 2, McLean, real nice type, just a wee bit long on wing; 3, 7, Jeffrey, better wing than 2nd, but fails head, great size; 4, Aitken; 6, Hardie. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Colley, big broad-fronted bird, great head, nicely mealed; 2, Hardie, correct type, smaller built; 3, 4, Jeffrey, big sized, broad chest, grand head and wings; 5, 6, Kerr; 7, McLean. HEN (9): 1, Cairns, nice full chest, good col. and cond.; 3, 6, McLean, rare sized lady, very nicely mealed, good head and neck; 4, Connelly; 5, Kerr. NON FED CK. (3): 1, Kerr, splendid big sized, very full fronted, in grand order; 2, Aitken, shade slimmer, grand col.; 3, Clark, smaller, but grand type, good head. HEN (4): 1, Kerr, ; nother big one, all there for type and col.; 2, Alexander, beaten in size only, best head and wing; 3, Tait; 4, Irvine. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Kerr, beauty for col. and length of wing; 2, Alexander, beaten in size only, best head and wing; 3, Tait; 4, Irvine. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Kerr, beauty for col. and length of wing; 2, Devoy, pressing hard, great broad front; 3, 6, Jeffrey; 4, Stewart; 5, Colley. HEN (8): 1, Connelly, beautiful rich col., fine length of wing, nice short tail; 2, Kerr, rare chest and size, fine full head; 3, 6, Colley, another full fronted lady, rare rich col.; 4, Devoy; 5, McLellan. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Aitken, very large, deep front, full head, nice even col.; 2, Hardie, great width of chest, just loses on head; 3, McLean, great wealth of mealing, nice full chest; 4, Irvine; 5, Scott; 6, McNeillie and Topping; 7, Cairns. HEN (8): 1, Cairns, rare size, very broad front, full head, rare short wings; 2, Jeffrey, bouncer for size, very large head, loses cond; 3, Irvine, best type in class, beautifully mealed, nice short wings and tail, just a wee shade small; 4, Connelly; 5, McLellan; 6, McNeillie and Topping; 7, Aitken. SELL. CK. (8): 1, Craig, cheap bird; 2, Kane, variegs.; 3, Alexander, green capped; 4, Irvine; 5, McLellan; 6, McLachlan; 7, Aitken. HEN (4): 1, Dykes; 2, Morrison; 3, Aitken; 4, Irvine. YELL. or FOUL SCOTS CK.: 1, Hunter, big long body, nice reach and shoulder. HEN: 1, Lyon, grand quick action, takes good pos., good head; 2, Burgess. BUFF CK.: 1, Lyons, good all round. HEN (4): 1, sp, Hunter, very nervy, good neck and reach, lacks shoulder; 2, Reid, smaller size, very sweet head and neck; 3, Lyon, best in class, rare long reach, ; erfect head and neck, rare shoulder, we made an easy winner; 4, Burgess. YORKS YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, Heggie, leader in best of order, rare leggy bird; 3rd, very long straight barrel, grand legs, very hot col., our choice for top place; 2, McCready, beauty for length and pose, very neat head and wings; 4, McLachlan; 5, McLellan; 6, Park. HEN (5): 1, Heggie, easy winner, almost perfect, grand long wings and legs, staged to win; 2, McCready, just a wee shade short in leg, rare type, nice head; 3, Stewart; 4, McLellan; 5, Park. BUFF CK. (8): 1, McCready, great length and style, clean bright col., splendid legs, a good win; 2, 3, Heggie, leader best leg and wing; 3rd, fails length; 4, Stewart; 5, Park; 6, McLellan; 7, Bell. HEN (4): 1, McCready, stylish, rare shape, neat head; 2, McLellan, good length, neatly carried wings, good pos.; 3, Heggie, slightly heavy build, nice rich col., good length; 4, Park. GOLDF. (10): 1, Connelly, wonderful cond., nice rich face, beautifully tanned and barred; 2, McLehan, larger face, very square cut under, beaten in brightness of blaze; 3, Stobbs Bros., right British stamp, great wealth of tans, beautiful bars, fine full head; 4, Guthrie and Son, not just ready yet; 5, Dunsmuir; 6, McNellie and Topping; 7, Bell. BULLF. (7): 1, 4, Mathieson, leader very bright breast col., jet cap and very distinct broad bars; 2, Mitchell, bigger inner, but fails in breadth of cap, very clean slatey back; 3, McNeillie and Topping, nice cut of a Bullie, scarcely bright enough on breast, otherwise good; 5, R. McQuiston; 6, Richmond. GREENF. (8): 1, P. McQuiston, gem for col. and cond., not one of the largest, great broad wing flights; 2, 7, Wason, leader largest in class, rare broad skull, shade dull in col.; 3, Steele, another fairly large one, failing in head only to leaders; 4, Wilson; 5, McNeillie and Topping; 6, Duncan. LINNET, H.M. (7): 1, 3, P. McQuiston, winner a gem for col. and work, rare broad front, beautifully pencilled back, large bold head; 3rd, loses a little in col.; 2, Davidson, grand big bird, very distinct breast work, grand ground col.; 4, Wason; 5, Dunsmuir; 6, McCue, T. Henning. F.M. (6): 1, 2, Wilson, grand pair, leader very steady, great wealth of work on front, very rich col.; 3, McQuiston, beaten to-day in col., but all there for size and pencilling; 4, Richmond; 5, McNeillie and Topping; 6, Mathieson. REDPOLL (7): 1,2, McQuiston, rare size and col., grand large black bib, very full head, beautiful pencilling on sides, a rare good Poll; 2nd, loses in size; 3, Mitchell, very fine type, nice full head, steady; 4, Dick; 5, Steele; 6, Davidson; 7, Wason. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, McQuiston, leader well known Twite, grand size and type, pencilled right across, good col.; 2nd, Siskin, rich bright col., rare cap, nice size; 3, Davidson, rare sized Mealy, pure silver front, a good one; 4, Connelly; 5, Kane; 6, Henning; 7, McNeillie and Topping. A.O.V.: 1, Brown, well mkd. Yellowhammer; w.e., Saunders, a Linnet Mule. SOFTBILL, LARGE (3): 1, Duncan, very fine Waxwing, in good order; 2, McNeillie and Topping, Thrush, well staged; 3, Savage. HEN (4): 1, 2, McQuiston, well known Corn Bunting leading, a beauty for size and col., very steady; 2nd, equally well-known Bullf.; 3, McNeillie and Topping; 4, Duncan.

MARDY F.S.

Show held at Workmen's Institute, Dec. 14. Our section was staged in the Lesser Hall, one of the best rooms we have yet seen for a show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged in tiers, and looked very comfortable. Mr. H. Greaves had charge, and carried out his duties admirably, the birds being staged and judging commenced early. The Sec., Mr. D. D. Jones, is an ideal official, carrying out his many duties in a very obliging manner, and we are sure his efforts are greatly appreciated by the society and exhibitors alike. Mr. T. L. Castree judged.

NOR. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, James and Wells, both var., grand col. and qual., fine head and neck, good deep chest, well braced wings, nicely cut away, first class cond.; 3, Greaves, cl., lovely qual. and col., very shapely, plenty of subs., fine order; 4, Heath; vhc, Hughes; hc, Hall; c, Edwards. BUFF (8): 1, sp, James and Wells, lovely tone of col., grand size, good head, nicely rounded chest, well cut away, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Greaves, cl., nice col. and qual., good head, nice chest, well balanced wings and tail; 3, Mitchell, cl., pale col., nice type and qual., good size, best of wings, good order; 4, T. A. Jones; hc, Hall; c, T. Jones. HEN (10): 1, 4, Greaves, cl. buff, good size and shape, nice head, splendid wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Pavey, cl. buff, nice col. and qual., good subs., very shapely, splendid order; 3, James and Wells, cl., grand col. and qual., nice head, good size and shape; vhc, Hughes; hc, Jones and Davies; c, Heath. UNFLIG (8): 1, sp. best Nor., vhc, Davies, var., grand col. and qual., fine size, good head, deep chest, nicely cut away; 2, Mitchell, wing mkd. yell., nice col. and qual., neatly moulded, good wings, tip-top order; 3, hc, Greaves, cl. buff, nice size and shape, correct type, lov order; 4, Pavey; c, Heath. HEN (2): 1, Davies, tkd. buff, good col. and qual., nice size and shape, nicely cut away; 2, Greaves, var. buff, good size, nice col. and qual., hardly as well moulded. NOV. NOR. (6): 1, sp. best nov., ——, good col. and qual., fine head, nice chest, good wings and tail; 2, Fere, neat head, very shapely, nice col. and qual.; 3, Rudge, paler col., nice type and qual.; 4, Jones; vhc, Lane; hc, Thomas. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp best in show, Watkins. cl., lovely col. and qual., neat head, good shoulders, fine length, splendid leg and pos.; 2, Wooton, cl., beautiful col. and qual., well moulded, tip top wings and tail, good leg and nerve; 3, East, another good one, neat head, fine shoulders and back, lovely length and pos.; 4, Pavey; vhc, Jones; c, Brown. BUFF (9): 1, James and Wells, var., nice col. and qual., grand length, splendid leg, good type and cond.; 2, Hillman, cl., neat head and shoulders, nicely moulded, well up on leg, good col. and qual.; 3, Watkins, tip top col. and qual., good head, nice back, wings and tail, stands well; 4, Griffiths; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Jones. HEN (6): 1, 4, sp, Brown, cl. buff, neat lady, well moulded, fine length, good pos. and nerve, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Wooton, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, good straight back, very typical, splendid leg and pos.; 3, vhc, East, tip top col. and qual., fine shoulders and back, good nerve and leg; hc, Maidment. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, Wooton, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., fine head, shoulders and back, very shapely, grand leg and pos.; 2, Watkins, cl. buff, another nice one, grand type and qual., best of wings and tail, stands well; 3, T. Jones, var. buff, nice col. and qual., fine length and pos., well up on leg, correct type; 4, c, Jones; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Brown; c, James and Wells. HEN (8): 1, Watkins, yell., splendid col. and qual., grand shape, good shoulders and back, well braced wings, nice leg; 2, Brown, cl. buff, grand length, nice head, good type and qual., splendid leg and nerve; 3, Wooton, var., very typical, good length, stands well, splendid col. and qual.; 4, Maidment; vhc, Hughes; c, Evans. NOV. (15): 1, Hughes, var. yell., tip top col. and qual., good head, fine shoulders, lovely length and pos., good leg; 2, Rudge, cl. buff, good qual. and cond., splendid type, nicely moulded, stands well; 3, Fell, cl. buff, neat shoulders, back, flights and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Sherratt; vhc, hc, Bevan; c, Thomas. BORD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Jenkins, a brace of gems, lovely col. and qual., very typical and jaunty, staged to the moment; 3, Edgington, nice col. and qual., fine type, very shapely, splendid carr., good order; 4, Jones and Davies; vhc, Bevan. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Jenkins, cl. and var., another grand pair, feathered like wax, good heads, fine shapely bodies, grand carr. and type; 3, Williams, cl. buff, nice type, splendid carr. and qual., hardly polish of leaders; 4, Edgington; vhc, Gealy and Evans. HEN (5): 1, 2, Jenkins, cl. yell. and cl. buff, another brace from same aviary as other winners, both beautifully moulded and exquisite qual., col. and cond.; 3, Bevan, var. buff, fine type, grand carr., well moulded, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Williams; vhc, Gealy and Evans. A.O.V. (8): 1, vhc (2), Edwards, nice Crestbred, grand subs. and cond.; 2, hc, Mrs. Burgess. Gold Lizard, beautifully spangled, lovely col., qual. and cond.; 3, c, Greaves, green, splendid size and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 4, James. GOLDF. (8): 1, sp, Jeffreys, good square cut rich col. blaze, fine tans, bars and buttons, good size, col. and qual.; 2, vhc, Edwards, nice blaze, fine tans and bars, lovely col. and qual., shade smaller; 3, Evans, nice shape and size, good rich blaze, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Upshall; hc, Jones and Davios; c, Hillman. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Davies, leader fine size and shape, rich nutty col., beautifully laced, lovely col. and qual.; 2nd, hardly as large, nicely moulded, good rich col., fine lacing; 3, Evans, grand size and shape, good whites, nice rich col., hardly as well laced; 4, Greaves; vhc, Hillman; hc, c, Matthew and Remfry. A.O.V., (12): 1, sp, Edwards, grand Bullf., fine rich col., good cap and bars, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Jeffreys, Yellowhammer, nice size, fine shape, good V, lovely col. and qual.; 3, E. M. Evans, Bramble, nice size and shape, well spangled, good col., qual. and cond.; 4, D. Evans; vhc, Jones and Davies; hc, Rogers; c, Matthew and Remfry. MULE or HYB. (13): 1, 2, Jeffreys, cl. Goldie leading, very shapely, nice col., lovely qual. and cond.; 2nd, dk. jonque, fine size and shape, good blaze, rich col., well put down; 3, Bevan, dk. jonque Goldie, close up, fine size and shape, grand blaze, rich col., lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Rudge; vhc, Jones and Davies; hc, Rogers; c, Jones. SELL. (9): 1, Heath; 2, Griffiths; 3, Hall; 4, c, Greaves; vhc, Hughes; hc, Bevan. LOCAL (8): 1, sp. Evans; 2, Thomas; 3, Fell; 4, hc, Tibbett; vhc, Powell; c, Chambers.

WIGAN ROLLER C.C.

133 BIRDS IN THE NOVICE CLASS.

Second annual open exhibition, 15 and 16 Dec., in the Assembly Rooms, Old Arcade, Wigan. These rooms afford lofty, well-lighted, spacious premises, well adapted for a contest; in fact, one of the best it has been our good fortune to visit. Yet another surprise awaited us in the number of fanciers in the show room during the evening before the show. In numbers they were quite equal to the attendance one may see at some fixtures during the opening night. Mr. P. Greenall, the hon. sec., assisted by a well-chosen staff of enthusiastic helpers, had the birds unpacked, staged, and everything in apple-pie order quite early. The prominence given to advertising this fixture in CAGE BIRDS, together with an elaborate array of special prizes, resulted in the fine number of 331 entries, and an extra judge (Mr. Wareing) was called upon to assist. In Champion young birds and Novice young birds the prize money was 12/-, 10/-, 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and in addition each class had 14 special prizes. In Champion old birds, Amateur and Novice any age, the prize money was 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-; and in classes 3 and 4 six specials were allotted to each class, while class 5 had nine specials. Medals by the Provincial Society were given to their members in classes 1 and 2. There was no lack of good, well-lighted, and heated judging rooms, and with each judge being allocated to a separate room, and the birds now being strong in song, the judging went on apace. Amongst the numerous visitors were fanciers from Leeds, Bacup, Chester, Swinton, Manchester, and Bolton, and many were accompanied by their wives. In passing, a word of praise should be accorded to the Secretary's wife, Mrs. Greenall, who did a great deal of "spade" work connected with the clerical side, also to Mr. Vernon, who interested himself in the judges' welfare.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (61). Judge, Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, Staffs.: 1, spl, Jack Tomlinson (Wigan), hollow roll 4, hass 4, hollow bell 3, schocked 2, water glucke 3, flutes 3, water roll 3, bell roll 2, bell tour 1, general effect 5, total 30; 2, spl., spl. best glucke, H. Best, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, sch. 3, BG 3, GR 2, F 2, WR 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, 1 off aufzug, total 29; 3, spl, H. Best, HR 3, B 4, BB 3, sch. 3, BG 2, WG 2, F 3, BR 2, BT 2 GE 4, 28; 4, spl, A. Montague, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, sch. 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 26; 5, spl, Jack Tomlinson, HR 4, B 5, HB 3, sch. 2, F 3, WR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 24; 6, spl, Jack Tomlinson, HR 4, B 3, HB 2, sch. 2, WG 3, F2, WR 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 24. 1, vhc, spl, J. T. Johnson; 2, vhc, spl, Jack Tomlinson, 24 points; 3, vhc, spl, J. Hunter, 23 points; 4, vhc, spl, R. Burnby, 23 points; 1 hc, spl, Jack Tomlinson; 2, hc, spl, F. Hocking, 23 points; hc, E. Hibbert, 22 points; C. A. E. Montague, J. Hardman, W. Culshaw, 22 points. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (133). Judge, Mr. J. Lyons: 1, spl., spl. for best glucke, T. Hilson, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, sch. 3, glucke 3, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 30; 2, spl, T. H. Hurst, HR 6, B 6, HB 3, sch. 4, F 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 29; 3, spl., J. Farrimond, HR 6, B 5, HB 3, sch. 3, WG 2, F 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 29; 4, spl J. Farrimond, HR 6, B 5, HB 3, sch. 3, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 3, total 28; 5, spl, P. Greenall, HR 6, B 5, HB 3, sch. 3, WG 2, F 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, total 28 6, spl., W. T. Unsworth, HR 5, B 5, HB 3, sch. 2, G 3, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, total 28; ex 6, E. Hibbert, HR 6, B 5, HB 3, sch. 3, F 3, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 3, total 28. 1, vhc, spl, J. Ashton, 28 points; 2, vhc, spl, R. Vernon, 28; 3, vhc, spl, E. Roberts, 28; 1, hc, spl, W. Robinson, 28; 2, hc, spl, 3, hc, spl, C. W. Rimpton, 28; c, J. Jackson, J. Hardman, J. T. Cooper, E. E. Humphries, T. Arnott, J. Harrison, R. Mather, J. Britton, J. Hilson, J. Ashton, 27 points each. CHAMP. OLD BIRDS (16). Judge, Mr. J. Kilshaw: 1, spl, J. A. Wadleworth, HR 6, B 5, HB 2, sch. 2, G 3, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 27; 2, spl, F. Hocking, HR 5, B 5, HB 2, sch. 2, G 2, WG 3, WR 1, BR 2, GE 5, total 27; 3, spl, W. Culshaw, HR 4, B 5, HB 2, sch. 3, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, BT 1, 1 off nasal tour, total 27; 4, spl,, H. Best, HR 4, B4, HB 2, sch. 3, BG 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, GE 4, total 25; vhc, spl, G. Smith, HR 4, B 4, HB 2, sch. 2, WG 2, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, GE 5, total 25; hc, spl, Jack Tomlinson, HR 4, HB 2, B 4, sch. 2, BG 2, WG 2, F 1, WR 1, BR 2, GE 4, total 24; c, R. M. Nuttall, H. Roebuck, F. Hocking, J. Lomax, 23 points each AMATEUR (25). Judge, Mr. J. Kilshaw: 1, spl, G. Smith, HR 6, B 5, HB 2, sch. 2, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4 total 28; 2, spl, Mrs. W. Condliffe, HR 5, B 6, HB 2, sch. 2, WG 3, BR 2, BT 2, GE 5, total 27; 3, spl, R. Waterer, HR 5, B 4, HB 3, sch. 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4, total 26; 4, spl, T. Hilson, HR 4, B 4, HB 2, sch. 2, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 25; vhc, spl, Jack Tomlinson, HR 4, B 4, HB 2, sch. 2, WG 3, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, GE 4, total 25; hc, spl, J. Barnes, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, WG 3, F 2, WR 2, BR 2, GE 4, 1 off sharp bell, total 23; c, T. Beetson, J. Rothwell, 22 points each. NOVICE ANY AGE (71). Judge, Mr. G. Wareing: 1, spl, T. Beetson, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, sch. 3, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BR 2, BT 2, GE 4, total 27; 2, spl, J. Barnes, HR 6, B 4, HB 2, sch. 3, G 2, WG 2, F 2, BT 2, GE 4, total 27; 3, spl, T. Witherall, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, sch. 3, G 2, WG 3, F 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 26; 4, spl, J. Barnes, HR 5, B 4, HB 2, sch. 3, G 2, WG 2, F 3, BR 1, GE 4, total 26. 1, vhc, spl, R. Barnett, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, sch. 3, G 2, WG 2, F 1, BR 1, BT 2, GE 4, total 25; 2, vhc, spl, H. Nuttall, HR 4, B 3, sch. 3, HB 2, G 2, WG 3, F 2, BR 1, BT 1, GE 4, total 25; 1, hc, spl, J. Earnshaw; 2, hc, spl, J. T. Smith, 25 points each; c, J. T. Hurst, 25 points.

FELINFOEL F.S,

Annual open show held at Public Hall, Dec. 16. Our section was neatly staged in a separate room, and their wants well attended to. Judging started promptly, and awards were up in good time. The Chairman, Mr. J. Richards, and Treasurer, Mr. M. L. Morris, are keen fanciers, and much of the success of the show is due to their efforts. The Secretary, Mr. Thomas J. Davies, and his assistant, Mr. P. Jenkins, carried out their duties admirably, and are both most courteous and obliging officials. Mr. W. J. Harry judged.

YORKS YELL. CK. (4): 1, East, cl., lovely col. and qual., grand head and shoulders, nice straight back, good wings and tail, splendid length and leg, 2, 3, 4, Owens, nice cl., splendid type, grand col. and qual., nice length, pos. and leg. BUFF (5). 1, 4, Owens, cl., lovely length and pos., good head, nice shoulders and back, capital wings and tail, grand leg; 2, East, another good one, grand col. and qual., nice type, splendid length and leg; 3, Noble, fine type and qual., good length, pos. and leg; vhc, Phillips. HEN (5): 1, 2, vhc, Owens, both yell., nice pair, lovely length, grand col. and qual., very typical, tip-top order; 3, East, buff, fine qual and cond., good back and wings, lovely length, pos. and leg; 4, Phillips. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, D. Jenkins, cl., splendid col. and qual., good head, nice deep chest, good cobby shape, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Edwards, another cl., lovely col. and qual., very cobby, nice cond.; 3, Lewis, var., nice col. and qual., good shape, subs. and cond; 4, Davies; vhc, hc, B. Jenkins. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Jenkins, capital brace, both cl., lovely col. and qual., nice size, beautifully moulded, staged to the moment; 3, Evans, var., fine col. and qual., nice type and cond.; 4, D. Davies; vhc, c, Jones; hc, D. H. Davies. BUFF (8): 1, Jenkins, cl., lovely col. and qual., correct type, feathered like wax; 2, vhc, D. Davies, cl., fine col. and qual., very shapely and jaunty; 3, D. H. Davies, nice col., splendid type and cond.; 4, Mrs. Jones; hc, Evans; c, Morgans. GOLDF., H.M. (9): 1, sp, Jeffreys, nice size and shape, good expansive rich col. blaze, splendid tans, bars and buttons; 2, B. Jenkins, shade smaller, nice rich col. blaze, good tans and bars, very shapely; 3, Lucas Bros., very shapely, nice col. and cond., good blaze, bars, buttons and tans; 4, Clements; vhc, Bowen; hc, Speck; c, Jones. F.M. (8): 1, Lucas Bros., nice size, good shape, rich col. blaze, good tans and bars, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Jeffreys, grand size, good square blaze, lovely tans and bars, splendid col. and qual.; 3, 4, vhc, Lewis, nice size and shape, good col. blaze, fine col. and qual.; hc, Edwards; c, Reynolds. LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, sp, Davies, fine size and shape, rich nutty col., lovely breast markings, grand qual. and cond.; 2, Lewis, nice type and qual., well laced, hardly size of leader; 3, Roberts, nice rich col., good qual., cond. and lacing; 4, Messer; vhc, hc, Rees. F.M. (7): 1, Messer, nice size and shape, grand col. and qual., well laced; 2, Reynolds, close up, fine size and shape, grand col. and lacing; 3, D. L. Davies, good rich col., very shapely, nice markings; 4, Gregory; vhc, T. Davies; hc, Jeffries; c, Holborrow. BULLF. (12): 1, Thomas, grand size and shape, lovely breast col., fine cap and bars; 2, 3, S. Jones, Junr., a brace of good ones, fine size, grand shape, lovely rich col., fine cap and bars; 4, Holborrow; vhc, Edwards; hc, Davies; c, Jeffreys. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Gregory, Siskin leading, lovely col. and qual., good size and markings, nice lacing, fine shape; 2nd, fed Greenf., good size, col. and qual., very shapely; 3, Noble, Greenf., nice size and shape, good col. and qual.; vhc, W. P. Jones; hc, Wm. Jones.

Queries Answered

For Rules see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEEMS OUT OF BREATH.

E. N. (Pelton).—The bird is probably run down and somewhat anæmic from the moult. Try the following treatment for a month, and if not then quite well write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further. First of all see that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts, and do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evenings nor high up near the ceiling. Keep it in a nice, bright, and fairly warm place, and see that the temperature is fairly equable. Add a fourth part of summer rape to the canary seed as a staple diet, and in addition give separately every second day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or sweet apple, giving preference to them in the order named, and also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, and half a part each of maw and gold of pleasure. Every second day for a week in the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence; and after this give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food two days in every three for a fortnight.

MITE INFESTED CAGE.

Novice.—When a cage is badly infested, and of such a size as will allow of it, the best method of dealing with it is to plunge it bodily for a few minutes in a copper of boiling water. Then dry, and, if necessary, re-paint or enamel, first filling all crevices or open cracks with soft putty, and allowing the paint, or whatever material is used, to dry thoroughly before reintroducing the bird. Whilst the cage is undergoing these operations, the place where it has hung should be examined and thoroughly dealt with in whatever way is most applicable to eradicate any trace of the pest. After the bird is returned, the cage should be touched up at the ends of the perches, joints of door, and any similar harbour, at least once a week for a few weeks with a small camel hair brush dipped in paraffin or some other insecticide to be more sure of preventing the return of the pest in a short time. To deal with cages not manageable by this method, the same general plan will suffice, save that the scalding should be replaced by a thorough cleaning and scraping out of all open joints or crevices, and then saturating them with a solution of camphor in paraffin or turpentine, working it well into the cracks with a small paint brush. Then set aside to dry, and repeat the process next day before giving the cage the finishing touch.

SOFT CONDITION.

Ajax.—Keep the birds in a fairly equable temperature, which need not necessarily be a very warm one. A quite moderate or cool temperature that is fairly steady day and night is infinitely preferable to one which is frequently hanging up and down the scale from "summer heat" to "freezing point." It is the latter kind of condition that plays havoc with Canaries rather than the lack of applied heat. Under judicious management the latter is by no means an essential adjunct to Canary rearing. You might add a morsel of bread and milk dusted with soft sugar to the dietary every second day for a week or fortnight, and three times a week give a morsel of banana or boiled carrot. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry; add thirty drops of syrup of buckthorn, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water every second day for a fortnight; or you may cease giving it sooner if the birds appear in sufficiently hard condition.

ABNORMAL FEATHERS.

Buff Norwich.—You might try touching the substance every fourth day, until it has been done four times, with a feather dipped in tincture of iodine, and see if that will cause the lumps to be absorbed. If it does not, then I am afraid there is no other remedy but excision, by carefully slitting the skin and removing the accumulated matter, and this is a job which is best done by a trained hand, such as a veterinary, or your medical man. If you use the bird for breeding you should certainly not mate her with one nearly related as, considering the history of the male parent, it is by no means unlikely that the predisposition to the trouble may become a congenital trait which it would be difficult to combat once it got established.

MAKES WHEEZING NOISE.

Bonnie Doon.—Sorry, I cannot at the moment lay hands on my previous reply, and you give me no clue as to the treatment then advised. But the symptoms are suggestive of the bird being exposed either to irritating fumes, such as may arise from being kept too near burning lights, smoky fires, or too near the ceiling, or from extremes of heat and cold. See that either or all of these predisposing causes are eliminated, and the bird kept in a fairly equable temperature, not necessarily overheated, nor yet on the chilly side. Try what the following will do for it in the next month or so. In addition to the staple seed diet, give twice a week a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and on two other days give a morsel of banana. Get a chemist to mix you one drachm each of oxymel of squills, specacuanha wine tincture of lobelia and liquid extract of liquorce, and add five grains of iodide of potassium, and give ten drops of this mixture in each two tablespoonfuls of the drinking water every second day for a fortnight. After this you may stop this mixture and give instead 20 drops of chemical food in the water every second day for another fortnight. It would also help matters if you kept a little of the paste advised to "A.B.C., Bath," in last issue, stuck in the wires for two or three weeks, for it to peck at when it likes. If these symptoms do not entirely disappear before the breeding season comes round, I doubt the advisability of breeding with it again.

SUFFER FROM COLD.

Roller.—Judging from your description, I should say that the birds affected are, from some cause, rather abnormally sensitive to cold, and as these are so much in the minority it seems not quite the wisest couse to go out of the way to set up any system of artificial heating on their account, especially as your room does not seem to be an exceptionally cold one by any means. These particular specimens may perhaps have been kept in song boxes for the most part before you got them, and if you now keep them in open cages that would account in a large measure for their susceptibility, or, on the other hand, they may be of somewhat delicate constitution. In either case it would be better to remove them to a rather warmer room until the weather becomes milder in the spring, or even until you were ready to mate them than to run the risk of enervating all the rest of your stock. Possibly, if you kept these specimens in song boxes in a cosy part of the ordinary bird-room this susceptibility would vanish. Anyway, if you prefer to slightly heat the room and have gas laid on in the house, a small portable hot-water coil heated with an atmospheric burner would be about the best and most convenient thing for you. You will, I think, often see this appliance advertised in our columns. A staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape, instead of the proportions you now use, would probably help these susceptible specimens to pull themselves together better.

NORWICH COCK AILING.

W. A. C.—I should imagine the bird has been much exposed to the wretched vagaries of weather we have had of late, or something very similar in the way of extreme fluctuations or direct draughts. All such predisposing causes must now be removed before you can hope for any treatment to be of any avail. See that it is kept in a fairly warm place, and that the temperature is fairly equable, and strictly avoid direct draughts and exposure to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and keep a light cover thrown over the cage until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. Every second day, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and dusted with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana. In the water add 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three until the moulting stops, and then you may remove the cover and treat the bird the same as advised to "Bonnie Doon" in this issue, for a month, using the mixture named in that reply all through this part of the treatment. You may also with advantage keep a morsel of the paste advised to "A.B.C., Bath," in last issue, stuck in the wires for the next month or so.

MATE FOR YORKSHIRE.

W. L.—As you say the cock is an even-marked bird, I take it that it has more than one dark flight, and it would have been better to have mentioned how many, or approximately so, it had in each wing, or at least, to have said whether it is lightly or heavily marked. But you cannot go far wrong in mating the bird to a hen from a green and even-marked strain which is ticked or very lightly marked on one or both eyes and the body, otherwise quite clear. If, however, the cock has only one or two dark flights, which should be the inner secondarics, in each wing you may use a hen which is slightly ticked on the inner secondaries in addition to the marks or ticks on the eyes. From these you will stand a very fair chance of getting a fair proportion of marked birds, with some useful ticked, and possibly a few clear specimens. You should, of course, see to it that the hird also compensates as far as possible any distinct failings of its prospective mate, and does not possess the same faults, in order to make as perfect a match as possible, and the colour, yellow or buff, must be the opposite of the cock.

A BRASS BIRD CAGE.

Island.—The cage you describe is just one of the usual fancy cages in which a singing Roller is often kept hanging in some such unsuitable place as a window recess, or suspended from the ceiling. It is, I take it, open wire all round. So far as the size is concerned, it will do nicely for a single Roller, kept as a songster, provided sufficient attention is given to it, to keep the floor in a nice clean condition, and well strewn with clean gritty sand. Do not hang it in a window, nor keep it in a position where it will be exposed to cold, cutting draughts between doors or windows, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. The best position for such cages is on a table or stand in a bright place in a well-ventilated room, but void of draughts, and not higher than the level of burning lights in the evenings. It is also well to see that the wires are kept dry, by wiping them after the bird has been bathing, and not to form the habit of sticking moist things between them for the bird to peck at, as by so doing there is a risk of the moisture forming verdigris on the brass wires which would be poisonous if the bird picked it off. These are only a portion of the objections to these fancy open-wire brass cages, and although it is quite possible to keep birds in them for years without any ill-effect, it does not remove the fact that the risk is always there and a well-made box cage is far preferable for the welfare of the hird.

LOSS OF PLUMAGE.

H. Latchford.—You do not give sufficient particulars to enable me to form any definite idea as to what is wrong. You should have given me some idea of the probable age of the bird, how it is kept, if it bathes much or at all, and if it is troubled with insect pests. The sample of seed you sent, though not really bad, would be better with a small proportion of good sound hemp added to it, and then used as a seed mixture for occasional use as a tit-bit than as a staple diet. Try a month of the following treatment and then report progress and give the fullest particulars you can, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further if necessary. As staple diet give a plain mixture of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape—the small reddish-brown seed, not the large blackish seed like that in the mixture you are now using. In addition to this give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you are now using with about the same proportion of hemp added to it as there is rape. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, boiled or raw carrot, sweet apple, or a morsel of some green salad if you can get the latter quite free from frost and snow, and without any decayed portions, and next a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, lightly dusted with flour of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water every third day for a fortnight add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, then miss a week, and repeat it for another fortnight. Examine the cage thoroughly for the presence of red mites, and if any are found at once adopt the necessary steps to eradicate them as you will have seen described frequently in this column. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and allow the bird to bathe twice a week if it will do so, but always offer the hath this time of year in the early part of the day and choose the wildest days for offering it.

A CONUNDRUM.

H. V. T.—Let me refer you to the reply to "Anxious" in last issue, which applies precisely to your case, except that the restrictions in your own case are applied definitely to Canaries. It is a conundrum which I will not attempt to solve, and I am afraid I shall have to leave you to decide for yourself which system you adopt in the feeding of young Canaries—the old and tried, or this new theory, which has been advised you. With the restrictions named, you will still have hemp, rape, and inga, and such like oily seeds as a stand-by, but little else that I can see, with green stuff as a supplement, and although I am quite sure that there is the possibility of rearing some youngsters on such lines, I am also convinced that anyone using the orthodox method of to-day would be able to give you 50 per cent. as a handicap and win at a jog-trot. Given good normally healthy stock birds, I have yet to discover a better all-round method of management than that you will find given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and this is what I would still advise for you so long as you want only really practical results, leaving these fanciful experiments in the curious for times when you are not so anxious whether there are any material results or not. I do not presume to make any post-mortem exams. in any case, and not having even seen your birds it would be invidious for me to attempt to criticise the conclusions of one who had. But if you wish to get a good plain understanding how septic fever may arise from errors of dietary you should get Dr. Clarke's brochure on the subject, entitled "Septic Fever," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free. As regards the meaning of the words you underlined, it is, may I say, very obvious, viz., that all notions of others about the dieting of Canaries and the developments made in modern times are so much waste of time. And yet we have succeeded very well with them.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SMALL BIRDS FOR AVIARY.

L. W. R. You cannot do better than confine yourself to seed-eating birds for your aviary. I would suggest the following pairs: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll and Greenfinch, and if your aviary is a suitable one, there is just a chance of four pairs out of the six going to nest. The doubtful ones are the Bullfinches and Siskins, but even those will sometimes build and lay, in fact the Bullfinch hen is used a good deal by Hybrid breeders, but unfortunately her rightful partner is seldom of much use in confinement. I would not recommend Blue Tits for a mixed collection, they would be far more trouble than any of the others, and would probably brain any young ones that were hatched. You do not tell me the size of your aviary, but, any way, do not overcrowd, have too few rather than too many.

GOLDFINCHES DOING BADLY.

Cymro Bach.—It appears to me there is something wrong with your treatment of your Finches, possibly it is the inferior quality of the seed you are using; you should have sent a sample for examination, and though you state the names of the seeds you say nothing about the proportions. Carefully examine your hemp, crack a few seeds and see if the kernel is white and the shell well filled; should it be discoloured discard it, and procure some from a different source. Discontinue the linseed and niger, get some good teazle, and make up the following stock mixture: Teazle and canary three parts of each, hemp two parts, sunflower and summer rape half part of each. Then you should procure a packet of genuine wild seed mixture, or, failing that, buy a little maw, dandelion, thistle, sesame, and gold of pleasure, and give a teaspoonful of the mixture every other day. I would also advise you to soak a little hemp and teazle, and offer a teaspoonful daily. Put a little in a cup, and pour on it boiling water, let it stand for an hour, when strain off and rub in a cloth. Go to the chemist and get sixpennyworth of iron and quinine, and put three drops in two tablespoonfuls of water, fresh daily; give this for four days, then miss a couple of days and repeat. Keep the birds fairly warm, do not let them bathe until they are somewhat better. Give a spray of green food daily, see that it is quite free from frost.

FEEDING A MIXED COLLECTION.

T. B. M., Leeds.—As your collection contains Buntings, I would advise you to have one hopper filled with canary seed only, and another one with equal parts of canary, teazle and rape. All the other seeds you mention should be given in small quantities every other day; for this purpose make up the following mixture: Hemp two parts, niger and maw one part each, and linseed half part. Then if you can procure a packet of genuine wild seed mixture, give a spoonful to every two birds on the days you do not give the hemp mixture. Sunflower seed may be given daily. Continue the green food and apple, and occasionally offer a dish of soaked rape and teazle. (2) The question as to what is the best food for Larks is a rather difficult one, as there are many recipes for Lark food. I have kept them myself in the best of health and song on insectile food as used for Warblers, made crumbly moist with scraped carrot, boiled potato, or new milk. The first recipe given in the Nutshell Booklet on the Skylark is a good one, and I know of several Lark keepers who use it. I would advise you to send for this book; in it you will find several methods of feeding, besides other useful information. Our Manager will send it you post free for three stamps.

KEEPING FRESH CAUGHT BULLFINCHES.

Selling Plater.—When first caught they should be put in separate cages if you have enough, and stood in a quiet corner of the bird room. Food and water should be placed inside the cages. The former should consist of hemp, teazle, rape, canary, and a little maw seed, also a few cracked sunflower seeds. Do not put these in a seed box, but scatter them on the floor; for the first few days supply them with any of the seeds they appear to like, also a little soaked rape and teazle. You can also offer a spray of shepherd's purse and privet berries. Notice if they drink the water, if not, you can sometimes manage to give them a drop or so on the point of a stick. Get the Nutshell booklet on the Bullfinch, this will assist you.

CAGE OR AVIARY.

H. V. T.—If you can manage it I would advise you to conduct your breeding operations in cages, using your recess for the young birds. If you are desirous of breeding more Mules than Canaries, place two hens and the Goldfinch in one of the double breeders, and work him with these two during the season. Should the hens come on to nest before he is ready, you can run the cock Canary with them for a first round. Pair the Linnet up with one hen, and keep them together all the season (that is, of course, if he does not interfere with the eggs), as you can seldom run a Linnet with more than one hen. As you say, Greenfinch Mules, unless exceptionally good ones, are not in much demand. I think you are more likely to be successful breeding in cages, as Finches are sometimes very destructive when flying loose, and you are not able to manage them quite so nicely.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

DIET FOR RED-CRESTED CARDINAL.

T. Huxtable.—This is not difficult, as the main dietary will consist of seed—canary and white millet, with a dash of hemp and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together. Ripe fruit daily, also green food, and one or two live insects per diem. Of course, the other cage essentials must be provided, viz., grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. They are active birds and will be the better for a roomy cage, sufficiently long that the bird cannot jump from perch to perch, but must use its wings. In the summer time it will appreciate a small turf, similar to a Lark's turf, and it will keep the bird actively and healthily occupied in picking about among the grass, securing therefrom many small insects and wild seeds. The Red-Crest usually needs no inducement to take sweet apple and banana when it is offered. It is a hardy species, but, nevertheless, must not be subjected to draught. At the same time it must get light and air.

COCKATOO WELL, BUT THIN.

E. M. Cobden.—Give it a piece of bread thinly spread with cod liver oil emulsion once or twice daily. Once a week put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water, and twice a week well colour drinking water with chemical food. Try a separate tin of the following seeds for it, side by side with the mixture it is now taking: two parts white millet, and one part each sunflower and white oats. If it will take them it can have any of the following in reason: shelled nuts, biscuits, ripe fruit (any kind), plain cake, raw carrot, and raisins, or muscatels. Grit and cuttlebone should be continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Do not aim at making it really fat. The aim should be the happy medium between fat and thin, commonly spoken of as "being thoroughly fit." Report progress in a couple of months.

BREEDING ZEBRA FINCHES.

Tickie.—I am pleased to note you have put your pair in a larger cage, and that they are already preparing to go to nest in earnest. It is not easy to get the incubation period to a day with species which build domed nests or in a closed nestbox, but the time is from eleven to thirteen days, from the laying of the last egg. I certainly timed one clutch of eggs for eleven days, but could not be certain that they had not been incubated for a day when I noticed clutch to be complete. As soon as you know that they have eggs, and have been sitting for ten days, give them as an extra a piece of sponge cake that has been moistened in hot milk, and keep a small tin of ants' "eggs" in the cage; also a millet spray, and supply flowering grass and other weeds ad. lib. as green food. There should be no difficulty in getting the young reared. Many of these have been bred in cages, especially on the Continent, but in these days Zebra Finches are mostly kept in garden aviaries, when their successful breeding is a matter of course.

ARRANGING FOR THE BREEDING SEASON.

Esperance.—If the hen Budgerigar you have left was amiable and showed any inclination in the past to use the coconut husks (i.e., go to nest), then retain it. If not, sell it or give it its liberty and procure another hen to replace it from the source you suggest. You can't do better. I should start with two pairs in the aviary; there is no reason why you should not put in three pairs, but do not leave in any odd adult bird. Unmated adult birds are sure in some way to interfere with nesting pairs. I consider it better to put them in all at once and not to disturb them when nesting has begun, or when they are preparing for it. You might venture a pair of Zebra Finches. These will require nesting material, though there is always the risk of them getting nipped by the Budgies; but the Zebras are usually well able to look after themselves. It would perhaps be as well to sell the odd cock Budgie and start the season with two pairs Budgies and one pair Zebra Finches. It would be better to get adult Zebra Finches, as you want them to go to nest at once, and, of course, unless you buy them direct from an outdoor aviary they must not be put outside till the first or second week in April, and if the season should be late, not till May 1st. I hope you will have better luck this season.

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J. A. Harrison.—Canary died of inflammation of the bowels.

S. Wallace Barr.—Pneumonia was the cause of death, a result of the present spell of cold wet weather.

J. W. Goldsmith.—Canary succumbed to exhaustion following gastro-enteritis and induced by cold. These birds are more delicate by far than the buffs. It was a sound bird otherwise.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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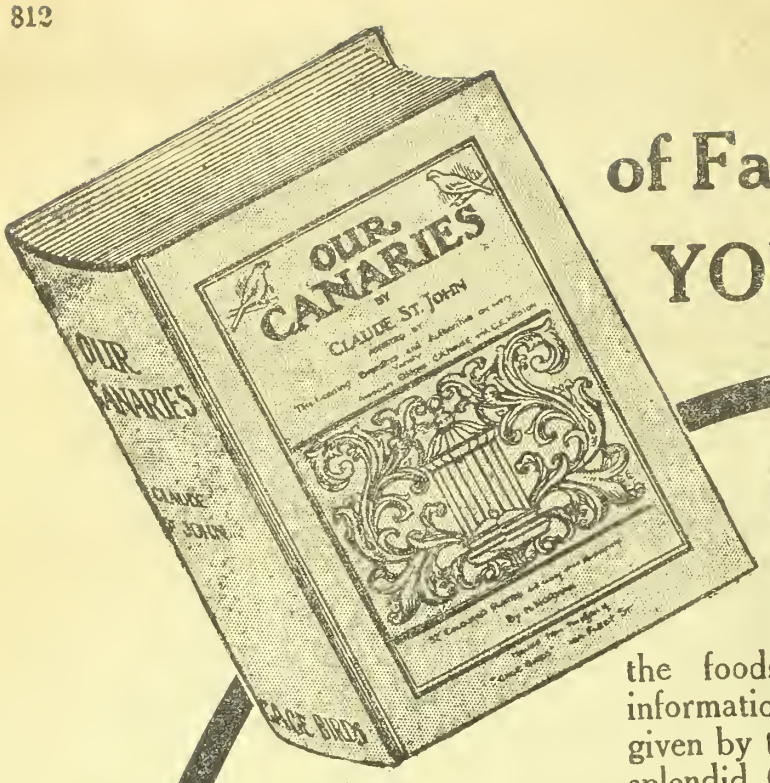
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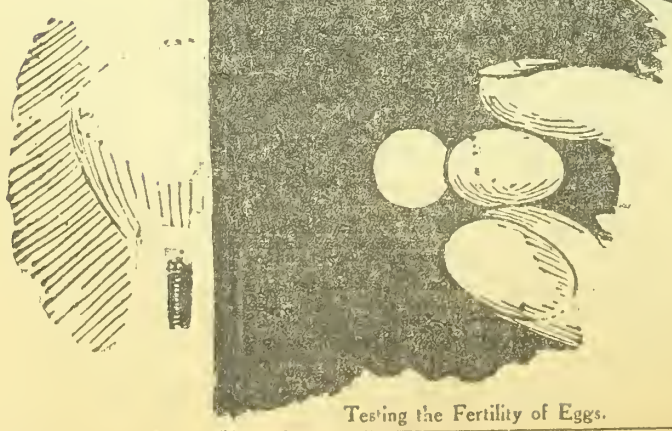
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